

OBITUARY



Prof. M.M. Ali
(1934-2020)

We the students of Govt. Jatashankar Trivedi P.G. college Balaghat have lost a very dynamic, lovable, talented and easily approachable, an exceptionally good guardian cum teacher, Ex Head, Dept. of Geology, Prof. Meer Maksood Ali who left us on the evening of 11.11.2020 in a hospital in Nagpur, after a long illness.

Prof. Ali was born in April 1934 in Pavani village in Bhandara district along the Wainganga river. He got his school education in Bhandara and got his B.Sc degree in 1953 and M.Sc degree in 1955 from Nagpur University (now called Rashtriya Sant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University). He was a bright student and teacher. After completing his Master's degree he started his career as geologist in Dongri Bujurg Manganese Mines of MOIL from 1955 to 1958 and then got selected as Assistant Professor in Geology at Robertson Science College (now called – Govt. Robertson Model Science College Jabalpur), served up to 1964. Prof. Ali was the founder Head of the Dept. of Geology in Govt. JST P.G. College Balaghat, where he served from 1964 to 1994, till his retirement.

Prof. Ali was actively engaged in the National Cadet Core 23 M.P. Battallion Balaghat and he was promoted to the rank of Major and

served till his retirement.

Under his able guidance he has produced more than 1000 students who got the B.Sc degree and then about 200 students got M.Sc degree. Some of these students have worked as Geologist in Geological Survey of India, ONGC, CGWB, M.P. DGM and Mining Corporation, MOIL, Coal India, IBM, and few have worked as founder and faculty members in various Universities. No doubt, that his classroom and practical training have enriched the knowledge of students, which has helped them in their career.

In the college activities, he had worked as cultural coordinator for many years. His talent had given him chance to anchor various programs and National Level Hockey Tournament in Balaghat, M.P. Prof. Ali was an amazingly simple living personality.

Overall, we lost our beloved Guru, Gentlemen, we miss you sir.

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