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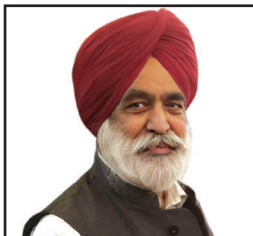
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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Devinder Singh Dhaliwal
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It is with very heavy heart I share that former Principal, esteemed geographer and dedicated educator, Dr. Devinder Singh Dhaliwal, has left us for his heavenly abode on May 30, 2023. Dr. Dhaliwal has left behind a legacy that will be cherished forever. Born at village Kot Mohammed Khan in Tarn Taran district of Punjab he was yet at an early age when his family shifted to village Haibatpur in Karnal district of Haryana. He did his matriculation in 1963 from KSD High School Kirmach, Karnal, now Kurukshetra. He did his graduation from the University College, Kurukshetra in 1969 and also post-graduation in 1972 from the Department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. He also acquired B. Lib. Degree in 1973 from the same university. He did his doctoral degree from HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar, Uttarakhand in 2003. During his formative years, he was a prominent leader in student politics and sports. He was elected to various posts in the students' union and was playing member of Kurukshetra University Hockey Team.

He joined as lecturer in 1973 and became the founder faculty of Geography Department at Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Karnal. He dedicated 34 years to teaching and

administration and loved every minute of it. As a teacher, he left an indelible mark on countless students, inspiring them with his passion for geography and his dedication to their growth and development. His classroom was not just a place for learning; it was a sanctuary for nurturing young minds. During his teaching career, he was instrumental in organizing various national and international seminars in the college. He was elevated to the post of Principal of the college in the year 2000 and retired from the same position on August 31, 2007.

During his career, he also served as N.C.C. Officer (Army Wing) for several years. He has been a member of Academic Council, member Court and member Executive Council, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Vice Chancellor's nominee in Governing Bodies of various Colleges, etc. He has been a member of National Accreditation and Assessment Committee, Bengaluru on several occasions. Dr. Dhaliwal had special interest in working with the professional academic bodies. He was the founder member of Association of Punjab Geographers (APG) and served for the cause of it in various capacities. He was the President of APG for years 2007-08

and 2008-09. He was also a life member of National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) and also remained the Vice-President of North-Western Region of this organization. He was also deeply associated with Kanwar Surjit Singh Institute for Spatial Planning and Environment Research, India, Panchkula. Dr. Dhaliwal took a keen interest in the welfare of educators and the betterment of the education system as a whole. He became a stalwart in the teachers' union, dedicating himself to the cause of teachers' rights and the improvement of educational standards. His unwavering commitment and leadership qualities led him to become the General Secretary and State President of the Haryana College Teachers' Union, a role in which he made significant strides in advocating for the interests of the educators. In teaching fraternity of Aided

Colleges of Haryana, he was popularly known as 'Pradhan Ji'. He was founder Patron of Retired College Principals and Teachers Federation, Haryana till he breathed his last. He was married to Late Mrs. Narinder Kaur in 1974. He is survived by three sons settled in Australia and Singapore.

Dr. Dhaliwal will be remembered not only for his professional accomplishments but also for the warmth and compassion he brought to the lives of those around him. His legacy will continue to shine as a beacon of inspiration, reminding us all of the profound impact one person can have on the world.

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