



**Dr. Shibendu Shankar Ray**

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A born leader, who led by example, **Dr. Shibendu Shankar Ray**, belonged to that genre of people who can radiate energy and bring a smile on your face, even in an adversity. In addition to being a vivacious person, he was always helpful and took a lead role in the organization of things, be it official or inter-personal. Dr. SS Ray was truly a ray of enthusiasm, energy, positivity and happiness.

As an expert remote sensing scientist, he donned many feathers in his cap, notably amongst them being the monitoring of agriculture, suggesting post harvest storage locations, cropping systems analysis, precision farming studies etc. His stint as the founder Director of Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre (MNCFC), MoA & FW, New Delhi, has brought laurels both to the department as well as the remote sensing society. His contributions to the Indian Society of Remote Sensing had been exemplary and varied. He had helped conduct many national and international workshops and conferences. He was the Chair of the Working Group: WG VIII/6 of the ISPRS: Agriculture, Ecosystem and Biodiversity, Joint Secretary and Second Vice President of the ISRS during different terms. Currently, he was serving as the Associate Editor of the Journal of Indian Society of Remote Sensing, JISRS. For his scientific endeavors and zeal shown for the society's activities, he has been awarded the PR Pisharoty Award in the year 2006 and the Satish Dhawan Award in the year 2014, in addition to few other ISRO awards. The Indian Society of Remote Sensing pays homage to Dr. S.S.Ray and mourns the untimely passing away and pays its tributes to one of its brightest and most

energetic members. May his soul rest in eternal peace and God gives the strength to Family Members and all of us to bear this great loss.

ISRS Executive Council and its Members.