

OBITUARY



Dr KV Peter (1948-2022)

Dr KV Peter was born in Kumbalangi, Cochin, Kerala, India on 17th May 1948. He was educated at St. Peters High School, Kumbalangi, Cochin from 1961-64; Maharaja's College, Ernakulam from 1964-66; Agricultural College and Research Institute, Vellayani, Trivandrum from 1966-69; GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar from 1969-75 (M.Sc. & Ph.D.). Dr. Peter was an eminent horticulturist, and had experience of more than 35 years in different capacities starting from Assistant Professor at GBPUAT, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand to the Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut, Kerala and the Vice-Chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University, Trichur, Kerala. He authored and edited more than 25 books related to various aspects of horticulture. He was recipient of several awards like Dr Harbhajan Singh Award, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award, Silver Jubilee Medal, Silver Jubilee Memento, Dr MH Marigowda National Award, DBT National Award, HSI-Shivasakthi Lifetime Achievement Award, PNASF Gold Medal Award, IIHR Scientists' Recognition Award, Suganda Bharati Life Time Achievement Award by Indian Society of Spices Calicut, The KRLCC Award, and CHAI Life Time Achievement Award. He was Fellow of many scientific societies such as National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Agriculture Sciences, Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Indian Society of Vegetable Science, National Academy of Biological Sciences, Indian Academy of Horticulture Sciences, and International Society of Noni Science. He was incumbent President of the Indian Society of Vegetable Science (ISVS), Varanasi, UP, and President, Kerala Chapter of National Academy of Sciences, Prayagraj, UP.

It was shocking and very painful to hear the news about sad and sudden demise of Dr KV Peter on 15th May 2022. The Indian Society of Vegetable Science prays that his soul may rest in peace and God Almighty may give enough strength to his family members to bear this irreparable loss.

His contributions to vegetable science will be remembered forever.