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Professor O.K. Garg
(1929-2004)

Professor O.K. Garg was born on February 01, 1929. He received his early education in Calcutta and passed his Intermediate (Science) in 1948. Then young Om joined Banaras Hindu University in the year 1949 and secured B.Sc. Ag., M.Sc. Ag. in Plant Physiology, and Ph.D. degrees. He was awarded Ph.D. degree in the year 1959 on his thesis "*Phytohormones in Plant Production*" under the able supervision of Late Professor R.S. Choudhri. His Ph.D. thesis was evaluated and appreciated by eminent scientist Professor K.C. Hamner and Dr. S. Ranjan.

Dr. Garg joined J.V. Post Graduate College, Baraut (Agra University) as Associate Professor in 1959. He came back to join as Lecturer in the Department of Plant Physiology, Banaras Hindu University (B.H.U.). He retired in 1989 as Professor and Head, Department of Plant Physiology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University.

Dr. Garg made many significant contributions in *physiology of phytohormones, growth and development, mineral nutrition, drought resistance, herbicides and yield potential of crops with special reference to source-sink relationship*. His work has been highly appreciated in the field of Plant Physiology. He published about 108 research papers in Indian and foreign journals, 18 students got Ph.D. degree under his talented supervision. Indian Society for Plant Physiology honoured him by awarding the prestigious "**J.J. CHINYOY MEDAL**" in 1987 for his outstanding contribution.

He was President of Indian Society for Plant Physiology in 1986 and dedicated for strengthening Indian Society for Plant Physiology throughout his life. In addition, he was associated with several other scientific societies and was member of several committees of ICAR, CSIR and UGC. He was associated with many universities as expert.

Dr. Garg was a very simple, kind hearted person. He loved his students and his students respected him like the father. He was a great teacher and was always ready to help the students. He always took the life in a very positive way. We pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul.

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