



G.L. Reddy
(1948-2019)

With a deep sense of regret, I record the death of my beloved colleague Dr. G.L. Reddy, an able and very good mining geologist, a refined and humane personality, a helpful and approachable gentleman.

Lakshmi Reddy was born in Lingampalli village of Adoni mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh, on 1-7-1948 to Gajula Govinda Reddy and Eswarema. He had his school education and completed SSLC from YMK High School, Adoni. He passed BSc. from SVU, Tirupathi and M.Sc (Geology) from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi in the year 1971, with first class. He obtained Ph.D in Geology (with emphasis in Petrology) from SV University under the guidance of Late Prof. M.S. Murthy, in the year 1974. He did diploma in German in April 1975, with distinction.

From 1975 to 1979, he worked as Asst. Geologist in Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh. Later on he joined NMDC as Jr. Geologist. He worked in different projects of NMDC in different capacities and retired as Dy. General Manager, Geology on 1-7-2018.

During his association in NMDC, he impressed me with his sincerity, thoroughness of the subject, depth of knowledge, openness to learn new things. He was considered as an asset to the organization.

After his retirement, he undertook many consultancy jobs and was

working with ICFRE for 8 years. He visited almost 20 countries as technical advisor pertaining to exploration of ore deposits.

Dr. Reddy was person who knew the art of getting along with people, without hurting them and getting himself hurt. He was most unassuming and down to earth person with mild and pleasing manners. He is highly soft spoken. These qualities endeared him to one and all and won many friends. He was a person of rare honesty and impeccable integrity. He was always approachable and always lending his helping hand to any person, who sought it.

Dr. Reddy was admitted in Maxcure Hospital, Hyderabad due to sudden development of heart problem. Within a few hours of his admission, he breathed last on 21-10-2019.

Dr. Reddy leaves behind, his wife Mrs. Nagamani Reddy, son Kiran Reddy, daughter-in-law Aruna, and a grand-daughter Supraja, many colleagues and friends to bemoan his loss. With his death, India lost a competent iron ore mining geologist and a good human being.

May his soul rest in peace.

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It is with profound sorrow we record the demise of Dr. B.L. Sreenivas in the early hours of March 16, 2020. He studied Earth Sciences at Central College Bangalore. Later, specialised in the area of Economic Geology under the guidance of Prof. Bateman at Yale University, USA, and carried out experimental studies on manganese precipitation under the supervision of Prof. Rustom Roy at the Pennn State University, USA. He returned to Central College, Bangalore, which later became the core of Bangalore University to become a very popular teacher of mineralogy and economic geology. Dr. B. L. Sreenivas later founded M/s Geomysore Services, a long-standing geological consulting organization that served both Government and Private organizations. It provided consulting services in the areas of mineral prospecting, groundwater development, establishment of mineral based industries, engineering geological investigations, mineral and granite export. Later, with the announcement of the first National Mineral Policy-1993, Geomysore Services, evolved to become Geomysore Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., with Dr. B.L. Sreenivas as Director, and carried out exploration for gold, basemetals and PGE in several states of the Country. In his passing the Earth science community has lost an eminent teacher and geologist and an excellent human being.

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