

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS, INDIA



BHOOGOL VACHASPATI AWARD



Born on 27 August, 1940, Prof. R.K. Rai, who is one of the distinguished geographers in the country, served as Lecturer in the Department of Geography, H.S. Gour Sagar University for 14 years (1964-1978), and as Reader and Professor in the Department of Geography, North Eastern Hill University for a period of 25 years (1978-2003). During this tenure he also served as Head, Geography Department, and Dean, School of Environmental Sciences in North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. Prof. Rai also had a short stint of being Visiting Professor in Bundelkhand University, Jhansi and University of Manipur. He has also been UGC Emeritus Fellow in recognition of his research work.

In more than 39 years of his academic career, Prof. Rai has worked extensively in fields of Geomorphology, Population Geography, Urban Geography and Environmental Management. He also has the distinction of supervising 17 Ph.D. and 20 M.Phil. Dissertations in different branches of geography.

Prof. Rai has the experience of completing as many as 9 major research projects funded by different agencies. He is a widely travelled man and has the honour of participating in academic deliberations in UK, Australia, France, USA, Canada, Thailand, Korea and several other countries. He successfully organized as many as 9 seminars and conferences, and published more than 80 papers in different books and reputed journals besides authoring 11 books on various themes of geography.

He has a rare honour of being president of Geographical Society of North Eastern Hill Region for more than two decades (1982-2003) and also the President of the National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI).

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. R.K. Rai 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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