



## OBITUARY



Dr. Mohinder Partap Singh was born on 9th November 1929 to his parents Smt. Ved Kaur and Shri S. Mohan Singh at Mandi, the then part of combined Punjab (undivided India). His parents had migrated to India from a village Kahuta, in the district of Rawalpindi (Pakistan). His early education was completed at Gordon College, Lahore. After partition he moved to Jullundur city (Punjab, India) where he completed his intermediate in 1948 from DAV College, Jullundur. Later, he joined Khalsa College Amritsar under Punjab University and obtained B.Sc. (Hons.) degree in 1951 and completed M.Sc. (Hons.), Botany in 1953 from the same university.

Dr. M.P. Singh joined the Division of Genetics, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi in 1955 as Research Associate and obtained the Ph. D. degree in 1965 under the chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. Since then, he served as Scientist holding various positions till his superannuation in 1989. Dr. Singh was awarded the Post-Doctoral Rockefeller Fellowship in 1968 and joined the Microbiology Division at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, L.I., N.Y. (Medical Research Foundation, California) and worked till 1969. During his stay he visited University of California campuses at Berkeley, Davis, Santa Barbars, Los Angeles and San Diego as well as visited Washington State University and the University of British Columbia. Dr. M.P. Singh was also deputed as an Advisor to Nepal under the Colombo Plan from 1973 to 1977.

During his research carrier, Dr. Singh worked on various aspects of Genetics, Cytogenetics (aneuploid analysis in wheat), basic studies through physical and chemical mutagenesis, mutation breeding in wheat, maize and barley, etc. He was an excellent teacher as well and taught advanced courses in mutation breeding and cytogenetics. He also guided several M. Sc. and Ph. D. students of the Post-Graduate School at IARI, New Delhi. Dr. Singh had published about 40 scientific papers in international peer reviewed and reputed journals, such as *Heredity*, *Science* and *Chromosoma* etc. He was a life member and Fellow of the Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding, New Delhi.

Dr. M.P. Singh was a very simple person of pious nature who lived a healthy, satisfactory, peaceful life. Without any sufferings, he breathed his last and proceeded to his heavenly abode on 10th June, 2023 at the age of 94 years. The members of the Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding mourn his sudden demise and pay their homage, and pray for peace of the departed soul.

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