Obituary

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Professor C. Ramaiah, former Professor of Philosophy of Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh, and a distinguished scholar in Nyaya Vaisesika, passed away in Bangalore on March 17, 2015 at 11.30 p.m. Indian Standard Time (IST) in Bangalore Manipal Hospital.

Professor Ramaiah studied philosophy under the able guidance of outstanding teachers like Professor T.A. Purushottam, Professor S.S. Barlingay, Professor P. Nagaraja Rao and Professor G.S. Herbert. His Ph.D. thesis entitled “Nyaya-Vaisesika Theory of Causation: A Study” was selected for the Best Thesis Award of the Decade.

He was the Professor and Head of Philosophy, Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean, School of Humanities and Extension Studies and Dean, Faculty of Arts at S.V. University, Tirupathi. He was also a member of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi.

He authored three books and published several scholarly papers in reputed journals, as well as delivered prestigious endowment lectures at several national and international universities. Professor Ramaiah visited the USSR under the Indo-Soviet Cultural Exchange Programme and participated in international conferences in the USA. In recognition of his service to the cause of education, the Government of Andhra Pradesh awarded him the Best Teacher Award in the year 1995.

He will be remembered not only as an inspiring teacher, a dedicated researcher who made substantial contributions to Indian philosophy, but also as a good human being who touched the lives of successive generations of students and aspiring young philosophers in his own unique and uncompromising way.

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