

A brief about Dr. Veda Prakash



Late Dr. Veda Prakash was a scholar and expert in education. He was Master of Arts in Philosophy from India as well as in Education from London and had several distinctions. He was an Arnold Gold Medalist with his name inscribed in the Hall of Honor. He was also awarded Teachers Diploma with distinction by London University. He was the first Indian to get this distinction. He represented the Ministry of Education in various Committees constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and took keen interest and actively contributed towards Population Education, and coordination with Ministry of Social Welfare. He had played a major role in involvement of primary school teachers in the programme of family planning. As the subject 'Population Control' was very dear to the heart of Shri Veda Prakash, his family had contributed a sum of Rs. 1,70,000/- and had desired that the interest from this corpus amount may be utilized by this Institute for organizing an annual lecture in his memory on Population Control, and to give an award of Rs. 10,000/- and medal to the eminent scientist who delivers the lecture/oration. He had also taken active part in Education Planning, Administration, Teaching and Research in various positions he held. Also had been University Teacher in psychology and education for both under-graduate and post-graduates students. He was responsible in early fifties for organizing a statewide campaign for the education of illiterates and for the production of literature for neo-literates in Rajasthan. He played a major role in establishment of the Central Bureau of Education and Vocational Guidance and for establishment of Central Bureau of Textbook Research. He had taken keen interest in the formulation and implementation of countrywide programme to promote and support educational research in different universities and teachers training institutes, which is now being done by N.C.E.R.T. He had several publications to his credit, mainly in the field of human resource development, educational planning and development. He had dedicated his life towards development of human resource in the country and had worked hard till the last of his life for this purpose.