

Speakers' Biography



Vinod Raina

A physicist, resigned his job at Delhi University to work at grass roots on issues of rural education and rural development in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. With like-minded colleagues, he initiated the People's Science Movement in India that attempts to combine knowledge and science to craft alternate development models that improve the quality of life of the disadvantaged sections of society, within the regenerative capacity of the Earth. He worked both at the level of theory and practice in the political, scientific and ecological economy of sustainability. He had been involved with the Bhopal Gas Disaster and the Narmada dam issues and edited the book, 'The Dispossessed – Victims of Development in Asia' published by ARENA (Hong Kong) and Manohar Publications (New Delhi). In recent years he had been involved in Rights based work in India, in particular, the Right to Education and the Right to Food.

He had been a Asia Leadership Fellow, Japan, Homi Bhabha Fellow and Fellow of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi. He had taught a course on Science, Ecology and Culture at Lingnan University from time to time. He was a member of the International Council of the World Social Forum.

He left us forever on 12th September, 2013. What he has contributed to the human-being will not be forgotten.



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