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## Dr. Jagatpati Tah

Dr. Jagatpati Tah, Visiting Professor, Department of Botany, Burdwan Raj College, Aftab House, Frazer Avenue, Burdwan – 713 104 and Department of Life Science & Biotechnology, Jadavpur University, 188 Raja SubodhMullick Road, Jadavpur, Kolkata – 700 032, West Bengal, started his journey in Botany from B.Sc (Honours in Botany) followed by Botany from Burdwan Raj College. He joined as Farm Assistant (equivalent to Farm Manager) before completion of M.Sc. degree in the Department of Botany, The University of Burdwan. Thereafter, he took up the higher post Senior Technical Assistant and within a couple year he Technical Teacher then Senior Teacher and then Selection Grade Teacher and now he is Visiting Professor after completion of 60 years of age.

He visited Canada to attend the XVIth International Congress of Genetics and availed a short term fellowship for three months in California University, United States of America in the year 1988. After coming back from USA he submitted his Ph.D. thesis in 1990. His research work was on the basis of *in-vivo* and *in-vitro* techniques. Dr. Tah first introduced cultivation of mushrooms in Burdwan district in 1992. He is pioneer worker on vermicompost in the state. He is the father of white sandal (*Santalum album* L.) cultivation in the state of West Bengal. He has 365 research publications to his credit. All most all the papers are published in international reputed journals.

He has successfully completed ten research projects funded by UGC and DST and still carrying out 3 projects on White sandal and CMS breeding in rice funded by DST, Government of West Bengal and one project on *in-vitro* propagules of potato (*Solanumtuberosum*). In the past during 1998 to 2006 he organized 56 workshops on Mushrooms and Vermiculture under the canopy of Rural Technology Centre of the University of Burdwan. He has rendered his service in five Forest Divisions as Monitoring Officer of FDA projects different districts of South West Bengal. Still, he is attached with the forest divisions for various problems of forest plantation. Six Research Scholars have been Awarded Ph.D. degree and eight are working under his guidance. Dr. Tah is a fellow member of various scientific and professional societies, including the International journal of Researches in Biosciences, Agriculture, Science and Technology.

He is attached with various Universities in connection of PG teaching, examinations, research etc. She has been active in the scientific community and has dedicated her entire life to academics, research and social service.

Ladies and gentle man, please welcome Dr. Jagatpati Tah with a huge round of applause.

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