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BHOOGOL VACHASPATI AWARD



Prof. Gopal Krishan

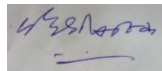
Born on 5th July, 1940, Gopal Krishan, Professor Emeritus at Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh has several distinctive achievements to his credit in an academic and professional career spanning more than half a century. He has been National Fellow of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi; Senior Professor and Honorary Director, Population Research Centre, at the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh; Professor of Regional Planning at the National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi; Principal Advisor, Planning and Development Cell, M.G. Punjab State Institute of Public Administration, Chandigarh; Member, Punjab State Planning Board; and Member, Review Mission of the Government of Netherlands for its Indian Human Settlement Programme. All this is besides his myriad roles in the Department of Geography, Panjab University as its astute student, inquisitive teacher- researcher, Head of the Department and Coordinator of Special Assistance Programme. Teaching and research assignments in leading universities in several countries were a great learning for him in both theory and practice of geography. He completed several foreign assignments including the visit to the United Kingdom in 1974 under the Young Scientist Exchange Programme; University of Cambridge, during 1981-82 under a 'Royal Geographical Society' London award; Bemidji State University, Minnesota, U.S.A. in 1989 on a teaching assignment; University of Bremen, Germany, as Guest Professor in 1993; the University of Pecs, Hungary, as a Guest Professor in 1996; Institute of Geography, Graz, Austria in 1999 as a Visiting Faculty; the Southeastern Missouri University, in 2002 as Visiting Professor; the California State University at Santa Barbara and Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo in 2004, for lectures; the University of Pecs, Hungary, as Visiting Professor; and the University of Moribor and Urban Planning Institute, Ljublijana, both in Slovenia, for lectures in 2010.

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Among the special honours, he received from time to time include the D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) by the University of Pecs, Hungary in 1996; President, Indian National Cartographic Association, 1998; President, National Association of Geographers, India, 2001; and President, Institute of Indian Geographers, Pune, 2009.

Gopal Krishan has made an indelible mark on our academic landscape through his writings. He has penned more than 130 research papers, produced 13 books, completed 25 research projects, four research monographs, and successfully supervised 15 doctoral theses. He has pioneered a research monograph on Administrative Geography advocating for geographical studies focusing on spatial implications of public policies in India. A widely acclaimed Atlas titled "Inner Spaces-Outer Spaces of a Planned City: A Thematic Atlas of Chandigarh", sponsored by the Chandigarh Administration and released by the President of India to mark the 50th anniversary of Chandigarh, has been prepared under his able guidance and supervision.

In recognition of his seminal contribution to Geography, the National Association of Geographers India, (NAGI) honours Prof. Gopal Krishna with the award of BHOOGOL VACHASPATI on December 26, 2016 in its 38th Indian Geography Congress held at University of Mysore, Mysuru.



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