



Obituary



Dr. Rani Perumal
1 September 1937 - 19 November 2018

The Indian Society of Soil Science records with a deep sense of sorrow and grief about the demise of Dr. Rani Perumal, Former Professor and Head (SS&AC), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore after a brief illness.

Dr. Rani Perumal was born on 1st September, 1937 in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. She graduated from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and took her M.Sc. (Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry), in the year 1971. She started her career as an Assistant Professor at Agriculture College and Research Institute, Coimbatore on 8th July, 1959 for assisting UG administration and handling UG courses and doing research and extension services to the farming society. She was awarded Doctorate of Philosophy in Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry during the year 1975 from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. She guided and inspired many students to move forward to find a placement in nodal agencies like Indian Council of Agricultural Research, reputed academic institutions, State Agriculture Department and Banking sectors. She participated at various trainings, symposium and international seminars in foreign countries.

As President of the Coimbatore Chapter of the Indian Society of Soil Science during 1994-1997, she had actively involved herself in chapter activities.

She authored more than 5 books and 30 research and 20 popular articles. Her field of specialization is soil fertility with a focus on soil test crop response (STCR) and integrated plant nutrient system (IPNS) technology. She guided 10 Ph.D. and P.G. students in the stream of Soil Science. She was an active member of the Indian Society of Soil Science and various scientific bodies and she has been honoured with the Fellow of Indian Society of Agricultural Chemists. She secured many awards from various organizations. She had retired from service on 31st August, 1997 after serving as Professor and Head, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, TNAU, Coimbatore .

She is survived with husband and relatives and we convey our heartfelt condolences to her husband and bereaved family members. May her soul rest in peace.