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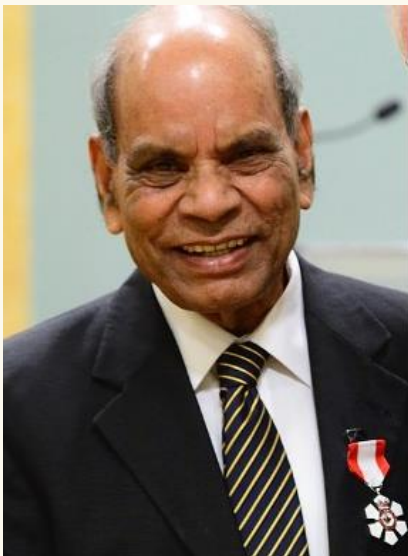
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Distinguished Psychologist Jagannath Prasad Das

Citation

“For his seminal work in theory-building, assessment of intelligence, and development of psychological interventions in mental retardation. Jagannath Prasad Das proposed the **PASS theory of intelligence** (planning, attention, simultaneous, and successive), and developed the **Das-Naglieri Cognitive Assessment System (DN-CAS, 1997)**, the **Cognitive Assessment System, 2nd ed., 2014**), and the **Brain-Based Intelligence Test (BBIT, 2020)**. His **PASS Reading Enhancement Programme (PREP, 1999)** is available in different languages. He had also developed the **Cognition Enhancement Training (COGENT, 2004)** for 4-7-year-olds with normal and atypical development. Das, an **International Fellow** of NAOP India, has been a life-long contributor to psychological sciences and an inspiring role model for psychologists across the globe.”

Biography



Jagannath Prasad Das (born on January 20, 1931, Puri, Odisha, India) earned his BA Honours (Utkal University: 1951) and MA (Patna University: 1953) degrees in experimental psychology from India. As a scholar of the Government of India, he earned his PhD (University of London: 1957) degree from the United Kingdom. He held faculty positions at the Ravenshaw College (1953-1961) and the Utkal University (1961-68) in India and visiting professor positions at the Vanderbilt University, Nashville and the University of California, Los Angeles in America (1963-65).

At the invitation of the University of Alberta, Canada, Das joined the **Centre for the Study of Mental Retardation** as a research professor in 1968. He became the director in 1970, retired in 1996, and has since been the emeritus professor and director there. In 1997, his successor Dick Sobsey renamed the centre as the **J. P. Das Centre for Research on Developmental and Learning Disabilities**, an honour unusual for a psychologist of Indian origin abroad.

Given his outstanding and unusual contributions, the **American Psychological Association** and the **Association of Psychological Science** of America elected Das as a **Fellow** in the 1990s. The **Royal Society of Canada** did the same in 1991. In 2015, the **Government of Canada** bestowed upon Das the national civilian honour of **Order of Canada**.

Das was a visiting professor at the Monash University in Australia, the Oxford University in the United Kingdom, and the Moscow State University in Russia. He received honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Vigo in Spain (2004) and the University of Cyprus in Cyprus (2018).

By honouring Jagannath Prasad Das, FNAPsy, with the **2023 Distinguished Psychologist Award**, the NAOP India is also celebrating his life-long commitment and outstanding services to psychological sciences.