

## IDA PAYS TRIBUTE TO AN OUTSTANDING DAIRY SCIENTIST

# Dr N C Ganguli passes away

FORMER INDIAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION (North Zone) Chairman and Vice President of IDA, Dr N C Ganguli passed away in Bangalore on 30th May 2009. He was 82.

An outstanding scientist, Dr Ganguli made several contributions in dairy research and in furthering the cause of the dairy industry through teaching, research and development.

Dr Ganguli was born on 1st August 1927 at Churain in Dhaka, Bangladesh. After obtaining his M.Sc. in Applied Chemistry in 1949 and D.Sc. degree in Biochemistry in 1955 from Calcutta University, Dr Ganguli went for Post-doctoral research in Berkeley University, California, USA. He was also conferred D.Sc. degree (Honoris Causa) in 1999 by West Bengal University of Animal and Fisheries Sciences.

Dr Ganguli started his career as an Assistant Research Officer in an ICMR project. In 1961 he joined the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) at Karnal, Haryana as an Associate Professor of Biochemistry. He made myriad and outstanding contributions in Dairy Research at NDRI till 1985. During this period, he was promoted to positions of Dairy Biochemist, Head of Dairy Chemistry and ICAR's Hon'ble Chair of Professor of Eminence in 1978.

He also served as Principal of Dairy Science College and guided 34 Ph.D. and 20 M.Sc. students in various facets of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Dr Ganguli became an outstanding scientist in solving the basic problems faced in buffalo milk processing and buffalo semen preservation. He published 480 research papers. His work on structure and function of milk proteins and opiods in milk received international attention. The most prestigious publication from Dr Ganguli was that of his



book "Milk Proteins", published by ICAR in 1974, which is now used as reference.

After a successful research career in Dairy Science, Dr Ganguli joined ICAR headquarters in New Delhi in 1985 as Officer on Special Duty. He was also responsible for initiating the Biotechnology Panel at ICAR.

Dr Ganguli was the recipient of several prestigious awards, which included the Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award of ICAR, P Bhattacharya Memorial Award and the CSIRO Jubilee Award in Dairy Research, Australia.

Dr Ganguli served as Chairman of India Dairy Association (IDA) North Zone as well as Vice President of IDA. He also acted as the chief editor of Indian Journal of Dairy Science and Indian Dairyman, besides being a member of the Editorial Board of IDA.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to dairy science, the IDA conferred upon him the Fellowship in 2005 during the Dairy Industry Conference at Bangalore. Till recently, he served as a Scientific Advisor to Dabur India and K C Dass, Bangalore.

