

In Memorium
Professor Rushikesh M. Maru
(1941-1998)

Professor Rushikesh M. Maru, (1941-1998), a well-known authority on Public Policy and Management and the Director of the Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur, passed away on the evening of April 23, 1998 leaving a great void. With nearly two decades of national and international experience in research, teaching and consulting in the field of health and population, he was at the top of the profession. He had served on the faculties of several prestigious academic institutions in India and abroad, including the Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, the University of Lund, Sweden, and the University of Michigan, U.S.A. For over 6 years, Professor Maru was the Associate Director of the MCH-FP Extension Project in Bangladesh. He was associated, among others, with the Population Council and the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases Research, Bangladesh. He was also WHO Advisor of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh. He served as Coordinator of the Indian Management Institutes' Working Group on Social Development Management. He was member of several prestigious academic and professional bodies, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences Working Group on Social Development Management. He was member of several prestigious academic and professional bodies, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences Working Group of Population Programme effectiveness; ICOMP; International Awards Nominations Committee; WHO's Steering Committee of the Strategic Programme Component Strategy on Technology Introduction and Transfer. Professor Maru was also the Chairman of the last mentioned WHO Committee. He undertook several important assignments for international organisations such as World bank, UNFPA, WHO, ICOMP, UNICEF and UNESCO in many developing countries including Egypt, Bangladesh, Philippines, Mauritius, Kenya, Malawi, Indonesia and China. He published during his working career a large number of very significant technical papers and two important books.

Professor Maru was a great team-builder and leader. He had the extraordinary capacity to identify all the strong points in the persons who had been associated with him as colleagues and subordinates, and to develop them and use them in attaining the collective objectives. All those who came into contact with him not only respected him but also loved him. The death of Professor Maru is an enormous loss for the academic community and all those involved in health and population management.

We pray that the members of his family be endowed with the needed strength and courage to face the great loss.

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