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Report of the Director-General

Obituary

Mr I. P. Anand

1. The Director-General announces with deep regret the death, on 5 June 2017, of Mr I. P. Anand, long-serving Employer member of the Governing Body of the ILO, and delegate to the International Labour Conference.
2. After graduating in economics, and a period teaching at graduate level in Lahore, Mr Anand took up a post as an economist at the Indian Chamber of Commerce. His support as an activist in the Indian Freedom Movement, which brought him into contact with his country's political leaders, led to his detention as a security prisoner from 1943 to 1945. The Government subsequently recognized him as a freedom fighter. In 1946 he joined the Thapar Group, where he stayed until his retirement 40 years later in 1986. His retirement was, however, extremely active, and he continued to be much in demand on the governing bodies of many companies, often as Chairperson. He also continued working as a consultant. Passionate in his promotion of Indian business, he rose to be Vice-President of the Employers' Federation of India and Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Indian Employers.
3. To say that Mr Anand's association with the ILO was a long one would be a considerable understatement. In 1967, he was an Employes' delegate to the ILO Advisory Committee on Salaried Employees and Professional Workers. He first attended the International Labour Conference in 1971, and was frequently part of his country's delegation up until 2003. He took on the role of Employer Vice-President of the Conference in 1999. He served four terms on the Governing Body, from 1993 to 2006, the year of his 90th birthday. Also in that year, as the Director-General's special invitee to the 14th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting (Busan, Republic of Korea, 29 August–1 September 2006), he addressed the Meeting, noting that the region was one of the hardest hit by poverty in the world, and was particularly affected by a deficit in appropriate education and vocational training.
4. Mr I. P. Anand – IPA as he was known, had indeed a lifelong interest in education and training, and devoted much time and energy to promoting training possibilities in India, serving on the board of several technical institutions in his country, and travelling in Europe

to visit research and training centres to bring back ideas. For this the Government of India conferred on him the Lifetime Golden Award of Indian Wing, an award for senior citizens who continue to work for social causes.

5. Mr Anand referred to himself as the “doyen” of the Governing Body, which he truly was. As such, he was greatly respected by his fellow members from all groups, who appreciated his wisdom, depth of knowledge and attention to detail. Throughout his very long life he remained absolutely committed to the cause of social justice and to the values of the ILO.

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6. *The Governing Body invites the Director-General to convey its condolences to the family of Mr Anand, to the Employers’ Federation of India and to the Council of Indian Employers.*