

It was a day of pleasure, when in the family of Shri Ganesh Lal Godawat (Jain) a son took birth on 14th April, 1952. He was nurtured with the teaching of Jain religion at his home by his mother Smt. Sohan Bai .He earned his M. Sc.(Ag) and Ph. D. from a college of international repute the Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur, Rajasthan. **Prof.Shyam Lal Godawat** was student of brilliant academic career, but the teaching of his mother always inspired him to serve the rural population which is in need of helping hands from scientific community. Prof. Godawat with his concentrated research efforts developed and released so many high yielding hybrids and composites varieties of maize for upliftment of economic status of marginal farmer community and overcome malnutrition problem by releasing QPM varieties.

He has an experience of 37 years in the field of teaching, research and extension. During his period of service he hold many key positions in the university like Technical Project Leader, Principal Investigator, Project Incharge, Head of the Department and he had a feather in his cap as he served the Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Udaipur in the capacity of Dean from where he earned his M. Sc. (Ag) and Ph.D., and started his career. Prof. Shyam Lal Godawat has guided a large number of M. sc (Ag) and Ph. D. scholars for their dissertations,who are serving in different organizations across the country.

He has published 80 national and international research papers on his credit and many popular scientific articles for the welfare of scientific

and farmer community. He had been the member of many national committees and apex bodies. Prof. Godawat proved his worth as a good organizer by organizing several national and international conferences, workshops, symposia etc. in the field of agricultural sciences. Prof. Godawat had vast professional international exposure. He visited Mexico, China, Indonesia, France, England, Sydney and Germany as a representative scientist for improvement in research and education in the field of agriculture in India.

As regards spiritual side, he extensively studied many Jain scriptures and is a man of principles and has a sense of social service. Being a scientist he is actively involved in discussion related to Science & Jainism and exploring the scientific nature of Jain philosophy. Prof. Godawat is closely associated with digamber *acharya, muni maharaj gurudev*(saints). He is keenly involved in *Ahar Charya* of digamber saints and help in their services. Prof. Godawat participated in conference organized by SOAS, University of London, London in March 2015, which was sponsored by Gyan Sagar Science Foundation. He is recipient of many awards and titles such as *Vigyan-Shree, Dharm-Prabhavak, Gyan -shree, Gyan-Dani* in the auspicious presence and blessings of *Vaigyanik Dharmacharya Kanaknandi ji Gurudeva* by different organizations.

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