

## OBITUARY



### **PROFESSOR ANAND SWARUP ARYA 1931-2019**

Prof. A.S. Arya former President of Indian Society of Earthquake Technology left for his heavenly abode on September 01, 2019.

Professor Anand Swarup Arya, popularly known as Prof. Arya, was born on June 16, 1931 at Ambehta, in the Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh, in undivided India. Prof. Arya obtained his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Roorkee in 1954; Master's Degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Roorkee and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, USA in 1961. As a testament to his internationally acclaimed work, he was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the University of Illinois, USA as well as by the IIT Roorkee.

Prof. Arya spent his entire academic career spanning 36 years at the University of Roorkee (IIT Roorkee now). He played a significant role in the establishment of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology in 1962 and the establishment of a Post Graduate Course in Earthquake Engineering at the University of Roorkee in 1963. He rose to the position of the Head of Earthquake Engineering Department in 1971 and became Pro-Vice Chancellor in 1988. After the formal retirement in 1989, he continued to hold the prestigious life-long position of Professor Emeritus at the University.

Prof. Arya was instrumental in the establishment and growth of ISET. He served as the society's Secretary for three terms during 1965-68, its Vice-President for six terms during 1972-79, and its President for two terms during 1979-83. He was the Organizing Secretary when ISET organized the Sixth World Conference on Earthquake Engineering in New Delhi, in 1977. His long association with the Earthquake Engineering Sectional Committee of BIS resulted in the publication and revisions of various Indian Standards, viz., IS:1893, IS:4326, IS:4967, to name a few. His contributions to the internationally recognized IAEE manual of Non-Engineered Constructions are well known and acknowledged world over. The IAEE manual was translated in many languages and is used in several countries. His dedication and untiring efforts to improving the Earthquake Resistance of Non-Engineered and Low-cost Masonry Buildings and their retrofitting in Post-Earthquake Scenario is unparalleled.

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