

OBITUARY



Dr. S.M.H. Jafri
1927-1986

Dr. Saiyid Masudul Hasan Jafri died on the night of 10th December, 1986 as a result of a severe heart attack. Until the day before his death he was working with his usual devotion and vigour. Dr. Jafri has left behind, in addition to his family members, a large number of friends and admirers to mourn his death.

Dr. Jafri was born on 1st July 1927 at Ghazipur, U.P., India. His higher education was at the University of Allahabad from where he obtained his M.Sc. degree with distinction in Botany in 1948. Dr. Jafri migrated to Pakistan and joined S.M. Science College, Karachi and latter the D.J. Government Science College, Karachi as Head of the Botany Section where his early interest in the Flora of Karachi started. Dr. Jafri was an exceptionally good teacher. He had a knack of introducing the subject in a simple and lucid manner.

He was awarded Central Government Scholarship in 1952 for studies overseas. In 1954, he did his Ph.D. in Plant Taxonomy from the University of Edinburgh. At the University of Edinburgh Dr. Jafri became associated with Dr. Peter H. Davis for his studies in the Cruciferae and Capparidaceae of W. Pakistan, Afghanistan and N.W. Himalayas. On his return from U.K., Dr. Jafri worked as Professor of Botany at Khairpur College and Government College Hyderabad till 1963 and as Principal, Government Colleges at Larkana and Karachi from 1963-68. He was appointed as Director of Education in 1968 and later as Chairman, Board of Secondary Education, in which capacity he continued to work till 1972. From 1975 to 1984, he worked as Professor of Botany at the Al-Faateh University, Tripoli, Libya.

Although he was entrusted with various administrative responsibilities, Dr. Jafri never lost touch with his basic interest on taxonomic research. Dr. Jafri is the author of a book, "The Flora of Karachi", which won Writers Guild Award (National Bank) for 1966, being the best book of economic importance for that year. He contributed to the accounts of 18 families for Flora of Pakistan, which add up to c. 575 printed pages. His association with the Flora of Pakistan continued until recently when he had finalised the first draft of the family Chenopodiaceae. He was Co-editor of Flora of Libya and contributed to the accounts of 34 families which run into c. 1236 printed pages. In addition to these contributions, he published about 27 research papers in journals of repute. He had extensively botanised in Pakistan and Libya and his knowledge about the flowering plants of Pakistan and Libya was immense.

Dr. Jafri was a man of very cool temperament. He was very considerate and loving towards his family members and friends. He lost his wife about a year back and tolerated the shock with great fortitude.

May his soul rest in peace in heaven. Ameen.

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