

Obituary

Prof. Kripa Shanker



(July 01, 1949 – August 10, 2026)

Prof. Kripa Shanker, *FNAE* born on July 01, 1949 passed away on August 10, 2026. He was elected to INAE Fellowship in the year 2007 and affiliated to Engineering Section X (Interdisciplinary and Special Engineering Fields and Leadership in Academia, R&D and Industry)

Prof. Kripa Shanker, *FNAE*, Visiting Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi and Former Professor & Deputy Director, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur and Formerly Vice-Chancellor, Uttar Pradesh Technical University, Lucknow had made significant teaching and research contributions in the areas of production/operations management, supply chain management, quantitative and statistical decision models, computer integrated/flexible manufacturing systems, cellular manufacturing and simulation. He played a leadership role in initiating teaching and research in the field of manufacturing systems management, supply chain and logistical management at IIT Kanpur and also started a 2-year MBA program. He had supervised over 120 Masters and 15 Doctoral theses and published over a hundred papers in international journals and conference proceedings. Prof Kripa Shanker had been associated with several sponsored projects in the fields of Computer-Aided Manufacturing, Computer Integrated Manufacturing System and Flexible Manufacturing Systems from various sponsoring agencies. He had organized continuing education courses for engineering college teachers, and engineers and managers from industry on a wide range of topics related to Mechanical Engineering. He had received numerous awards and honours including ISTE National Award for Outstanding Academic, 2001 and Distinguished Alumnus Award from BHU in 2007.

May God bless his soul to rest in peace