

OBITUARIES

Dr Mamta Sharma (1944 - 1993)

Dr Mamta Sharma, a life member of the Institute of Indian Geographers died of Cancer in Delhi on 5th August, 1993. A graduate of Delhi University from where she obtained her Master's and Ph.D. degrees, Dr Sharma was stationed during much of her professional life as a University teacher, at Delhi. She was a Lecturer at Miranda House, a constituent College of Delhi University where she continued working till the end. She had, of late, developed interest in Himalayan ecology and

contributed several research papers on the ecological degradation of the Himalayas and its impact on the life and economy of the people of the region. Very popular among her students and friends, Dr Sharma had a compassionate outlook and possessed an endearing nature. The Geography fraternity and the Institute of Indian Geographers mourn her death and will fondly remember her as a very inspiring teacher, a sincere researcher and an amicable colleague.

Era Shrotri (1945-1993)

Ms Shrotri, a cartography - Assistant in the University Department of Geography, Pune, died in a tragic car accident on 4th January, 1993. She leaves behind her husband, a son and a daughter. Known among her friends as Rajani, Ms Shrotri was born and brought up at Pune where she received her entire education, ending with M.A. in Geography. For a short spell, she was a teacher in Wadia College, before joining the University department of Geography at Pune as a Cartography Assistant, a post she held till the last. She contributed

to the growth of the Institute of Indian Geographers and was elected its treasurer for a term.

Sociable by temperament, Ms Shrotri had cordial relations with all her colleagues. She will be long remembered by geography department of Poona University with which she had a close association as a student and as a member of the staff for over two decades. The Institute of Indian Geographers condoles her passing away.