

## *Obituary*



**Prof. K. D. Sharma**

(1948 - 2019)

**Professor Krishan Dutt Sharma**, popularly known as KD Sir among his students and admirers, is no more with us. He passed away in the early hours of March 11, 2019 after a brief illness. He was a popular teacher and an established researcher in Urban Geography, the field he specialized.

He superannuated from the Department of Geography Panjab University, Chandigarh in October 2008 after a brilliant academic and professional career spanning over four decades. He joined the Department as a student in 1969 and completed his Masters in Geography in 1971 in first class first. Earlier, he did his Masters in English Literature from the Panjab University its. He joined as Lecturer in Geography on regular basis in 1978 to become Professor of Geography in 1998. The major part of his personal, academic

and professional life passed on the campus of Panjab University, Chandigarh. Even he married a campus girl. His wife happened to be the daughter of a Professor in Department of Laws, Panjab University. He illustrious father, Professor I.D.Sharma, was Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Professor K.D.Sharma was born in October 1948 in Hoshiarpur District of Punjab. Then Political Science Department of Panjab University was located at Hoshiarpur town, where his father was the senior faculty member in the Department of Political Science. With shifting of various departments of Panjab University on the newly constructed campus at Chandigarh, the family of Professor K.D.Sharma also moved to Chandigarh.

After doing Masters in Geography, he joined for doctoral research program under the supervision of late Professor A.B.Mukerji to get the degree awarded in 1980. He did a commendable research work in the field of Urban Geography, which was, later on, published in the form of a book entitled *Urbanization in a Metropolitan City Shadow Region: A Case of Rohtak* from the Mittal Publications, New Delhi. He published more than four dozens research article in various Indian and foreign journals of repute and successfully supervised a number of doctoral research degrees. He was invited to several Indian universities for delivering invited lecturers, inaugural addresses, and conducting viva voce on M.Phil and doctoral research

degrees. He used to actively participate in conferences and seminars held in different parts of the country. He successfully convened annual Meet of the Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG) headquartered at Department of Geography, University of Poona, Pune held in 1990 at Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh and remained associated with it, as an office bearer for a long time.

He was a man of principles, helping, cooperative, generally calm and peace loving, devoted to academics.

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