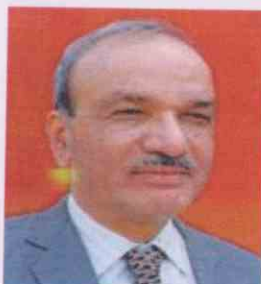


## Obituary

### Sri Krishna Joshi



(1935-2020)

It is with a sense of profound loss that we record the sad demise of Prof. S.K.Joshi, an outstanding scientist who made valuable contributions to the development of several S&T institutions in the country. Prof. Joshi was associated with many DAE units, and in particular their academic programs. He was the Chairman of the Executive Council of Institute of Mathematical Sciences for over two decades and steered the growth of IMSc. He was the Chairman of Governing Council of Institute of Physics and Chairman of Board of Governors of NISER for several years. In fact, he played a key role in the formative stages of NISER. He made immense contributions to the establishment of Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI) as a Deemed-to-be University, as the Chairman of the Expert Committee that provided inputs to UGC. He was also a member of the Planning and Monitoring Board of HBNI. It is obvious that he has made everlasting contributions to the establishment and growth of a number of academic institutions under DAE. Prof. Joshi was also a member of the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS) for nearly two decades and played an important role in the evolution of its policies.

Other institutions whose growth benefitted from the advice and guidance of Prof. Joshi include IIT Roorkee (Chairman, BoG), National Physical Laboratory (Director), Inter-University Accelerator Centre (Chairman of Governing Board), Indian Association for Cultivation of Science (Council Chairman) and National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) (Chairman). He steered the

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) as its Director General, through the initial phase of economic liberalization in India.

In his illustrious career, Prof. Joshi was decorated with several prestigious awards, including the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award, and Padma Bhushan. Every person who has interacted with him recalls the critical insights he always provided on every topic of discussion, and his simplicity and humility. Prof. Joshi will always be remembered by the scientific community for his excellent contributions in diverse domains of scientific resource development and science management.

The Nation has lost one of its visionary science leaders. May his soul rest in peace.