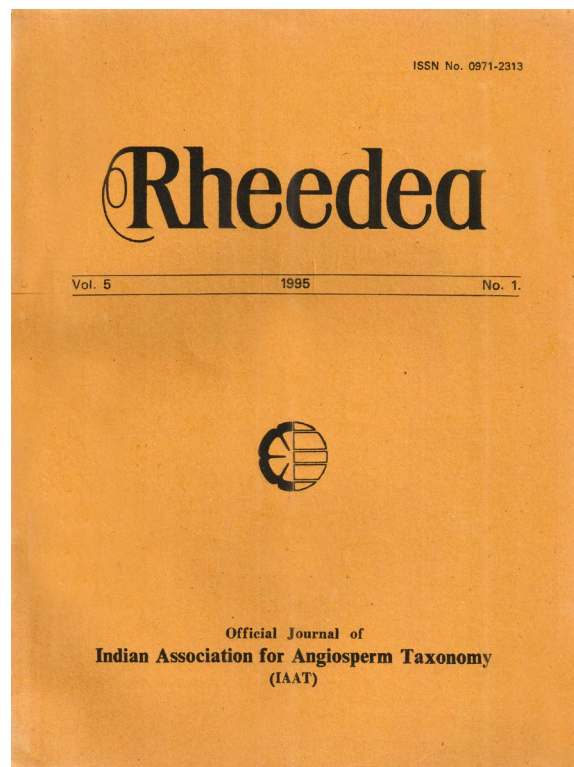




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The sudden demise of Dr. Shiva Sharma was a rude shock to the I. A. A. T., as he was its current President and was expected to preside over its 5th annual meeting in September, 1995 at Tiruchirappally. He had a massive heart attack on 14th March while he was at Warasioni, Madhya Pradesh and fought for his life for four days ultimately succumbing on 18th March, 1995.

Born on 2nd November 1931, Dr. Shiva Sharma had a distinguished academic career, beginning with winning the coveted Colvin's Medal, from Government College, Ajmer, in 1950, for topping amongst the science graduates. Before joining the Department of Botany of the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, in 1962, he had taught at the Hindu College, Nagina, NREC College, Khurja, and SD College, Beawar.

Apart from having been a popular teacher, he was a conscientious researcher in plant taxonomy and floristics, and published four books and several papers in these subjects. He was instrumental in organising the Rajasthan University Herbarium at Jaipur and successfully organised three national seminars. Interacting with him personally was like facing a pleasant breeze.

Above all, Dr. Shiva Sharma was one who did his best to keep the light of plant taxonomy burning in his part of the country, at a time when this subject was in neglect and disregard. Plant taxonomists in India will remember Dr. Shiva Sharma for a long time to come.

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