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### **Dr. V.M.Rao (1931-2015)**

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics deeply mourns the sad demise of Dr. Vidyanand Madiman Rao, known as V.M. Rao on May 01, 2015 at the age of 84. Dr. Rao was an agricultural economist and made outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture particularly poverty related issues and rural development.

Dr. Rao obtained his Ph.D. degree from the University of Bombay in 1963 and pursued one year post doctoral work in the University of Chicago, U.S.A. from 1964-65. During his academic career he held several distinguished positions in various organizations. Apart from being a Visiting Fellow and Member in many Institutes and Universities all over India, he was also a Member, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, Government of India from 1991 to 1995. Prof. V M Rao is internationally known for his seminal contribution 'Two Decompositions of Concentration Ratio' in the *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society* (1969) in which he addressed the question of decomposition of Gini ratio; he distinguished Gini decomposition as between (i) sub-populations; and (ii) components of the variable under review.

His association with the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore extended over four decades where he continued to serve as Honorary Visiting Professor even after retirement.

Dr. Rao was a life member of the Society. He was associated with the Society for a long time in one capacity or other. He served with distinction the Society as Hon. Secretary & Treasurer from 1972-75, as Hon. Jt. Secretary from 1969-71 and Chairman of the Editorial Board of Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics from 2000-2004. He presided over the 51st Annual Conference of the Society held at Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad in 1991. The theme of his Presidential Address was "Change Processes in Dryland Communities".

Field studies in Karnataka were the forte of Dr. Rao. He has published a number of books and research papers in reputed academic journals. Some of his important publications include "Food" (Second India Studies sponsored by the Ford Foundation in 1975), Rainfed Agriculture (Vol.10 in the Series-State of Farmer: A Millennium study in 2004, Poverty Reduction in an Elite-driven Democracy in 2005.

The grief of Dr. Rao's loss is shared by his professional colleagues, Office bearers of the Society and his large circle of friends.

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### **Dr. C.H.Shah (1920-2015)**

The Indian Society of Agricultural Economics deeply mourns the sad demise of Dr. C.H. Shah on May 02, 2015 at the age of 95. Dr. Shah was a Gandhian by thought, Quit India Movement freedom fighter and an agricultural economist who made outstanding contribution in the field of agricultural research and development

He taught agricultural economics at **Mumbai University** and served as **Visiting Scholar at Harvard University** and as **World Bank Consultant after retirement**. Dr. Shah served with distinction the Society as the Editor of the Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics during the year 1987 and served the Society in one capacity or other. He was the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Society from 1968-71 and as Hon. Jt Secretary from 1961-66. He presided over the 39th Annual Conference of the Society held at Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore in 1979. The theme of his Presidential Address was **Food Preferences and Nutrition: A Perspective on Poverty in Less Developed Countries**

Dr. Shah was a Life Member of the Society. He took active interest in the affairs of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics. He has published a number of books and research papers in both national and international journals. In his death the academic community has lost a renowned economist of national and international repute.

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