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(1901-1971)

PROFESSOR D. R. Gadgil, the first Director of the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, died of heart failure in the morning of 3rd May 1971 on the train on his way from Delhi to Bombay. He conceived, founded and developed the Institute to its present size. For 36 years, from its foundation in 1930 to 1966, Professor Gadgil was the Director of the Institute. The Institute owes to him its present status, standing and reputation. After his retirement as the Director of the Institute, he became the first Professor Emeritus of the Institute, an appointment which was interrupted in September 1967 by his appointment as the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Government of India. We were looking forward to his returning to the Institute and occupying his room as the Professor Emeritus. That was not to be. The Institute remains indebted to him permanently.

Professor Gadgil was much more than the Director of the Institute he founded. He was a distinguished Indian academician with a deep sense of duty and commitment to his country and people. His sudden death has brought to an end a long, purposeful, devoted and