



DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE, AWARDED TO DR. N.L. DONGRE, IPS

At some early span of life in Dr. N.L. Dongre's long carrier, more than three decades of it spent at the Indian Police Service. He was a renowned Police Officer of Madhya Pradesh and Indian Police Service. This happened because he is the best-the most eloquent, the most sharp-eyed, and incisive, and certainly a person of exceptionally great ability. Emeritus Professor Subhash Chandra Mukhopadhyay, D.Sc (HOD, Department of Geography, Kolkata University) put it after the award of Doctor of Letters Degree to Dr. Dongre- "Geography received an honoured guest, brilliant scholar, very unusually talented pragmatic and intellectually curious person."

A Doctor of Letters Degree is not necessarily something an individual can earn like a traditional Doctorate; instead most major Universities confer this degree to individuals who have original excellent and distinguished achievements in certain Academic Field.

Within the last few years, there has been a great upsurge of interest in Tectonics, both by layman and in Schools. This has been coincided with a period of great development in the Earth Sciences, especially in the application of new technique and the study in depth of many topics, both new and old. Tectonic features alone are independent and autonomous; surface process of degradation and deposition can only rework and reshape a tectonic feature. The Pachmarhis land surface is grouped primarily in tectonic, rather than a Geomorphologic basis. Tectonic of Pachmarhis are inherent in the internal built. According to accepted usage, land forms that result from crustal movements are tectonic landform. To decipher the tectonics of the Pachmarhis, a study has been performed by Dr.N.L. Dongre.

There is specific academic field of Geography in which Dr. Dongre has earned the highest honour, the Doctor of Letters Degree awarded by Awadesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa. His academic field has more recognition, especially in the Indian

Universities. Behind it all are the creative genius, because brilliant writing is difficult to sustain. Member of university Grant Commission, Professor Abha Laxmi Singh (HOD, Department of Geography of Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh) narrated about the research work of Dr. Dongre- "This thesis represents an exceptional piece of work. The literature review encompasses a wide range of key issues in Tectonics of the Pachmarhis' research, in an authoritative, critical and well-informed manner. The rationale for the study itself is explained clearly, and the investigation is carried out with a high degree of dedication, in accordance with current standards of good practice for research in Geography. The thesis embodies an original piece of research work characterized by the discovery of new facts and fresh approach towards interpretation of facts and theories. Dr. Dongre possesses original thinking, critical examination power and sound judgment. Appropriate conclusions and discussions are included in the thesis which is well written and presented throughout."

His shirts sleeves always rolled up and very simply, Dr. Dongre is better than anyone else of his generation in deciphering earth sciences great paradox and its fundamental enchantment; that a mute object, the Pachmarhis can be eloquent about the world. And he did it in language that could be as rich as any Geomorphologist. He is one of India's most promising Geomorphologist and famous exports. His research on Tectonics of the Pachmarhis is probably the most known history of how Pachmarhis is settled as a Tectonic Land scape. Dr. Dongre has powerful enthusiasm and zeal. Every page of his thesis is excellent. Member of Executive Council of Indian Institute of Geomorphologist, Allahabad University, Professor Alok Dubey rightly said in his review- "I congratulate the author on such an excellent impressive piece of work. The thesis is at a high level of originality and to examine a problem in depth. The ingenious and unconventional Dr. Dongre impressed and baffled his own time. He made major contribution to the cascade of new discoveries about the Pachmarhis. Dr. Dongre's clear explication of this scientific complexities, and attention to the idiosyncratic details, that makes up the Pachmarhis, a compelling document of great use. Dr Dongre with clearly demonstrable originality of thought, command of field and research sophistication producing work of publishable quality, worthy of highest academic

grade and outstanding, in terms of originality, research argument, expression and photography". It is a known fact that a very few people earned the degree of Doctor of Letters in which Dr. Dongre is one amongst them. In India, like United Kingdom, Australia and certain other countries, the degree is a higher doctorate above the Doctor of Philosophy and it is issued to Dr. N.L. Dongre on the basis of long record of research and experiments. The degree D.Litt is awarded to Dr. N.L. Dongre, which shows conspicuous ability and originality which constitutes a distinguished and sustained achievement. Dr. Dongre has one of the most coveted positions in Indian Letters. He is a nerd in the Geography subject. He stands pretty tall in any room that he graced.