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Trilok Singh Papola

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Prof. T.S. Papola, a founder Member, former Director and currently Honorary Professor, at Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi; Chairman, Giri Institute of Development Studies (GIDS), Lucknow; founder Member of Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi and Chairman, Fourth State Finance Commission of Uttarakhand.

Prof. Papola is a well-known development economist with over four decades of experience in teaching, research and advisory assignments. He specialised in the areas of labour and employment, development planning, industrial economics, regional development and enterprise development. He taught at the Universities of Lucknow and Bombay, Indian Institute of Management (Ahmedabad), and University of Cambridge, U.K. He was an Advisor with Planning Commission, Government of India for eight years (1987–1995). He worked as Head, Mountain Enterprises and Infrastructure Division at

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu for six and half years (1996–2002) where he was responsible for developing and carrying out a programme of studies and documentation, consultation and advisory services in enterprise development in the mountain areas of Bhutan, China, India, Nepal and Pakistan.

Dr Papola wrote extensively in the areas of his specialisation. He published 14 books and over 80 research papers in reputed journals. Books authored and edited by him include *Locational Diversification of Industries*, *Rural Industrialisation*, *Wage Structure and Labour Mobility in a Local Labour Market*, *Informal Sector in a Developing Economy*, *Gender and Employment in India and Growth*, *Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Resource Management in the Mountain Areas of South Asia*. He edited a ten volume series on *Labour Regulation in Indian Industry*.

Dr Papola was Chairman/Member of several State and National level bodies including Chairman of U.P. Taxation Enquiry Committee (1983–84); Member, State Planning Board, U.P. (1980–86); and Member, Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi (1982–1988). He was also a Member (part-time) of the National Commission on Enterprises in Unorganised Sector, appointed by Government of India (2005–2009) and Member of the Prime Minister Advisory Council on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). He worked in consultative and advisory capacities with international organisations such as ILO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNICEF and UNDP and was on advisory missions and assignments in Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Gambia, the Philippines and Vietnam.

Dr Papola was President, Indian Society of Labour Economics, an association of teachers, researchers and practitioners in the field of labour in India, during 1994–2008. He was also President of the Indian Economic Association, for the year 2005–2006. Dr Papola was awarded VKRV Rao Young Social Scientist Prize for outstanding contribution in Economics in 1984. He was also conferred VKRV Rao Lifetime Achievement Award for contribution to Social Science by Indian Social Science Association and Kautilya Award by UP-Uttarakhand Economic Association in 2007.

Prof. Papola passed away peacefully for his heavenly abode, leaving behind the fond memories and remembrances that will continue to cherish the institutions which he established and nurtured.

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