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He has had over 100 papers and reviews in refereed national and international journals and more than 100 articles in newspapers and periodicals. He frequently comments on international economic issues on BBC blogs.

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Academic Honour

Awarded honoris causa degree by University of Surrey in November ,2011

Commitment to Learning

It is indicated by his following verses.

High is learning through discourse.

Its teaching is higher still

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Animal inert albeit nothing

Is a person without learning

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Highest is rated learning

Guaranteeing comforts to all

Service is worship, holds Dhesi

Pristine is a person of learning (p. 2)

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The truthful is God's chum

learning occupies him all the time

Incessant reflection on learning

Is what a saint's teaching comprises

Such is the demeanour of the learned

A saint to the core, holds Dhesi (P.23)

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Meditation is worship of learning
Nothing except its pursuit is of value. (P . 27)

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Commitment to Quality Teaching & Research

His book, **Human Capital Formation and its Utilization**, Sterling, 1979, was favourably reviewed in **Economic Journal**, Royal Economic Society, Cambridge and Kyklos, Switzerland among many other professional journals. It is cited even today internationally.

A number of Professor Dhesi's publications are in the recommended readings and research bibliographies across the world, especially in North America and Europe. One can easily notice hundreds of citations of his work in the leading research journals including **American Economic Review**, **Journal of Economic Perspectives**, **American Journal of Economics and Sociology**, **International Journal of Social Economics**, **Review of Social Economy**, **Eastern Economic**

Journal, Community Development Journal (Oxford), Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication(Blackwell), Research Policy(Elsevier), Global Networks(Routledge), Teaching in Higher Education(Routledge), Environment and Planning(Pion, London), Saskatchewan Economic Journal(Canada), Journal of Rural Health(Wiley), Distance Education(Routledge), The Western Journal of Black Studies,(Washington State University) Personnel Review(Emerald), Applied Economic Letters(Routledge), Human Nature(Springer), Social Indicators Research(Springer), Third World Quarterly(Wiley), Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly(Sage), Canadian Geographer(Wiley), International Review of Environmental Sciences(Cambridge University Press), Planning Theory and Practice(Routledge), Sociologia Ruralis (Wiley), European Sociological Review(Oxford), International Forestry Review(Commonwealth Forestry Association, London), Aquatic Resources, Culture and Development(CAB International, UK), International Journal of Management Education(Inder Science Publishers London), International Journal of Information Technology and Management(Inderscience), Career Development Quarterly(American Counselling Association), Comparative Education(Routledge), Clinical Child & Family Psychology Review(Springer), Habitat International(Elsevier), Research Bulletin(University Of

Minnesota), Journal of Agricultural Economics(Indonesia), Homeland Development (Korean Planning Association),Current Issues in Tourism(Routledge),Ethno-Medicine(Kreppublishers), Africa To-day(Indiana University Press), Journal of Asian and African Studies(Sage),International Migration Review(Wiley),Medische Anthropologie and so on, and in books published by world's leading publishers, besides research publications of World Bank, ILO, UNESCO, EU, World Dams Commission.

His research publications since retirement from Guru Nanak Dev University in 1996 at 60, the retiring age in state universities.

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17. **Socio-economic, Agro-economic and Environmental Impact Study of Sirhind Feeder Canal (Punjab)**, New Delhi: Central Water Commission, 1996, 2nd Print, 2000.

A review note appeared in **Journal of Economic Literature**, American Economic Association.

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19. **Rural Development in Punjab: A Success Story Going Astray**,

(with Gurmail Singh) London, New Delhi: Routledge, 2008. It was published simultaneously in London and Delhi.

A note on the book has appeared in **Journal of Economic Literature's G-Index** besides numerous detailed reviews in professional journals.

Many more research publications are in offing.

Autar S. Dhesi's academic contribution needs to be considered keeping in view his late entry to the profession at the ripe age of 39. He is one of the internationally better recognized economists of India origin.

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