

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS, INDIA



### BHOOGOL VACHASPATI AWARD



Born on March 6, 1946 in a village of Pratapgarh District in Uttar Pradesh, Prof. H. N. Misra has had a long professional career of more than four decades. During this span he evolved in more than one way. As a US Government Senior Fulbright Fellow in the University of Pittsburgh during 1976-77, he took the opportunity to master the analytical techniques and understand the nuances of positivistic underpinnings, and as a Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow in 1988 in Cambridge University he got exposed not only to Paradigm Shifts in Geography but also to myths, realities, paradoxes and contradictions of grand generalizations and meta-narratives. The training of remote sensing technology in the *University of Purdue* and research methodology course in the *University of Bristol* further strengthened his understanding of models and systems in geography. This is very well reflected in his writings on *Ruralisation of Indian Cities*, *Rural Roots of Urban Poor*, *Role of Informal Sector in Urban Economy*, and *Health and Habitat in the Popular Settlements of Indian cities*. His publications in *Ekistics*, *Geography*, and *International Journal of Cities* earned him prestigious membership of the editorial board of *Progress in Human Geography*- one of the most reputed geographical journals in the World.

Prof. Misra also got chance to shape up the newly emerging Geography Department of Himachal Pradesh University during 1992-97. He staged a comeback to the University of Allahabad in 1997 where he served in different capacities such as- Head of the Geography Department, Chief Proctor, and Dean Student Welfare. In 2019, the University of Allahabad, his Alma Mater, honored him with the Award of Excellence in recognition of his contributions to academic and corporate lives of the university.

Prof. Misra has been President of the National Association of Geographers, India (2014) and also that of Institute of Indian Geographer (2017). He has also had the honour of being Emeritus Fellow of UGC and Senior Fellow of the ICSSR. He has more than 100 research papers and 7 books to his credit, besides supervising more than 30 Ph.D. Dissertations on themes which are currently contextual such as: rural-urban relations, poverty, economic stagnation, diseases, tourism dynamics and climate change etc.

Prof. Misra has distinction of organizing a number of international and national academic events like Indo-British Meet (1993), Indian Geography Congress (2008), Indian Geographers Meet (2005) and many more. Prof. Misra also completed several international projects funded through the Institute of Environment and Development, London, besides, of course, the national projects funded by UGC, DST, ICSSR, Ministry of Environment & Forest, and others public and private organizations. In the process he conducted fieldworks in several countries located in different continents of the world.

In recognition of his seminal contributions and distinguished services in promoting the cause of Geography in India, the National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) honours Prof. H.N. Misra with the award of the BHOOGOL VACHASPATI on December 28, 2019 in its 41st Indian Geography Congress held at Dr. Harisingh Gour Central University, Sagar.

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