

## OBITUARY



We are deeply saddened to announce the sad demise of Dr. Niladri Bihari Mishra, a distinguished researcher on tribal culture, heritage, and language, on 4th July 2024 at the age of 70 by sudden heart attack. Dr. Mishra's profound contributions to the study of Juang tribes and preservation of indigenous cultures have left an indelible mark on the academic and research community and beyond.

A renowned environmentalist, Late Dr. Mishra dedicated his life to understanding and advocating for the intricate connections between tribal communities and their natural surroundings. His pioneering research shed light on the rich heritage and linguistic diversity of these communities, bringing their stories and struggles to the forefront. Late Dr. Mishra fought for justice for poor tribal labourers who lost their eyesight while working in the pyrophyllite mines. Through his efforts, they received compensation as awarded by the court.

Dr. Mishra authored more than 12 books, each a testament to his unwavering commitment to his field. His scholarly works have not only enriched our knowledge but have also inspired countless others to continue his legacy of cultural preservation and environmental stewardship.

His outstanding contributions were recognized with numerous awards, reflecting his dedication, passion, and excellence in research. Dr. Mishra's work transcended academic boundaries, impacting policy, education, and community initiatives aimed at preserving the invaluable heritage of tribal cultures.

Taking up the unfinished work of Dr. Mishra by any renowned researcher would indeed be valuable, as it could potentially advance knowledge or solve problems that benefit the society. CEHESH TRUST OF INDIA is ready to support researchers interested in this field. Honoring Dr. Mishra's legacy and contributions by furthering his research would be a meaningful endeavor.

The CEHESH FRATERNITY pays homage to this great departed soul and offers sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

Photograph: Dr. Niladri Bihari Mishra receives "Keonjhar Sanskruti Samman" from Mr. Pradip Kumar Jena, Chief Secretary, Odisha on the occasion of the 1st Foundation Day of D.D. University, Keonjhar, Odisha, India.

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