

OBITUARY



Prof. Dr. Syed Ehteshamul-Haque
3rd January, 1961 - 28th August, 2022

Former Chairman: Department of Botany, University of Karachi, 01-10-2014 till 10-12-2017.

Former Director: M.A.H. Qadri Biological Research Centre, University of Karachi, 11-12-2017 till 04-01-2021

Prof. Dr. Syed Ehteshamul-Haque, a well-known eminent botanist, spent over 24 years in teaching and 35 years in research. He passed away on 28th August, 2022 due to sudden brain hemorrhage at the age of about 61 years. He did his M. Sc. in Botany in 1986 and Ph. D in Plant Pathology (Botany) in 1995. He performed his Post-doctoral research from University of Southern California, USA during 2004-2005. He was appointed as Research Officer in the Department of Botany, University of Karachi on 3rd February, 1987 till 23rd October, 1991. Later he worked on the same designation at M.A.H. Qadri Biological Research Centre, University of Karachi from 24th October, 1991 till 16th March, 1998. On 17th March, 1998. He was appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Botany, University of Karachi and became Associate Professor on 1st January, 2001. On 11th November, 2005, he became Professor and joined. as TTS Professor 19th November 2011 and finally became Tenured Professor on 19th November, 2015. He received research grants from various funding agencies like Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, Pakistan Science Foundation and Higher Education Commission. He organized six conferences and seminars and gave many presentations in the International and National Conferences. He published 155 scientific research papers in the reputed prestigious national and international journals. His expertise was microbial interactions, biocontrol, integrated pest management, phytopathology, host-plant resistance, medicinal botany and plant-nematology, disease diagnosis and plant disease management. He supervised eleven Ph. D students and one M. Phil student. His services will be remembered as an inspiring, motivational and high-caliber scientist and courteous and humble teacher. His sudden demise leaves sadness to all of us. May his soul rest in peace (Ameen).

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