

## OBITUARY



**Pradeep Kumar Sarkar  
(1960-2016)**

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sarkar, a beloved teacher and an erudite geologist, passed away in the early morning hours of June 07, 2016, having suffered a massive heart attack.

Born on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1960, following schooling at Jodhpur, he completed his graduation from Nowrosjee Wadia College, Pune and the Masters and Ph.D. degrees in Geology from the University of Pune (currently Savitribai Phule Pune University). His research focused on the sedimentological studies of Precambrian rocks exposed on the southern coast of Maharashtra.

Dr. Sarkar joined Fergusson College, Pune as a lecturer in 1986 and started on his mission of motivating students to take up Geology as a subject. As a teacher, he inspired young students, not only in the class, but also in the field, demonstrating the differences between text-book pictures and the real exposures. He also encouraged students to undertake research and explore the different facets of the subject. As a teacher, he was known for his insistence of discipline and methodical approach to studies and work.

His main research interests were sedimentology, environmental geology and Deccan volcanology. Besides

more than 25 research papers in reputed journals and guidance to numerous student dissertations, he has also authored several textbooks on the subject. His self-less efforts in encouraging students is reflected by the fact that most of his research papers are co-authored with his students (including one appearing in this issue of the Journal).

To his colleagues and friends, Dr. Pradeep Sarkar will always be remembered as a humble, soft-spoken and friendly person. Many will remember his kind-hearted help and support at times of need, by going out of the way to ensure that the problem(s) are resolved.

His untimely demise at a very young age is not only an irreparable loss to the Department and Fergusson College, but also for numerous aspiring students and the geological fraternity in and around Pune.

Dr. Sarkar is survived by his wife Rekha and son Abhishek.

Principal, Staff and Students of  
Fergusson College, Pune,  
friends and family.