

## OBITUARY



**DR. INAMULLAH KHAN**  
(1919 - 1997)

Dr. Inamullah Khan died peacefully on 5th of Ramzan i.e., 15th May 1997 at Lahore, Pakistan. May God Almighty shower His choicest blessings upon the departed soul and may his soul rest in peace in heaven. Amen.

Dr. Inamullah Khan s/o Dr. Ghulam Rasul Khan was born on August 1919 at Hoshiarpur, India. He obtained the M.Sc. degree from the Agriculture College, Lyallpur (Faisalabad) in 1943. The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, awarded him the degree of Ph.D in 1980 for his work on the "Root rot disease of cotton in Pakistan".

Dr. Inamullah Khan served at the Department of Plant Protection, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Pakistan, Karachi as Technical Assistant (27 July 1949 - 25 July 1950), Assistant Quarantine Entomologist (26 July 1950 - 7 November 1952). Dr. Inamullah Khan then joined the Agriculture College, Lyallpur where he served as Assistant Plant Pathologist (9 November 1952 - 29 April, 1962). The status of the Agriculture College was raised to the University where Dr. Inamullah Khan served as Lecturer (30 April 1962 - 30 November 1962), Senior Lecturer (1 December 1962 - 3 May 1970), Assistant Professor (1 June 1970 - 6 December, 1974) and Associate Professor (7 December 1974 - 18 August 1979) when he retired after attaining the super annuation age.

Dr. Inamullah Khan has published more than 50 scientific research papers in journals of international repute of home and abroad. Apart from teaching courses related to fungal and nematode diseases of crop plants, he made significant contributions on the root rot disease of cotton in Pakistan. Only certain isolates of *Rhizoctonia solani* produced the disease on cotton seedlings besides a synergistic relationship between fungi and nematodes was established. He also initiated work on nematode diseases of crop plants where *Meloidogyne hapla*, the root knot nematode on potato was reported from West Pakistan. Similarly citrus orchards showed heavy infestation of *Tylenchulus semipenetrans*.

Dr. Inamullah Khan was a gentleman of the old school, dignified, very courteous and precise in his speech. He has left behind his wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters and a large number of his students. He is remembered a great deal for his devotion to the subject of Plant Pathology and for his affection and love to his associates.

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