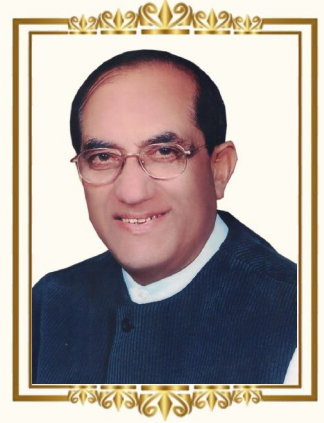


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PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA (POSTHUMOUS)



Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra was a distinguished Indian politician, academic, and sports administrator.

2. Born on 3rd December, 1931 in Lahore during British India, Prof. Malhotra rose from RSS roots to become a cornerstone of the BJP in Delhi, blending intellectual rigor with administrative prowess. He second of seven children, migrated from Lahore post-Partition and pursued Hindi literature, earning a Ph.D. on poet Sohan Lal Dwivedi. He taught as a professor at PGDAV College, Delhi, for nearly 36 years, instilling discipline and values in generations of students. His scholarly pursuits extended to authoring books like *Hindutva Shadyantron Ke Ghere Mein* and *Kamal Shashwat Sanskritik Prateek*, alongside prolific writing for journals.

3. Entering politics via RSS and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Prof. Malhotra became Delhi's youngest Chief Executive Councillor (equivalent to Chief Minister) in 1967 at the age of 35, ushering a "Golden Era" of infrastructure like new flyovers, schools and colleges. A five-time MP and two-time MLA, he notably defeated former Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh in 1999 and was the sole BJP winner MP in Delhi in 2004. He was jailed for 19 months during the Emergency. He chaired key Parliamentary Committees, including Public Accounts, and led BJP campaigns, notably sweeping all seven Delhi seats in 2014.

4. A pioneer in sports, Prof. Malhotra served over 40 years as the President of Archery Association of India since 1973, elevating the sport globally, and as acting President, IOA (2011— 2012) post-CWG scandal. He acted as Chef-de-Mission at 1974 Asian Games, chaired Olympic preparation committees for record medals in 2002, and later led the All India Council of Sports. His efforts secured world-class equipment for athletes and hosted the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi. His clean image, mentorship, and contributions—from Malhotra Committees on Housing and Education to rehabilitating slums—left an indelible mark on Delhi.

5. Prof. Malhotra passed away on 30th September, 2025.