

IN MEMORIAM



DR. HANJABAM
NANDIRAM SHARMA
1948-2018



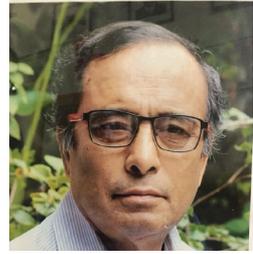


“DO YOU KNOW THAT A MAN IS NOT DEAD WHILE HIS NAME IS
STILL SPOKEN ?”

-TERRY PRATCHETT



Condolence



1948-2018

The whole team of neScholar Magazine is deeply saddened at the demise of Dr. Hanjabam Nandiram Sharma, affectionately known as Eigya Nandiram or Oja Nandiram, a profound teacher, and a true lover of nature. While we mourn the irreplaceable loss of the highly intellectual and resourceful person that he was, we also celebrate his unmatched contributions and achievements in the field of education and environment.

He will be remembered as one of the enthusiastic plant hunters of Manipur – a trailblazer, and for highlighting the environmental issues. His vast knowledge about the flora of Manipur is indeed amazing. Call him a resourceful person, environmentalist, a documentary filmmaker, adventurer, advisor, and ‘expert’ expeditioner, or an explorer; he had donned several hats in his lifetime. His tireless work to popularise science and environment among the masses is truly commendable.

The NE Scholar team is privileged to have his valuable inputs in shaping up, and taking the magazine forward since the first issue in August, 2014. An epitome of hard work and morality, his guidance and memories will inspire, and always show us the way ahead.

We express our deepest respect to the departed soul, and pay our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the members of Oja Nandiram’s family. We pray for the eternal peace of his soul.

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EULOGY TO (LATE) DR. HANJABAM NANDIRAM SHARMA.

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Dr. Hanjabam Nandiram Sharma, a member of the expert panel of neScholar left for the heavenly abode in the morning of 11th September, 2018 after a spell of illness leaving a huge void among all those who had come in contact with him.

Eigy Nandiram or Oja Nandiram as he was affectionately called by all; was born on 1st January, 1948 and did his masters in Botany from Poona University in 1971 and after joining the teaching profession, he did his Ph.D. from Gauhati University in 1983. A teacher by profession and a lover of nature he was teaching undergraduate students from 1973 onwards and from 1996 he was teaching at the post graduate level till his retirement in 2005. At the time of his retirement he was Reader and Head of Department of Botany at Dhanamanjuri College of Science, the premier college of Manipur which imparts PG courses besides having UG courses. It was at his and his colleagues endeavour that the PG classes were opened in DM C of Science.

He was a doyen among the botany teachers and his desire to make the people understand the intricacies of nature that he got involved in the popularisation of science and environment among the masses through the Science Teachers' Forum, Manipur since 1993. He was one of the few who were concerned about the changes in the environment when this was not the buzz word. He wrote and directed a film "Environment of Manipur" under the sponsorship of the Department of Science & Technology and Environment & Ecology Wing of the Department of Forest & Environment which was released on 19th April, 2000. He was associated in the production of short films on disaster management and mitigation at grass root level. He was associated as a resource person of the Department of Environment & Forest, Manipur, Science Teachers' Forum, Manipur in different capacities including its President, member of the Managing Committee of Adventure Academy, Manipur, Life Member of Manipur Adventure & Allied Sports Institute, Advisor to DNA Club sponsored by North East Institute of Science & Technology, Imphal Branch since the inception of the program in 2010, also involved in the production of documentary films on the culture of the people of Manipur under the sponsorship of Indira Gandhi National centre for Arts. He was associated with the National Children Science Congress since 1993 in different capacities till his death.

He was “Expert” in the “Manipur Parikrama” an expedition organised by the Assam Rifles from March 5th to April 14th, 1987, an expedition along the boundary of Manipur by foot for 40 days. An intrepid traveller, he was associated with the Dzuko Expedition in 1997, Shiroy Expedition in 2001 both induced alpine meadow, Vaunuhro Expedition in 2001, to explore the source of the Barak River, the Mount Iso Expedition, the tallest peak in Manipur at 2994 metre in 2001 and the Saramati Expedition in 2003, which was at one time within the boundary of Manipur and known as Chingjao Angouba in Manipuri but now falls within the border of Nagaland and Myanmar. In 2008 he led a team to explore the vegetations around Tharon Cave in Tamenglong and in 2013 joined the five day expedition to explore the “Seven Step waterfall” along the course of Barak River, Zeilad Lake and Tuengtao village.

In recognition of his expertise he was made a member of the Kangla Biodiversity Committee, the Chairman of the State Expert Appraisal Committee, and a Member of the Advisory Body to Manipur Science & Technology Council since 2010.

One of the pioneering plant hunters of Manipur, his knowledge about the flora of Manipur is awe inspiring. He was the final arbiter for identification of any plants of Manipur. Many plants he could identify just by seeing the leaf. His enthusiasm was so engrossing that almost all those who came in contact with him became plant hunters and lovers. He initiated a path which his students need to follow to ensure that the biodiversity of the state is well protected and guarded.

His association with neScholar was right from the first issue in August, 2014 and his advice was well directed to make the magazine a better one that is to provide information to the students. He made suggestions to improve and all the members of neScholar family was deeply pained by his demise and we can only pray that the Almighty showers his blessings on him and he may live in peace in his heavenly abode.











OJA NANDIRAM INSPECTING VEGETATION AT THARON CAVES, TAMENGLONG 2008



AT THARON CAVES 2008



“ONE LIVES IN THE HOPES OF BECOMING A MEMORY”

-ANTONIO PORCHIA

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