



Dr. Salim Ali dead

BOMBAY, June 20:—Eminent ornithologist Dr. Salim Ali passed away early this morning at his Pali Hill residence at Bandra in north west Bombay. He was 91.

A nominated member of the Rajya Sabha, Dr. Salim Ali died of exhaustion leading to cardiac failure, according to Dr. Ashok Nanavati, who was attending on him.

Dr. Ali was ailing for over a month.

Our Staff Correspondent adds:—Dr. Salim Ali, one of the ten top ornithologists was known throughout the world for his monumental works on birds, particularly birds in the Himalayan region.

"Indian Hill Birds" and many other of his celebrated works are admired by scholars of East and West.

He was awarded a number of international awards for his unique work. He also received "Padma Sree" Award of India.

Even a few months ago he was thinking to trek the Himalayan region to find out the 'quails' which others think are already extinct.

The passion for bird watching grew in him at the age of nine when he hunted a rare variety of a yellow bird. It was brought to a bird specialist in Bombay and he declared it to be a rare species. And thus started his passion and love for birds which continued to the last days.

A widower, Dr. Salim Ali came twice to Bangladesh and gave illuminating talks on birds.

World famous critics say—"Dr. Salim Ali was himself a bird."