

From the Editor's Desk

This issue of Kavaka- being Transactions of Mycological Society of India is dedicated to the fond memory of Late Professor K.S.Thind who established a school of Mycology with a dedicated team of Research Students at Botany Department, Panjab University, Chandigarh and brought international recognition to the Indian Mycology through his quality research in recognition of which he was elected as the first Chairman of International Mycological Association Committee for Asia (IMACA) founded on September 2, 1977 during the second International Mycological Congress (IMC 2) held in Thampa, Florida, USA. Mycological Society of India in its last meeting held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, in recognition of his contributions, decided to bring out a special issue of the Journal on the eve of the beginning of centennial year of Professor Thind's birth which started on 31st October, 2016 and will end on 30th October, 2017. On personal front, he has been a teacher of my teacher Late Professor S. S. Saini, so I take this pride to represent the third generation of the legacy started by Late Professor K.S.Thind at Panjab University, Chandigarh. I owe a great debt of gratitude to him for encouragement and guidance during my formative days when I was a Ph. D. Scholar. It is yet another opportunity for me to feel honoured to be associated with this centenary issue which contain research and review articles contributed by renowned mycologists of India, five of whom are his direct students.

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