

## CONDOLENCE

The members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics deeply mourn the sad and sudden demise of Prof. B.D. Tikkiwal, a life member of the Society on 06 September, 2004 at Jodhpur.

Born on 15 January, 1926, Prof. Tikkiwal had brilliant performance all along in his education field. At the B.Sc., he was awarded Maharana Udaipur Gold Medal for standing first and at the M.Sc. examination (1948) was awarded the prestigious Chancellor's Gold Medal for securing highest marks amongst all the candidates in Science Faculty of the University of Rajasthan. He secured Randhawa Gold Medal for his brilliant performance in Diploma in Agricultural Statistics (1948-51) from present Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi. He completed his Ph.D. in Mathematical Statistics from the University of North Carolina at Raleigh, USA in 1955. He joined the University of Rajasthan and established the Department of Statistics and became its Professor and Senior Professor. He held important administrative positions at the University. He remained active even after his retirement until his death. He was awarded Emeritus Fellowship by the University Grants Commission, India in 1989. He set up a research institute, the Institute of Developmental Research and Statistics (IDRS) in Jaipur in 1990. He presented his invited paper on 'Small Area Statistics' before the International Conference on Agricultural Statistics - 2000 held in Washington DC, USA. The last prestigious conference of his life which he attended was organized in September, 2000 in Montreux, Switzerland and presented the invited paper on 'Measurements of Efficiency of Education'.

He was life member of the Society and organized its annual conference in Jaipur in 1975.

Prof. Tikkiwal lived a very simple life. He believed in helping his immediate needy relatives, friends, students and society at large.

Prof. Tikkiwal was a kind and gentleman, brilliant scholar, a dedicated and generous humanitarian. He will be missed deeply and will be long remembered.

In the death of Prof. B.D. Tikkiwal, the scientific community in general, and the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics in particular, have lost a dedicated, renowned statistician as well as a well wisher of the Society.

The members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics convey their heartfelt sympathies and condolence to the members of bereaved family and pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul and enough strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.