

OBITUARY



PROFESSOR A. G. JHINGRAN
(1908—1977)

Professor A. G. Jhingran, Honorary Professor of Geology, University of Delhi, Delhi born on August 12, 1908 at Amroha, U.P., expired at the age of 69 years. About a month prior to his death he was admitted to the hospital with a mild heart attack. He was improving gradually but he suffered a massive attack again on 11th December, 1977 and his death was almost instantaneous.

Professor Jhingran had a brilliant record of education which culminated in his securing the first in the Ist Class in M.Sc. (Geology) at the Banaras Hindu University, in 1930. During the same year he was appointed as a demonstrator in Geology in his Alma Mater. Sometime later he got a fellowship for advanced study in Geology and in 1939 took his doctorate degree from the Durham University, England, on the Problem related to Cheviot Granite.

After serving for 9 years, at one of the then few centres of Earth Sciences in the country at Banaras, Professor Jhingran joined the Geological Survey of India in 1939. He served in various capacities and finally rose to occupy the highest position as Director General, in August 1965. He took leading part in the organisation of Base Metal Cell in GSI, in organising investigations for flux grade limestone and in the preparation of the Indian part of the modern geological maps for ECAFE and the Commission for Geological map of the world. He retired from the Geological Survey of India in 1966.

Just then the authorities of the Delhi University had started a Department of Geology. When the university learnt that a person of Professor Jhingran's ability and experience would be available, it offered him the chair of the newly established department. With his unusual ability as a teacher and an organiser he was able to lay the foundation for the Geology Department with field training assuming an

important role in geological education. Though he retired from active university service in 1973, on account of his love and dedication for the development of Earth Science in the country, he continued to be associated with the Department, as its Honorary Professor till his end. He was one of the persons mainly responsible for the starting of the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology in 1969, an Institute dedicated to the study of the Geology of the vast unexplored stretch of the Himalaya. He had the distinction of directing the activities of the Institute as its first Director and President.

Professor Jhingran has several publications and reports to his credit. His discovery on Ginnarite, a variety of amphibole, in his early young age remains, an important contribution in the field of mineralogy. His works on granites and granitisation contained in his Presidential address to the Geology and Geography Section of the Indian Science Congress Session in 1958 led to further development in the field. He was a lover of development of Scientific Literature in Indian Languages and was responsible for developing the Geological terminology in Hindi. He was the founder President of the *Bhu-Vigyan Parishad*, Delhi, Indian Association of Sedimentology with its head-quarters at Aligarh, Indian Geological Congress Association, Delhi. In addition to discharging his duties as President of the various geological societies in the country, he was for sometime member of the Executive Council of the National Institute of Sciences in India and Foreign Secretary of the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi. He was the first recipient of the D. N. Wadia Medal.

He was the Secretary of the 22nd Session of the International Geographical Congress held at New Delhi in 1964.

In the death of Professor A. G. Jhingran we have lost an eminent teacher and a far sighted and able organiser in the field of Earth Sciences.

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