

Obituary



PROF. G. N. SAXENA
1941 - 1989

It is with great regret that we have to record the passing away of Professor Gyan Nand Saxena on April 14th, 1989 at the early age of 48.

Prof. Saxena, after completing his academic studies, joined the newly started Geology Department at Vikram University, then located at Bhopal, managing the Department until Prof. S. C. Chatterjee joined as Head. In 1962, he was appointed Lecturer in the Department of Applied Geology in the University of Saugar, where he proved to be a devoted teacher, specialising in palaeontology, and was much respected by his students.

In 1965, he went to Austria through an UNESCO fellowship for advanced studies. He was awarded a Ph.D. degree in 1975, his subject of research being 'Stratigraphy and Tectonics of the Gwalior Series around Gwalior, M.P., India'. He was made Reader in 1979, and Professor in 1986.

In 1980, Prof. Saxena went on deputation to Ethiopia for four years, where he proved to be a popular teacher.

Prof. Saxena was always outspoken, never hesitating to give an honest opinion, and he was fully involved in departmental activities. He was a member of the Board of Studies, and of the Faculty and Academic Council of the University, which he served for 27 years with dedication.

His sudden passing away has caused a vacuum which it will be difficult to fill. He is survived by his wife and a daughter and son, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

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