

OBITUARY



**Prof. V. C. Chavadi
(1942-2020)**

A popular teacher, dedicated researcher, and devoted academician of the Department of Studies in Geology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, Dr. Veerappa Channappa Chavadi passed away on 16th October 2020 morning due to a massive heart attack at his residence. Dr. Chavadi was born on 12th March 1942 in Hansi Village of Navalgund and was a native of Kotumachigi village in Gadag. Dr. Chavadi, after attaining his schooling in G.A. High-School, Belgaum, completed his graduation in Karnatak Science College; post-graduation, and Ph.D. degrees in Karnatak University, Dharwad. He has worked extensively on Vajrat Gabbro Formations of Sindhudurg, Maharashtra under the guidance of Prof. N. W. Gokhale.

Dr. Chavadi has worked as a Research scholar in Karnatak University during 1967-72; later worked as a demonstrator from 1972; served as Lecturer from 1975-78 and retired in 2001 as Professor of Geology. He was a pioneer in starting and establishing the Academic Staff College at Karnatak University Dharwad during 1987-1992 and got recognition as the best Academic staff college. He has served as - Chairman, Department of Studies in Geology twice; Dean for faculty of science; Coordinator for Western Ghat Research Projects; Academic Council member; Senate (two terms), Syndicate member (two terms) and member Finance Committee; Coordinator for NRDMS, KSCEST Karnataka for Dharwad centre, Coordinator for M. Tech. in Mineral Processing and many such coveted positions in the University.

He was very popular among students. His area of specialization was Sedimentary Petrology, Marine Geology, and Environmental Geology. He has initiated

studies on beaches and coasts along North Karnataka coast through the Ph.D. program of his students and one of the first to publish scientific papers on beach morphology, sediment texture, and presence of heavy minerals and their variations with seasons along this coast. He has guided over 12 Ph.D.'s and 5 M.Phil.'s, published more than 60 research papers in national, international journals, proceedings, and books. He was a reviewer too for several journals. He has completed 5 major projects funded by central government agencies. He has actively participated in national and international seminars/symposiums/workshops and also organized several national level seminars and conferences. He has delivered several invited talks on Geology and allied subjects at various Colleges, and Universities. He was a Fellow and life member of 6 professional organizations such as the Geological Society of India (GSI), Indian Association of Sedimentologists (IAS), Mineralogical Society of India (MSI) to name a few.

Dr. Chavadi is survived by his son, daughter in law and two grandsons. With the sad demise of Dr. Chavadi, the geology fraternity and the students of Geology of this part of the country have lost a very good teacher and above all a very good human being. All his research students, (to name a few – Dr. Virupax Banakar, Retd. Scientist, NIO, Goa; Prof. G. N. Nayak, CSIR Emeritus Scientist, (Retd. Professor), Goa University, Goa; Prof. V S Hegde, Retd. Professor, S.D.M. Engg. College; and Dr. P. T. Hanamgond, Associate Professor and Head, Dept of Geology, GSS College, Belgaum), humbly convey their sincere heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

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