

Heartfelt Condolences to our founder Director Dr P.N. Bhat



(Prof. P N Bhat 9.10.1937 – 11.6.2020)

Dr Pushkar Nath Bhat Former Director, ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats passed away on 11.6.2020. The entire ICAR-CIRG family offers their heartfelt and deepest condolences and remembers the Founder director and his vision for CIRG.

Dr Bhat was born on 9 October 1937 in Nunar, Ganderbal in Jammu & Kashmir, India and had been educated at National High School, Srinagar, 1948-52; Sri Pratap College, Srinagar 1955; College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Mathura, 1955-59; Post Graduate College of Animal Sciences, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar 1959-61; Institute of Population Genetics, Purdue University, Indiana, USA, 1961-65; BVSc & AH 1959; MVSc (AH) 1961; PhD 1965.

He was Project Coordinator (Animal Breeding), 1970-74, 1979-84, and Head, Division of Animal Genetics, 1971-79, IVRI, Izatnagar; Director, Central Institute for Research on Goats (CIRG), Makhdoom (UP), 1981-84; Director/Vice Chancellor, IVRI, Izatnagar, 1984-92; Animal Husbandry Commissioner to Government of India, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, New Delhi 1992-94; Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences), ICAR, New Delhi, 1992-94; Director, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi, 1994; Officer on Special Duty (DIPA), ICAR, New Delhi, 1994-97.

He was a Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India, 1987; National Academy of Veterinary Sciences, 1993; National Academy of Agricultural Science, 1993 and worked as Chairman, World Buffalo Trust and Centre for Integrated Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development.

His major Research interest was Animal Genetics and Breeding, animal genetic resources conservation and management, animal production in tropics, animal biotechnology, and research management systems, etc.

He will always remain within our hearts of all CIRG fraternity. We pray to The Almighty for eternal peace for the departed noble soul of this legendary veterinary scientist.