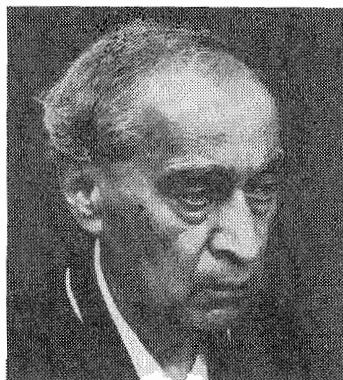


OBITUARY



E. NASIR
(1908-1991)

Prof. E. Nasir died on 9th August, 1991 at Markham, Ontario, Canada. May God Almighty shower his blessings upon the departed soul. Amen.

Prof. E. Nasir was born in 1908 at Sialkot. He obtained his M.Sc. degree in Botany from the University of Agra in 1933. He did post graduate studies at the University of California in Berkeley and at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. Professor Nasir's professional career began in 1934 when he joined the Gordon College at Rawalpindi. He served as Professor of Botany from 1934-72 and as Dean of Science at Gordon College Rawalpindi from 1962-72 where he had the opportunity of working with Dr. R. R. Stewart. Professor Nasir was the Principal Investigator of the USDA funded project on Flora of Pakistan from 1966-86. Professor Nasir became the Director of the National Herbarium of the PARC Islamabad (formerly the Stewart Herbarium) from 1975-86. Plants from different floristic regions of the country were collected and added to the herbarium. One of the significant contributions of Professor Nasir was the Flora of Pakistan which was edited by Professor Nasir with Professor S.I. Ali from 1972 to 1989 where descriptive accounts of 190 plant families have been published.

Professor Nasir became member of Pakistan Academy of Sciences and was awarded Tamga-i-Imtiaz in 1984 by the President of Pakistan for his outstanding contributions as an educationist in the field of botanical research. He also received an OICD award from USDA in 1985 for his contributions to Flora of Pakistan.

Professor Nasir is author of 40 scientific papers. His main interest has been in the families Liliaceae, Iridaceae, Caryophyllaceae and Umbelliferae of Pakistan and North Western Hima layas. Professor Nasir is also co-author of Wild Flowers of Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

Professor Nasir has left behind his wife and 3 sons one of which Dr. Y.J. Nasir has become his successor in the field of botanical research.

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