

Dr. Chandra Mohan Nautiyal

Dr. Chandra Mohan Nautiyal (born 01.08.1956), with BSC Hons in Physics from Meerut, and then master's degree in Physics from what is now IIT-Roorkee, was for eight years at ISRO's PRL, Ahmedabad and earned his doctoral degree and post-doctoral experience. He specialised in measurement of cosmogenic isotopes and studied Moon and meteorite sample collected during NASA and Russian Missions. Later, he joined Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow and headed its Radiocarbon Lab. for over a decade. Post-superannuation, he was a consultant to the prestigious Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi for 5 years.

He has published research in many international journals and also presented papers. But in addition, he has published a good number of popular science articles etc. and also trained a large number of science communicators. He has been reviewer for many science journals and PhD examiner for 7 universities.

He received many scholarships and Fellowships during his student life and also visited many countries on invitations. His over-three-dozen awards and recognition include INSA Medal for Young Scientists-1988; Travel Award of US\$1600 from the Meteoritical Society, USA; Best paper/ presentation prizes from Indian Society for Mass spectrometry; The Palaeobotanical Society; and BSIP for co-authored papers and honours from CSIR-NBRI; CSIR-CIMAP and many science clubs. He has been conferred with laurels like *Vidya Bharati Poorva Chhatra Samman* from the hands of Hon. CM- Himachal Pradesh, *Prabhashree Samman* from Hon. Governor-UP; *Vigyan Bhushan* by Meerut Science Club; *Sansthapana Samman* by VICAS-Prayagraj, *Vigyan Vachaspati* and *Shatabdee Samman* by Vigyan Parishad, Prayag. He has also been selected to deliver 7 Memorial Lectures in various states of India.

Dr. Nautiyal has been to USA, Russia, Vietnam, South Africa, UK, France, Germany and Switzerland etc. 10 times on invitation, and delivered many lectures there. He also was at Max Planck Institutes in Germany on INSA-DFG Fellowship. He has delivered about 900 lectures in all and has contributed to over 300 radio and TV programmes. Interestingly, he is invited to elite institutions like TIFR, Mumbai, BHU-Varanasi, and JNU-New Delhi on one hand but also to schools in remote rural areas. He is a much sought-after science communication trainer and has been or still is expert in AWSAR Programme of DST; NCSM of Min. of Culture; Nat. Translation Mission- Mysuru (HRDG), CSIR-HRDG, erstwhile Vigyan Prasara etc. He has also headed and been part of national science communication campaigns. He was Convener of NCSTC Network with Prof. Yash Pal as President. He has been in many national and state committees as Chair or member which included National Committee for Archaeological Sciences. He was member of the project selection committees of UP-CST, IUSC-New Delhi, Uttarakhand CST and others and jury member of many national events including AWASAR, IRIS, NCSC and Nat. Sci. Film Fest. Even today, he is Secretary, UP Academy of Sciences; Chair, NCSC-UP; Vice-President, *Bharateey Bhasha Pratishthan Rashtriya Parishad*; Patron, *Vigyan Bharati-Awadh* and associated with many others.