

Distinguished scholar-litterateur Dr Gopi Chand (GC) Narang

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Dr Gopi Chand Narang

MA Urdu

PhD Urdu 1958

Padma Bhushan 2004

Padma Shri 1990

Ghalib Award 1985

President of Pakistan Gold Medal 1977

Iqbal Samman 2011

Professor Emeritus

University of Delhi since 2005

Moorti Devi Award 2012

Published over 60 books in Urdu, English and Hindi

Professor Gopi Chand Narang (born 11 February 1931) is an Indian theorist, literary critic and scholar who writes in Urdu and English. His Urdu literary criticism has incorporated a range of modern theoretical frameworks including stylistics, structuralism, post-structuralism and Eastern poetics.

Gopi Chand was born in Dukki, a small town in Balochistan, British India (now Pakistan) to a Saraiki family. His father Dharam Chand Narang was a litterateur himself, and a scholar of Persian and Sanskrit, who inspired Gopi's interest in literature.

Gopi Chand received a Research Fellowship from the Ministry of Education to complete his PhD in 1958.

He taught Urdu Literature at **St Stephen's** and was Visiting Professor at the University of Wisconsin **USA** also teaching at the University of Minnesota and the University of Oslo, Norway, **Europe**. He rejoined the University of Delhi and served from 1986 to 1995.

In 2005, the University named him Professor Emeritus.

His first book (*Karkhandari Dialect of Delhi Urdu*) was published in 1961, a sociolinguistic analysis of a neglected dialect ***spoken by indigenous workers and artisans of Delhi***.

Gopi Chand's related volumes—*Amir Khusrow ka Hindavi Kalaam* (1987), *Saniha-e-Karbala bataur Sheri Isti'ara* (1986) and *Urdu Zabaan aur Lisaniyaat* (2006)—are renowned sociocultural and historical studies.

He was Vice-Chairman Delhi Urdu Academy (1996–1999) and the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language – MHRD (1998–2004) and Vice-President (1998–2002) and President (2003–2007) of the Sahitya Akademi.

An Indira Gandhi Memorial Fellow of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) 2002-2004, and a 1997 Resident, Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center in Italy, **Europe** and received the **Mazzini Gold Medal (Italy, 2005)**, the *Amir Khusrow Award* (Chicago **USA**, 1987), a *Canadian Academy of Urdu Language and Literature Award* (Toronto Canada, 1987), an *Association of Asian Studies (Mid-Atlantic Region) Award* (US, 1982), a **European Urdu Writers Society Award** (London, 2005), an *Urdu Markaz International Award* (Los Angeles USA, 1995) and an *Alami Farogh-e-Urdu Adab Award* (Doha, 1998).

*He is the **only Urdu writer honoured by the Presidents of both India and Pakistan.*** In 1977 Gopi Chand received the *President's National Gold Medal from Pakistan* for his work on Allama Iqbal. He received honorary Doctor of Letters degrees from Aligarh Muslim University (2009), Maulana Azad National Urdu University (2008) and the Central University in Hyderabad (2007).

Gopi Chand received the **Sahitya Akademi Award** in 1995, the Urdu Academy's **Bahadur Shah Zafar Award**, Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad Award (both in 2010), Madhya Pradesh Iqbal Samman (2011).

In 2009 The **Sahitya Akademi** conferred on Gopi Chand its highest honour, the *Fellowship*.

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*Our distinguished alumnus Gopi Chand is also a Neighbour-on-Campus, the pre-eminent **University Enclave** and is an inspirational presence, indeed!*

*His bungalow is on **Dr GC Narang Marg** : where else ?!*