

## **Professor T.S. Papola**



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### **Condolence Resolution**

The untimely death of Professor T.S. Papola, a towering personality among India's developmental economists, has left a great void in social science research. He was known not only for his sterling academic contributions but also for being a great human being committed to defend what he believed to be right and what was in the interest of the under-privileged. Instead of being lured by power structures and accepting positions of influence, he was content to introduce his own ideas into the thinking of national and international official organisations that he had been associated with during his illustrious career.

Professor Papola will also be remembered as a great institution-builder. While his contribution to the Giri Institute of Development Studies is well-known, he played a stellar role in the coming into being of the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development and the emergence of Institute for Human Development as leading research centres. He was the moving spirit behind the Indian Society of Labour Economics, an association of teachers, researchers and practitioners in the field of labour in India. In the process and as a teacher, he had guided many young scholars.

Professor Papola had earned a special place in the hearts of all of us at the ISID. He had endeared himself as a friend, philosopher and guide. In short, he was one of us. Most of us benefited both personally and professionally from his association. We will miss his affable smile, calming influence and above all, his scholarly interventions. We join the social science community in paying homage to him. May his soul rest in peace!

We pray the Almighty to give the members of Professor Papola's family the strength to withstand the greatest personal tragedy.