OBITUARY

Sripad Rao Kilpady (1906-2008)

It is my sorrowful duty to record the death of Sripad Rao Kilpady on 19-12-2008 in Australia where he was staying with his grandson. Sri Kilpady was a Fellow of the Geological Society of India since 1960 and was honoured by Queen Elizabeth as a Centenarian Citizen of Commonwealth.

Sripad Rao Kilpady was born on 13th November 1906 in Kundapur, Dakshina Kannada district and his family moved to Bangalore in 1907. His early schooling was in Bangalore and he graduated in BSc. (Geology) from Central College, Bangalore and MSc. with distinction in 1932. Soon after, he joined as Demonstrator in Geology, Central College and later became a Lecturer from 1933-1946. He was appointed as Reader and Head of the Geology Department of the Nagpur University in 1946 and as Professor and Head in 1955. He was awarded the Senior Research Training Scholarship by the Government of India in 1950 which enabled him to visit the most prestigious geology departments of the USA, UK and Canada. In 1965 he was the guest of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, under the Scientists Exchange Program for one month. He was elected Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences in 1958 and National Academy of Science in 1953. Sripad Rao Kilpady had an eventful and distinguished career as Scientist, Educationist and Rotarian.

over 70 research articles. His specialization was in micro-palaeontology and determinative mineralogy. He collaborated with Prof. L. Rama Rao in identifying the Niniyur stage of Cretaceous sediments of Tiruchirapalli district in Tamil Nadu. The Department of Geology, Nagpur University, which he organized and built from 1946 to 1967. His interest in geoscience continued for four decades after retirement.

Sripad Rao Kilpady was actively involved in Rotary International (R.I.) and became Governor of R.I. District 315. This gave him an unparalleled opportunity of meeting a wide range of people from different parts of the world, an experience which brought him a lot of happiness. His interest extended to other fields also. He was a keen photographer since 1925 and graduated from Kodak 'Box Brownie' to the present day digital cameras. He was fascinated by the revolutionary changes in photography. In the year 2000, while staying with his grandson in Australia, he got interested in computers and learnt word processing and typed my autobiographical diary which I had written in Bangalore to pass my idle time.

Sripad Rao Kilpady was a very soft spoken person and not very communicative. Reading had been a chronic affiliation with him. He was a deeply spiritual person.

During 39 years of his professional life, he published

Bangalore

Y. N. RAMA RAO

● Dr. S.V.P. Iyengar

We regret to inform the passing away of Dr. S.V.P. Iyengar, former Senior Deputy Director General, Geological Survey of India and Vice-President of the Geological Society of India, on 11 April 2012, in Bangalore. A detailed obituary note on Dr. Iyengar will appear in the forthcoming issue of the Journal.