

### Obituary



**DR. SHAUKAT AHMAD**  
1925–1985

Dr. Shaukat Ahmad was born on 4th of October 1925. He did his M.Sc. from Agriculture College, Tandojam, Pakistan and obtained his Ph. D. from the University of North Carolina, Raleigh, USA in 1961 under the guidance of Prof. Harold J. Evans. Dr. Shaukat did specialized studies at Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, University of California, Berkeley and US Salinity Lab. He served as an IAEA technical advisor in 1966.

Dr. Shaukat Ahmad was an eminent plant physiologist who extensively contributed to research in the field of plant nutrition. His pioneering research established for the first time the essentiality of Cobalt for legumes. Dr. Shaukat Ahmad contributed more than 30 research papers in this field.

Dr. Shaukat Ahmad was the motive force in the establishment of the first Atomic Energy Agricultural Centre established by the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission at Tandojam. For most of the time he served as its director. Under his able guidance the Centre was able to make significant contribution in the field of plant genetics, plant physiology, soil science and entomology. He was also involved in planning and subsequent establishment of research centres by Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission.

Dr. Shaukat Ahmad died on 4th May 1985. May God Almighty shower his choicest blessings upon the departed soul. Dr. Shaukat is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

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