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BHOOGOL VACHASPATI AWARD



Born on January 5, 1945, in Aliyabad Village of Tonk District, Rajasthan, Prof. Harishankar Sharma got his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Geography from Sagar University, Madhya Pradesh. Prof. Sharma is a senior geographer with long established career spanning over 40 years. He was Professor and Head of Department of

Prof. H.S. Sharma Geography, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Among the other institutions of Rajasthan University which Prof. Sharma headed were: Indira Gandhi Centre for Human Ecology; Environment and Population Studies; and Academic Staff College. He was Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

Prof. Sharma has published over 100 research papers in national and international journals like Annals of NAGI, Nature, Journal of Geomorphology (Germany), and International Journal of Human Ecology Council (London). He has 18 books to his credit. Desertification, climate change and human impact on environment are his main interests. Among the research projects he has supervised were sponsored by UGC, DST, DRDO, ISRO, NORAD (Norway) and Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

After his superannuation from the University service in 2005, he has conducted two training programmes on Geomatic and Resource Management, sponsored by DST, New Delhi. He has successfully completed a research project on 'Climate Change and Its Impact on Land and water Resources of Rajasthan' under Senior Fellowship scheme of ICSSR, New Delhi only very recently and is still working on Desertification Status Mapping, Second Cycle sponsored by Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad.

Prof. Sharma has supervised more than three dozen Ph.D. scholars. He has been President of IIG, IGI, NAGI, Sectional President of the Earth System Sciences in Indian Science Congress and RGA. At present he is president of Indian Human Ecology Council.

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Prof. Sharma is a recipient of UGC Career Award, Rajasthan Gaurav Award by Sanskriti, Jaipur, Rastriya Gaurav Award and Vijai Shree Award by India International Friendship Society, New Delhi and Rajeev Gandhi Gold Medal Award by Global Economic Progress and Research Association, Tamilnadu. Prof. Sharma has visited U.K., Germany, Norway, Canada, U.S.A, Malaysia, Seychelles and Netherlands under exchange programmes. The two significant contributions for which he is known are: Rejuvenation model of origin of Ravine Lands; and Intrusive model of Ramgarh Domal Structure.

In recognition of his seminal contribution to Geography and Environmental Science, the National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) honours him with the award of BHOOGOL VACHASPATI at its 37th Indian Geography Congress held at University of Jammu, Jammu on December 2, 2015.



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