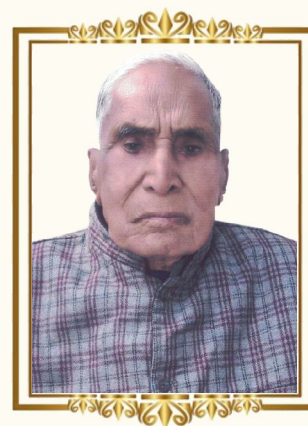




DR. GOPAL JI TRIVEDI (POSTHUMOUS)



Dr. Gopal Ji Trivedi was an agriculture Scientist and former Vice-Chancellor of Rajendra Agriculture University, Pusa, Bihar.

2. Born on 15th February, 1930, Dr. Trivedi received his Bachelor of Agriculture and Master of Agriculture Extension Education degree from the Agriculture College, Sabaur, Bihar in 1954 and 1958 respectively. He did his Ph.D. in Agricultural Extension Education from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Pusa, New Delhi in the year 1963. Later, he worked as Professor in Tirhut College of Agriculture, Dholi, Bihar. He was Director, Extension Education, at Rajendra Agriculture University, Pusa, Bihar and later became Vice-Chancellor of the same university from 1988 to 1991.

3. The contribution of Dr. Trivedi in developing a socio-economic status scale, popular as 'Trivedi Scale' for rural families has been pioneering not only in the country but the whole world, which introduced the concept of measurement of qualitative characters into quantitative terms. Popular in the area as Gaon Purush, Kishan Mitra and Karma Yogi, he was living continuously since last 34 years in his village, a rare example for a person of his stature due to his love for rural life and living and interest in farmers prosperity. He helped farmers to improve their productivity and enhance their income.

4. Dr. Trivedi's efforts got 22 farmers to convert their abandoned water logged chaur area of 86 acres for fish-based farming system popularly called as BABA (Bihar Aquaculture Based Agriculture) which helped to increase the level of underground water table in adjoining areas, providing direct employment to marginalized rural population. Muzaffarpur area being famous for litchi cultivation, he introduced the concept of Private-Private partnership (farmers and agro industries) which helped farmers to produce quality litchis. This motivated farmer for setting up litchi processing plant in village itself. He was the first farmer in the State adopting rejuvenation and canopy management in his Litchi Orchard when nobody wanted to cut and prune branches of Litchi trees.

5. Since last five years, on the principle of Think Global, Act Local, Dr. Trivedi initiated a programme to increase the productivity of Maize to USA level (10 ton/ha.) from 5 ton in Bihar State. He took initiatives to convince the farmers towards growing winter maize to enhance the production. With new technology farmers started getting a yield of more than 10 tons, thus increasing the income of farmers and employment.

6. Dr. Trivedi was honoured by Chief Minister, Bihar, for his contribution in the field of Agriculture in a Farmers Conference at Patna in 2012. He was awarded gold medal in 1954 for standing first in the whole state in an essay competition organized by Bihar Rashtra Bhasha Parishad and given by the then Hon'ble President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad. He received Krishi Rishi Award (2015) at the Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot Gramoday Vishwavidyalay, Chitrakoot. He was honoured with Life Time Achievement Award by the then Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil for contribution in agriculture in an International Conference held at Delhi in November, 2011. Excellence in Extension Education Award was given to him by the then Prime Minister of India, Shri Chandrasekhar on the occasion of the International Conference at Delhi in 1991. His outstanding contribution led to his citation as personality of significance in Reference Asia, Asia's Who's Who of Men and Women of Achievements, 1995.

7. Dr. Trivedi passed away on 12th May, 2026.