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In Memoriam

DR. PREET RUSTAGI



(16 October 1967- 21 August 2017)

*Unwatch'd, the garden bough shall sway,
The tender blossom flutter down,
Unloved, that beech will gather brown,
This maple burn itself away...*

With these lines, we, the friends and colleagues of Prof. Preet Rustagi, grieve her sudden demise and remember her dynamic personality.

Dr. Rustagi has been an integral part of the institute since the year 2005. She joined as a Senior Fellow (July, 2005 to 2011) and later on in 2011 took charge of *professorship* at IHD. Additionally, in the course of her stay, she was an Associate Editor of the *Indian Journal of Labour Economics* (IJLE), a quarterly publication of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (2010 to 2014) and the Associate Editor of *Indian Journal of Human Development* since its first publication in 2008, till 2012. She also held the Joint Director's position at IHD from 2011 to 2013. Her association and work with the *Indian Society of Labour Economics* resulted in her becoming the Honorary Secretary in 2015.

Dr. Rustagi's conviction and contribution to the scholarship has been widely acknowledged. In a career spanning nearly two decades she wrote extensively on her areas of interest, namely, Gender, Employment and Livelihoods, Human Development Indicators, Violence, Urban Poverty, Education, Children, Food Security and Women and Child rights in particular. She is credited in promoting these endeavours through her active participation in different organisations such as Indian Society of Labour Economics, Indian Association for Women's Studies, Centre for Gender and Labour, V.V.Giri National Labour Institute, Women's Studies and Development Centre (WSDC), Delhi University, Department of Educational Management Information System (EMIS), National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation among others.

We shall always remain indebted and cherish her life and will remember her for the way she combined an impeccable work ethic, liberal values and camaraderie. She leaves behind an incredible spirit in the form of her valuable contributions, teachings and vision.

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