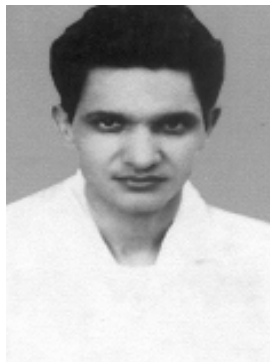




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Professor V.B. Bhatnagar
(1928-2006)

Prof. Vijaya Bhusan Bhatnagar was born on February 28, 1928 in Muzaffarnagar district of U.P. He received his early education at his home town. Subsequently he joined Birla Institute of Science and Technology, Pilani, Rajasthan and obtained M.Sc. (Botany) degree in 1948. He served in D.A.V. College, Muzaffarnagar for one year. Later on joined as a Research Scholar in the Department of Plant Physiology, Institute of Agriculture Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. He was awarded Ph.D. degree in the year 1954 on his thesis "MH on Radish" under the supervision of Late Professor R.S. Choudhari. His thesis was examined and appreciated by Eminent Prof. K.C. Hamner and Dr. P.K. Sen.

Prof. Bhatnagar joined as a Lecturer in the same Department in 1955 and continued till he went to California University, USA under TCM programme. He came back in 1961 and joined as a Reader and then became Prof. and Head, Department of Plant Physiology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi and retired in June 1988. He settled after retirement at Visidha, M.P.

Prof. Bhatnagar, being a bachelor, had single minded devotion to science. He made significant contributions in the field of physiology and biochemistry of growth retardants, weedicides and chemical regulation of flowering of ornamental plants. He published a large number of research papers in national and international journals and also attended several national and international conferences and seminars within the country and abroad. He guided 15 Ph.D. scholars and undersigned happened to be his first Ph.D. student. He was a very good teacher and gave latest informations in his lectures.

Prof. Bhatnagar was associated with many universities as expert and in several committees of ICAR, CSIR and UGC. He was an active life member of Indian Society for Plant Physiology. He was a disciplined and kind hearted person. Prof. Vijaya Bhusan Bhatnagar left all of us on 10th June, 2006 for heavenly abode at the age of 78 years. We pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul.

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