Obituary

Professor A.M. Khusro (1925 – 2003)

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics deeply mourns the sad demise of Professor A.M. Khusro on August 24, 2003 at the age of 78. Dr. Khusro was an eminent economist and made outstanding contributions in the field of agricultural planning and development and monetary economics.

He obtained his Ph.D. degree from University of Leeds and D.Litt from Gulburga University. During his academic career he held several distinguished positions both in national and international organisations.

He taught economics at Osmania and other Universities. He was Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University from 1974-79 and later became its Chancellor. His tenure as Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University was marked by academic expansion and campus peace. He was the Chairman of the 11th Finance Commission, Chairman Aga Khan Foundation and president of Federation of Indo-German Societies. Dr. Khusro served in various distinguished portions such as Director and Chairman, Institute of Economic Growth; Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, Member, Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister, Director, RBI; Editor, Financial Express; Director, Air India, Ambassador of India, Federal Republic of Germany and Director J & K Bank.

Professor Khusro was a life member of the Society. He was associated with the Society for a long time in one capacity or other. He presided over the Twenty-eighth Annual Conference of the Society held at the Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore in 1968. The theme of his Presidential Address was “Agricultural Revolution and the Price Mechanism”.

He was awarded the Commander’s Cross of the Order of Merit by Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1992.

He has published a number of books and research papers in academic journals. Some of his important publications include “The Economics of Land Reform and Farm Size in India” and “The Poverty of Nations”.