

ABOUT PROFESSOR P.R. PISHAROTY...

Professor Pisharoty is the doyen of Indian meteorology and remote sensing.

Born in 1909 in Kerala, he had a brilliant academic career and worked with Professor C.V. Raman at Bangalore and Professor J. Bjerkenes at Los Angeles. He got his Ph.D degree from UCLA in 1954. He has worked on various aspects of the general circulation, monsoon meteorology and climate and has about a hundred publications to his credit.

Professor Pisharoty has occupied many important positions in Indian scientific departments. He was a senior officer in the Indian Meteorological Department, Director Colaba Observatory, Director Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Senior Professor Physical Research Laboratory, Director Remote Sensing and Satellite Meteorology, Space Applications Centre.

He is a past Vice-President of the Indian Meteorological Society, Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, and Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy. He was honoured with the Padmashri in 1970.

On the international scene, Professor Pisharoty was a member of the scientific Advisory Board, World Meteorological Organization (1963-1968) and later its chairman, a member of the Joint Organizing Committee for Global Atmospheric Research Programme (1969-77), Vice-President of the International Association for Meteorology and Atmospheric Physics (1972-79).

Professor Pisharoty has contributed greatly to the growth of atmospheric and allied sciences in India. He is a mega-thinker and always thinks of big national or international plans or programmes e.g the national centre for medium range weather forecasting or the monsoon experiment.

He is well versed in ancient Sanskrit writings and has an appropriate sloka for any occasion, either inauguration of a scientific conference or an after dinner speech.

He has a phenomenal memory and recalls many past weather situations vividly. He is known for his fascinating lectures on varied topics and also for his clear and convincing arguments in committees and meetings.

To many of his colleagues he is a source of positive suggestions and advice. He ^{has} endeared himself to all of us by his great human qualities. We all wish him a many more years of healthy, active

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