



Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh

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Professor Abha Lakshmi Singh, professor at Aligarh Muslim University died at the age of 75 on 1st September 2022 in New Delhi after brief illness. Prof Abha Singh left a legacy of scholarship and genuine human relationships. She obtained her graduation from Allahabad University in 1967, thereafter married to Professor Rana Janardan Singh (Professor of Physics at Aligarh Muslim University) and shifted to Aligarh and completed her post-graduation and PhD from Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. Abha Singh started her teaching career at Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University in 1978 and continued till 2015, when she superannuated from active service as UGC – BSR Fellow.

Prof Abha Singh not only carried forward but strengthened further the “Aligarh School of Geography”, which was fostered by Padam Shree Prof Mohd Shafi at AMU. Her writings, more than 20 books and 175 research articles were appreciated and taken

highly by Geography fraternity. Her research spread across different fields of geography emphasizing micro level field based studies. Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh was honoured with many awards and distinctions by various academic bodies including, Centre for Land use Management (CLUMA) - best scientist award, International publishing - best citizens award, Indira women achievers award, Shiksha Ratan award and Bhoogol Vachaspati award etc., to name a few. Presently, she was nominated as the President elect of The National Association of Geographers (NAGI).

Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh was an exemplary teacher. She used to teach both physical and human geography with equal ease, her detailed explanations supported with pertinent examples and diagrams were the hallmark of her classroom teaching. Prof. Singh was also an able administrator. She glorified the Department of Geography

of Aligarh Muslim University with her proficient leadership in her tenure as the Chairperson, Dean, Faculty of Science, Coordinator, UGC Special Assistance Program. During her academic career, Prof. Singh graced many high-level academic bodies, including International Geographical Union Commissions, Indian National Science Academy, University Grants Commission, Board of Studies, Research Development Committees and Special Assistance Program advisory committees of many top Indian Universities.

Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh was a kindhearted human being, admired for her gentle and caring nature. Living literally up to her name – ‘ABHA’, she used to bring energy and radiance in any gathering by her presence. She had loving relationships with everyone around her and had great passion for nature, plants, animals which not only reflected in her academic prowess but also

in her personal life as well. Prof. Singh shaped and influenced the careers and lives of thousands of her students and with her death the geography fraternity lost a noble soul, a person with extraordinary blend of human and intellectual merits of a teacher, a researcher par excellence and above all a very good human being. An irreparable loss for all of her colleagues, disciples and loved ones.

Adieu Prof Abha Lakshmi Singh, your contribution to academics and endearing personality certainly has an afterlife for you in this materialistic world.

Rest in Peace – Abha Ma’am

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