



Obituary



Dr. Arun Kumar Sinha
(September 10, 1949 to February 8, 2018)

Dr Arun Kumar Sinha, Former Director, MRSAC and Former Senior Soil Scientist at RRSC-Central, NRSC (ISRO), Nagpur passed away on 8th February 2018 in Nagpur due to prolonged illness at the age of 68 years. He is survived by wife Mrs. Usha and son Mr. Manu. He was born on 10.09.1949 in Shadpur village of Vaishali district, Bihar. He secured PG degree in M.Sc. (Agriculture): Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry in 1974 from B.H.U., Varanasi. He was awarded Ph.D. in 1988 by Allahabad University.

Dr. Sinha had vast experience of about 23 Years in Remote Sensing and GIS Applications in the areas of soil, land degradation, agriculture, land use planning, watershed management and training. He rendered his services as Scientist at Centre of Studies in Resources - Engineering (CSRE), IIT, Bombay during December 1977 to July 1987 and as Sr. Scientist at Regional Remote Sensing Service Centre, Nagpur, ISRO (Department of Space) since 1987, till he joined as Director, MRSAC on 31st May 2001. After superannuation, he worked as advisor to the Government of Bihar for land use planning.

Dr. Sinha was also a Member of the Indian Society of Soil Science, Life Member of the Indian Society of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning and the Indian Society of Remote Sensing. He got inducted as a Fellow of the Indian Society of Agricultural Chemists, Allahabad. He had 26 Publications and 24 Reports in his name and also guided the Ph.D. students.

Dr. Sinha contributed significantly in number of remote sensing projects *viz.*, Mission Projects, User Projects, Application Validation Projects and R&D Projects. Dr. Sinha was deputed as an expert to Syria by Chairman, ISRO to implement a pilot project on development of integrated land and water resources from 1st to 14th December 1997.

The members of the Indian Society of Soil Science, pray to the Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and enough strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.