

GREAT GURUS OF AGROMETEOROLOGY IN INDIA



Professor Attili Rama Subramaniam

Professor Attili Rama Subramaniam, popularly known as Prof. ARS, born on 12th December 1933 in Muramanda, near Rajahmundry, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh to mother Attili Annapoornamma and father Laxmi Narasimha Murthy. Had his early education in Govt. High School, Bolarum, near Secunderabad and passed out his B.Sc from Nizam College, Hyderabad and later joined M.Sc (Meteorology and Oceanography) in Andhra University, Waltair from 1956 to 1959. Later, did his Ph.D. from Andhra University under his late Guru "Professor V.P. Subrahmanyam". He retired from service in 1993 after serving the Department of Meteorology and Oceanography, Andhra University in various capacities over a period of 33 years. He taught Climatology, Applied Climatology, Hydrology, Agricultural Meteorology, Upper Atmosphere, Satellite Meteorology and Physical Meteorology at postgraduate level and produced 20 M.Sc. Dissertations and 17 Doctoral Theses. However, he likes the Science of Agricultural Meteorology too much. One of the Doctoral Theses was adjudicated as the Best Thesis and was awarded Gold Medal by Andhra University. Authored four technical books (for WMO and FAO as well) and published more than 250 Research Papers in various journals. He was appointed as UGC Emeritus Fellow in June 1993. He served as short term faculty member in several national and international workshops (at ICTP, Trieste, Italy, Agrl. University, Wageningen, Netherlands). He was also Visiting Professor and Expert Member in several national and international institutes in the field of Climatology and Agricultural Meteorology. He served as WMO Expert, Member in Panel on Hydrometeorology, Member in International Commission for Climatology (IUGC), Consultant, PAGES Committee (IGBP), Corresponding Member, Commission for Climatology (IGU), Secretary, Asian Climatological Society, Vice-Chairman, Sri Lakshmi Bai Vidya Parishad and Chairman, India Meteorological Society-Visakhapatnam Chapter. He is a Fellow, A.P. Acad. of Science and Royal Meteorological Society and elected Fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences in 1997. He organized several national and international conferences during his tenure. He is a founder and President of Indian Agrometeorological Society and later merged with Association of Agrometeorologists of India. He is a recipient of A.P. Agrl. Univ. Award for Agrometeorology in 1984, Developing Countries Award from INHS and NRC of Italy in 1991, IAS Medical in 1992, NESAG Gold Medal in 1993, Honry. Ph.D. from Roy. Univ. Dublin, Ireland, in 1995 and several such awards from various countries. In addition to his academic and research activities, he held several senior positions in Voluntry Services Organizations such as Lions Club and others. He is a very good orator and writes excellently. He is now 81 years-old and has several old-age problems. He survives with his wife and a son with grand children. He settled in Visakhapatnam (Waltair) and staying with his family members. We, the members of Association of Agrometeorologists of India, wish him and his family good health and long life.

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