

In Loving Remembrance of Professor Prem Kumari Srivastava



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Professor Prem Kumari Srivastava was a renowned academic, litterateur, vociferous critic, popular teacher, supportive colleague and a beloved mentor to many. At the time of her unfortunate sudden demise, she was serving at Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi (DU) as Professor in the Department of English where she had been teaching since 1995.

Prof Srivastava was educated in Agra, deeply steeped in the Radhasoami Dayalbagh faith, and went on to obtain her PhD from IIT Delhi. During the course of her teaching and research career spanning over three decades, she served stints at the Institute of Life Long Learning (ILL), DU and Cluster Innovation Centre (DU), and has had to her credit over 85 publications, including books and research articles in noted national and international journals. She was a recipient of prestigious postdoctoral fellowships and several awards. Her association with the *Fortell* movement began in 2008, and she played a stellar role in the growth of its community as well as the Journal. She co-edited nine issues of *Fortell* journal, collaborating with almost all members of the *Fortell* Editorial Board, scholars from EFLU, Hyderabad and from the Department of English, University of Delhi.

Professor Srivastava – Prem, as she was fondly called by her peers and friends - was a rare soul, thoroughly professional yet effervescent, affectionate, and generous. “Full of energy and life”, is how many would describe her friendly, humble, empathetic and helping nature. She was always there for her students, associates, and mentees, relentlessly striving for excellence, be it in her organizations, publications, events, or the remarkable conferences that she organized. Prem would be remembered for her ease of articulation, her calmness in difficulties, her unmistakable humour, and her infectious laughter by all who knew her. That there was certain selflessness to her work and life is the unsaid marker of her extraordinary existence.

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