

OBITUARY



G. Vallinayagam
(1961-2013)

Professor G Vallinayagam, Chairman, Department of Geology, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra passed away on 12th Feb 2013 at Kurukshetra after a tragic accident. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

Born on 25th May 1961 in Tamil Nadu, he had his early education there. He did his graduation in geology in 1981 from Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai and post-graduation in the same University in 1983. He did his PhD in Geology at Department of Geology, Panjab University, Chandigarh under the supervision of Professor Naresh Kochhar, . He specialized in the field of igneous petrology/ geochemistry. He obtained his PhD degree in 1990. He had a total teaching experience of about 22 years. He joined as a lecturer in Kurkshetra University, Kurukshetra. He had ten years experience as a lecturer (December 1990 to Dec 1999), Reader from 1999-2007. He was promoted as a Professor in December 2007. He took over as a Chairman of the Department on 1st June 2010.

Prof. Vallinayagam was one of the key workers in the

field of Malani Magmatism. He had published around 42 papers (in national and international journals) and guided 3 PhD students. He was awarded four research projects, two from DST and two from UGC, New Delhi.

He was a life member of several professional bodies like GSI, Bangalore, MSI, Mysore, Indian Society of Applied Geochemistry, Hyderabad, IGC, Roorkee, ISCA, Kolkatta, ESI, Lucknow. He was a hard working geologist and was a friend and a firm supporter of geologists. He was extremely good at heart and his actions revealed the human touch in dealing with people. To those who were associated or worked with him, he was a human being and a friend of par excellence.

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