

Smt. Shanti Gupta (1919 - 1999)

Smt. Shanti Gupta was born on 24th September 1919 at Ludhiana. She got her early education at Chakwal-Jehlum now in Pakistan and topped the list of successful candidates at middle level which earned her a scholarship for higher education at Lahore by the then Punjab Government. She completed her M.A in Hindi and was later appointed as a professor in a college at Peshawar. She was married to Sh. H.L. Gupta, the Founder of Model Institute of Education and Research in 1942.

Immediately after her marriage she joined her illustrious husband in his pioneer endeavour for promotion of quality education in the private sector in J&K State. She was the Principal of Model Academy and *Chairperson of the Board of Directors of MIER from 1983 to 1999.*

Smt. Shanti Gupta was a forceful personality with vision and wisdom, faith and fortitude and a deep understanding of the aspirations of the budding youth. During her active service career spanning six decades she emerged as an ideal teacher and embodiment of immense love and affection for children. At the same time, her dash and dynamism were instrumental for the growth of both Model Academy and MIER. Throughout her life she played her role as a pioneer for promotion of quality education, particularly amongst women and other weaker sections of society.

Smt. Shanti Gupta was associated as the Chief Organiser of the J&K Cooperative Union for a number of years and represented the State in several international meets. She was associated with several national organizations including Congress and National Conference and also served as the incharge of the women's wing of National Conference. She was also the J&K Nominee in the executive council of Bansthali Vidya Peeth University in Rajasthan for over two decades. She was a member of the Advisory Body of Radio Kashmir Jammu for a number of years.

Smt. Shanti Gupta was a gifted poetess having six publications to her credit. She was also a Globe trotter having visited over 50 countries around the world during her several trips abroad. She was a fine organizer of co-curricular activities and was associated with the activities of Ladies Club, Jammu.

She travelled on foot the entire Jammu Belt along with Acharya Vinobha Bhave who specially selected her to address his gatherings. She was a scholar of Sanskrit and was associated with the Arya Samaj Movement for several decades.

She has left behind a large number of students who affectionately remember her as 'MADAM JI'.