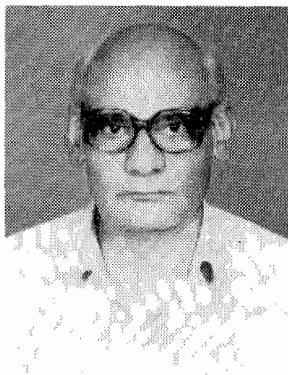


## OBITUARY



**DR. SHAKIL AHMED KHAN**  
(1932 - 1992)

Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan s/o Dr. Said Ahmed Khan was born on 8th June, 1932 at Baland Shahr in the United Province of India. Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan died in sleep early in the morning of 3rd February, 1992. May God Almighty shower His choicest blessings upon the departed soul and may his soul rest in peace in heaven. Ameen.

Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan was an old Aligarhian. In 1954 he obtained the M.Sc. degree in Botany with specialization in Plant Pathology from the Muslim University Aligarh, India. Under the exchange programme of the New Mexico State University, Mr. Shakil Ahmed Khan obtained a Post graduate Diploma in Plant Pathology (1956 - 57). In 1962 he was awarded the degree of M.Sc. in Agriculture with specialization in Plant Pathology by the University of Sindh, Hyderabad, Sindh, Pakistan. In 1971 he obtained the degree of Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the University of Sindh, Hyderabad, Pakistan for his work on the 'Fungi Imperfecti of Hyderabad region' which he carried out under the guidance of Dr. M. Kamal. Under the Colombo Plan fellowship (1971-74), Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan went to Canada and obtained the M.S. degree from McGill University, Montreal, Canada. Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan worked with Prof. Dr. R.H. Estey on the 'Natural control of soil inhabiting nematodes' where 14 nematophagous fungi were isolated from soil and decomposing plant material with 5 species as new reports.

Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan has been a member of Botanical Society of the Muslim University Aligarh, the Pakistan Botanical Society and in 1974 he was elected Fellow of the Linnean Society of London.

Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan served at the Department of Plant Pathology, Agriculture Research Institute, Tandojam, as a Research Assistant (1955-1964); Assistant Plant Pathologist/ Mycologist (1964-83) and as a Plant Pathologist (1983-88). Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan also served as Associate Professor at the Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture & Forestry, University of Mosul, Mosul, Iraq (1976-77) and at the Department of Biology, College of Science, Salahuddin University, Arbil, Iraq (1977 - 1982) where he has given courses in Mycology & Plant Pathology. He has also been instrumental in setting up plant disease diagnostic laboratory at Mosul, Iraq. At the Agriculture Research Institute, Tandojam. Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan has been involved

in studies on the screening of rust resistant cultivars of wheat, plant disease identification and testing of fungicides for plant disease control. Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan has contributed a great deal to the study of fungi of S.W. Pakistan where several new species and new hosts of *Cercospora*, *Cladosporium*, *Leveillula* and *Peronospora* have been reported. An extensive collection of mycological specimens which he made have since been deposited in the Mycological Herbarium of the Agriculture Research Institute, Tandojam. A total member of 30 research papers have been published in journals of international repute at home and abroad.

Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan had a pleasant personality. He was greatly respected by his friends and colleagues Dr. Shakil Ahmed Khan is survived by his wife (Mrs. Shamma Khatoon), a daughter (Shagufta Khalid), 2 sons (Samir Ahmed and Tadvin Ahmed) and a host of his admirers to mourn the loss.

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