



OBITUARY



Dr. Sabra Abbas
(1937-2006)

Dr. Sabra Abbas was born on November 12, 1937 in Allahabad. She did Ph.D. in Botany from Allahabad University under the guidance of Prof. Shri Ranjan. Prof. K.V. Thimann was her Ph.D. examiner. She took up post-doctoral research work on gibberellins at Prof. McCombs Lab. in Australia. Later on she also worked at Prof. R.A. Fletcher Lab. in Canada. Dr. Abbas joined ICAR service in 1972 as Assistant Professor in the Division of Plant Physiology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and rose to the level of Principal Scientist in the Division. She retired from this position in November 1997.

Dr. Abbas did pioneering work on the physiology of plant hormones particularly the mechanism of gibberellins and auxin action. She did extensive investigations on hormonal regulation of growth and yield of pulses and made notable suggestions for yield improvement. She guided a number of Ph.D. students and published papers in national and international journals.

Dr. Abbas was a founder member and life member of Indian Society for Plant Physiology. She was Vice President of the Society in 1976. Her contributions for the cause of Plant Physiology will be remembered forever. She was a very kind hearted person. Dr. Abbas's journey in life ended on December 28, 2006 after a brief illness. We pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul.

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