

## PANDIT KSHITISH KUMAR - LIFE IN BRIEF

<b>Birth:</b>	16 September 1916
<b>Place of birth:</b>	Old Delhi (Jogiwada locality)
<b>Early schooling:</b>	Up to grade 3 in Charkhe Walaan Commercial High School
<b>Admission in Gurukul:</b>	1. Jwalapur Mahavidyalaya, 1925 2. Gurukul Kurukshetra, 1927 3. Gurukul Indraprastha, 1933 4. Gurukul Kangri (University), 1935
<b>Speech in Sanskrit:</b>	Fluent speech in Sanskrit on the silver jubilee of Arya Samaj Chavadi Bazaar (which later became well-known as Arya Samaj Deevan Hall), 1934
<b>Hyderabad Satyagrah:</b>	Leading the first batch of satyagrahis from Gurukul, reached Hyderabad city on 2 February 1939; got arrested at the Sultan Bazaar crossing; jailed for 6 months
<b>Vedalankar:</b>	Conferred the degree and Gold Medal in absentia (being in jail) at the convocation of Gurukul Kangri (University), 13 April 1939
<b>Release from jail:</b>	5 August 1939
<b>Prabhat Ashram, Meerut:</b>	Received blessings and guidance from Pt. Budhdev Vidyalkar, October 1939
<b>Preacher (Updeshak):</b>	Appointed as preacher by Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha in 1940; made Nagpur as headquarter, and encouraged record number of people to declare themselves 'Arya' in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha in the 1941 census.  In 1941, shifted to Arya Pratinidhi Sabha Punjab and propagated Vedic Dharm and Arya Samaj in Punjab, Sindh and Baluchistan.
<b>Exile:</b>	Exiled from Nizam's state for 5 years due to a stirring speech during the annual function of South Hyderabad Arya Samaj, 1942
<b>Marriage:</b>	Inter-caste marriage with Kumari Pavitra Devi, graduate of Kanya Gurukul Hathras and daughter of Shri Jayadev Arya, well-known social worker, selfless nationalist, and staunch Arya Samaji, 23 June 1944
<b>Journalist:</b>	Appointed as Sub-Editor in 'Arjun' Hindi daily newspaper on 16 October 1947 (after the partition of India); also Editor of weekly edition of 'Arjun' for some time.  Moved to 'Hindustan' Hindi daily newspaper on 15 March 1953 as Sub-Editor and gradually became Chief Sub-Editor, Associate Editor, and Literary Editor. In addition to looking after news and feature articles, regularly wrote for various columns such as 'Asia's

Courtyard', 'From India's Window', 'World View', 'Here-There-Everywhere' etc. Wrote in many genres related to editorials and journalism. Awarded by the newspaper three times for excellent work.

<b>M.A. (Sanskrit):</b>	From Meerut College (Agra University) in First Division, 1954
<b>Acting:</b>	While studying at Meerut College played the role of Chanakya – the main character in the Sanskrit play 'Mudra Rakshas' and received a lot of appreciation. The play held two shows each in Meerut and Delhi, 1954.
<b>Retirement:</b>	Retired from 'Hindustan' daily, 16 March 1979
<b>Arya Jagat (Weekly):</b>	Editor of 'Arya Jagat' from 1 June 1979 to 31 May 1992; active with scholarly work until the very end of life
<b>Death:</b>	24 December 1992

## **Expeditions and Travels**

### **(Wanderings of Chakra-Charan (pseudonym of Pt. Kshitish Kumar))**

1. Kailash-Mansarovar, 1937
2. Chakrota to Simla, Simla to Kulu, Kulu to Dalhousie-Chamba, Pathankot, 1938
3. Amarkantak and Bastar, 1940
4. Kashmir to Noorichham and Kaunsarpeer, 1944
5. Member of first Indian expedition to Pandim, 1951
6. Travel to difficult to access Paangi, 1961
7. Travel all over India – Kashmir to Kanya Kumari and Dwarka to Imphal
8. Uttarakhand-Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedar Nath, Badri Nath, 1983
9. Rivalsar, Mandi, Kulu, Manali, Ratang Jot, 1984
10. **Foreign countries**
  - A. Tibet
  - B. Nepal
  - C. Bangla Desh
  - D. Mauritius
  - E. Kenya (Nairobi)
  - F. London (UK)