

**PROF. DR. SYED ISRAR HUSAIN  
(1943-1991)**

The fateful day, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1991, when Professor Dr. Syed Israr Hussain left for his heavenly abode, will always be remembered with intense feeling of grief, sorrow and deprivation. The void so created by his sudden demise is not easy to be filled in the years to come.

Prof. S. Israr Husain was born on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1943 at Sahespur Bijnor, U.P., India. Prof. Husain obtained his Ph. D. degree from the Aligarh Muslim University (A.M.U.), in 1965 working on the taxonomy of tylenchid nematodes under the guidance of Prof. Abrar M. Khan. He described *Heterodera mothi*, the first ever cyst nematode from India. In the early seventies, however, his research interests were shifted to applied aspects. He also attended Post-Graduate Nematology Course in 1968 in the Netherlands. His professional career started in 1965 with his joining the PL-480 research project in the Department of Botany, A.M.U. as Assistant Plant Pathologist. Two years later he was promoted as Senior Research Officer. He became a Lecturer in 1970, Reader in 1978 and Professor in 1986 in the same department. During 1978-81, he worked as Asstt. Professor in the University of Mosul, Iraq. Prof. Israr Husain was also holding the position of Coordinator, Agriculture Centre, A.M.U. at the time of his death. He has also served the University as an elected member of the Court and the Academic Council.

Prof. S. Israr Husain has around 150 research papers and 3 books to his credit. Four students have qualified for Ph. D. degree under his guidance. He successfully got completed four research projects funded by the ICAR, DST, UGC and CSIR. Prof. Israr Husain was a member/life member of several professional societies and a fellow of the Linnean Society of London (FLS). His research contributions were recognized as he bagged the World Leadership Award of the International Biographical Centre, England (1990) and the Man of the Year Award of the American Biographical Inc., USA (1991).

Prof. Husain was a thorough gentleman, a teacher of high excellence, a devoted plant nematologist and a source of inspiration and guidance to all the budding researchers. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

May God Almighty shower his choicest blessings upon the departed soul.  
Amen.

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