Professor Y.K. Alagh Passes Away

A Tribute by the ISED Small Enterprise Observatory

Noted economist and former Union Minister for Science and Technology & Planning, Professor Y.K. Alagh is no more. Chairman of the Special Advisory Team of the ISED Small Enterprise Observatory since 2001, he was 83.

Besides being an all-rounder in the Economics discipline, he was a successful institution builder. Besides his contribution to building up the Sardar Patel Institute Of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR), Ahmedabad, along with Dr D.T. Lakdawala, he was keen on supporting institutional initiatives in various forms, both with peers and novices in the Discipline. That is how, my relationship with him since the late 1970’s has grown into a significant grooming of ideas and initiatives under the banner of the ISED Small Enterprise Observatory.

“Professor Y.K. Alagh was a distinguished scholar who was passionate about various aspects of public policy, particularly rural development and the environment. Pained by his demise”, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on Twitter.

Our respectful homage to the departed soul; heart-felt condolences to his bereaved family. The ISED family and especially the Observatory would really miss his guidance and a lull in its direction. However, the spark of “knowledge for development”, which he tried to promote through the work of the Observatory obviously will guide all who are engaged in the policy and practice of MSME development in the country.

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