

WILL IT RAIN TOMORROW?

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PROFESSOR G.C. ASNANI

Born in India (1922).

He was the holder of Competitive Government Scholarship throughout his secondary education. Passed Matriculation Examination in 1939 with Distinction. Passed B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics and Physics in 1943 and M.Sc. in Applied Mathematics in 1945 from Bombay University. He immediately joined Indian Meteorological Department and after training, started working as a weather forecasting officer.

He worked at aviation and non-aviation forecasting offices in India until 1961. While in service, he also carried out research in the field of forecasting for which he was awarded Ph.D. degree of Bombay University in 1959.

He was invited as a visiting scientist in the Department of Meteorology, University of California, Los Angeles, where he worked for one year (1962), particularly in computer simulation of the General Circulation of the Earth's atmosphere.

On return from U.S.A., he headed the section which was to prepare the "Manual of Weather Forecasting" for the Indian region.

In 1964, he joined the first batch of senior officers recruited in India for the newly formed Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Forecasting Research Division.

In 1968, he became the Head of a new Division for Training in Advanced Studies and Research Techniques.

In 1972, he became the head of Theoretical Studies Division.

While in India, he served on several national committees for planning of Training and Research in the field of Tropical Meteorology.

In the beginning of 1975, he joined United Nations Organization (World Meteorological Organization) and came as WMO Expert in the Department of Meteorology, University of Nairobi.

In December 1976, he was promoted as Professor of Meteorology. Since that time, he is also the Chairman of the Department of Meteorology.

He is Life member of the Indian Meteorological Society, Member of the American Meteorological Society and Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society, London.

His chief research interests lie in the field of improvement of weather forecasting in tropical regions through the application of dynamical equations and the computer techniques.

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