

## **Dev Raj Sikka**

I joined IMD on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1961 as an Asstt. Meteorologist. 23<sup>rd</sup> March was celebrated as W.M.O. day first time, on that day I met Mr. Dev Raj Sikka who was working as Professional Assistant in Organization Section. Then he got promoted as Assistant Meteorologist and posted to Pune Upper Air section.

In Dec. 1961, I was sent for training to Pune. I wrote to Mr. D.R. Sikka to arrange for an accommodation. I went with my wife and baby daughter in train. He did not get a guest house and took us to his home. Then I got guest house for six months.

In the advance course, he joined me in the course. We sent our families back and stayed together for two months.

He joined IITM, Pune as SSO II after my getting Met. II in IMD.

I went to USA and Japan in 1971. In 1973, I was Secretary, IMS and organizing symposium in New Delhi. I had 5 papers on NWP. For my Ph.D., to write and criticize my dissertation, Mr. Sikka stayed with me and helped.

I became Director in 1979, he was still SSO-I and participated in MONEX-1979. I was Chief Scientist from IMD. He was also present actively in Calcutta. Then he became Asstt. Director and went to work with Prof. T.N.Krishnamurthy at F.S.U. and there he wrote that he is applying for Director. I didn't apply. He became Director.

Then at NCMRWF, I recommended his name for Advisor, NCMRWF, as Director, IITM. Process continued.

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