

## Obituary of Professor Dr. Chandra Bahadur Shrestha

(31 December 1934 - 8 April 2022)

Prof. Dr Chandra Bahadur Shrestha was born on 31st December 1934 in Bhaktapur where he has grown and later shifted to Sanepa, Lalitpur. He spent the rest of his life with his family in Sanepa. He completed his school-level education at a school in Bhaktapur. He earned his higher-level academic degrees from different universities: a Master's degree in geography from Allahabad University, India, and Post Graduate Diploma and MSc in geography from Edinburgh University, United Kingdom. He received his PhD degree in Geography from Tribhuvan University, Nepal.



Late Professor Shrestha started his early career in teaching as a headteacher at Balaju Boarding School in Kathmandu. After a few months of teaching in the school, he joined Bhaktapur College. He served there from 1959 to 1966 in the capacity of principal. He joined the Central Department of Geography as a lecturer in 1966 and went to the United Kingdom for further study. He became a member of the International Association of University Presidents in 1966. He was promoted to Reader in 1973 and became Professor of Geography in 1980. He headed the Central Department of Geography from 1973 to 1986. He was appointed a full-time member of the National Planning Commission of the Government of Nepal from 1987 to 1991. Again, he returned to the Central Department of Geography and was involved in teaching and research. He retired from his formal service from Tribhuvan University on 14th January, 1995. After he retired from formal service, he was also involved in teaching and research activities at the Central Department of Geography, Tribhuvan University for a few years.

Professor Shrestha was brilliant and versatile genius. He contributed significantly to different fields: teaching, research, national planning and policy formulation. He had supervised master-level theses and PhD dissertations in Geography. Despite teaching, training, and thesis supervision, he completed several national and international research projects.

Professor Shrestha had published several books. To his credit are the books: *Cultural Geography of Nepal*, and *Human Geography* (in Nepali). Besides, he was the principal author of the books: *Historic City of Asia: Kathmandu*, *Environmental Resource Management in Nepal*, and *Settlement System, Small Towns and Market Centers in the Bagmati zone sub-region*. He contributed to several publications such as *Mountain Population Pressure* as a co-editor, *Redistribution of Population and Development in South Asia*, *Nepal Himalayas*, *The Himalayas*, *Census Mapping Survey*, *Urban Poor and Infrastructure Surveys in South and Pacific Asia*, *Nepal Conflict Resolution and Sustainable Peace*, *Democratization and Regional Development*.

Such a brilliant and versatile genius and our respected Guru left this world forever on 8th April, 2022 at B & B Hospital, Lalitpur. The Central Department of Geography has lost a well-known geographer, active researcher and visionary planner. The noteworthy and inspirational memories of visionary leadership, academic integrity, friendly and frank behaviour with his colleagues, students and fellow researchers are deeply seated in our hearts and minds. These memories are guidelines for us in our journey of academic pursuit. The Central Department of Geography family wish eternal peace for the departed soul of late Prof. Shrestha and extend deepest condolence to his family members.