

Dr. (Mrs.) Priti Mathur

(1948-2006)

Dr. (Mrs.) Priti Mathur was born on 2nd February, 1948 at Allahabad (U.P.). She had her education till Master's degree in geography from Allahabad University, Allahabad. She secured IInd position in M. A. Geography in 1968. She also obtained a diploma in German language with first position from Allahabad University.

Dr. Mathur completed her Ph.D. degree in 1977 from the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, on the topic "*New Steel Towns of India – A Study of Location, Morphology and Economy*" under the guidance of late Prof. Indra Pal. Dr. Mathur joined the University of Rajasthan as a lecturer in 1977 and became associate professor in 1991. She became Chairperson of the Department of Geography only in August 2006. Her untimely, sudden and tragic death on 22nd November, 2006 at Jaipur is an irreparable loss to the Department of Geography, students, colleagues and especially her family. She is survived by her husband, her son, daughter-in-law and a grandson.

Dr. (Mrs.) Mathur was a simple, unassuming and friendly lady and was always a great favourite with students. Mrs. Mathur was a life member of many national and regional associations of this country

including the Indian Institute of Geographers. She had the honour of being elected as Vice-President of NAGI from western zone. Her research contributions enriched Industrial geography. She has nearly a dozen research papers and a book to her credit. She had recently completed a Major Research Project on "Non-conventional Energy Resources in India" sponsored by the UGC, New Delhi, which is under publication. Nearly twenty students have been awarded the Ph.D. degree under her able guidance.

Mrs. Mathur has been on the expert panel of UPSC, RPSC and Bihar Public Service Commission. The University of Rajasthan has lost a dedicated teacher and a sincere fellow. Dr. (Mrs.) Priti Mathur's sudden and untimely demise has left a void in the department that is unlikely to be bridged shortly – a professional loss and a personal loss for colleagues and friends. May her soul rest in peace!

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