

OBITUARY



Dr. Arvind N. Mehta
(March 28, 1933 – July 8, 2022)

Dr. Arvind N. Mehta started his career in 1955 as a Demonstrator in Physics at M. N. College, at his home town Visnagar Mehsana Gujarat and later joined B. A. College of Agriculture at Anand in 1957 as a Demonstrator. He earned his M.Sc (Agri) degree in Agricultural Statistics in 1968. Dr Mehta was the first student to join Ph.D programme in Agricultural Meteorology at Department of Agricultural Meteorology at B. A. College of Agriculture in 1975 and under guidance of Late Dr. P. D. Mistry and obtained Ph.D degree in Agricultural Meteorology in 1980. He served the Gujarat Agricultural University in various capacities and became Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Meteorology in 1982. Prof. Mehta was instrumental in establishment of full fledged Department of Agricultural Meteorology and starting of All India Coordinated Research Project on Agrometeorology at Anand with support from ICAR. He was pioneer in starting collaborative research work on Application of Remote Sensing Techniques in Agriculture with special reference to moisture and nutrient stress detection in field crops, in association with Space Application Centre, ISRO Ahmedabad and also initiated independent research in Remote Sensing with support from Government of Gujarat. He created infrastructure facilities in the department through different research projects funded by DST and ICAR. Dr. Mehta guided seven M. Sc and six Ph. D students in Agricultural Meteorology and published 21 research papers in National and International journals. Although, he retired from the university service in March 1993, he continued to provide guidance to students until 1997 before shifting to USA.

Dr. Mehta was founding Life member of Association of Agrometeorologists. Agrometeorological community is extremely shocked over the demise of Dr.A.N.Mehta. He will be fondly remembered among the Agrometeorological fraternity. Association of Agrometeorologists pays its respects and deep sense of gratitude to the departed soul and prays the almighty that his soul rests in peace. Association also conveys its deep condolence to the bereaved family.