



V. C. Chavadi
(1942-2020)

A popular teacher, dedicated researcher and devoted academician of Department of Studies in Geology, Karnatak University, Dharwad – Dr. Veerappa Channappa Chavadi passed away on 16th October 2020 morning due to massive heart attack at his residence. Dr. Chavadi was born on 12th March 1942 in Hansi Village of Naval Gund and was a native of Kotumachigi village in Gadag. Dr. Chavadi, after attaining his schooling in GA Highschool, Belgaum, completed his graduation in Karnatak Science College; post-graduation and Ph.D degrees in Karnatak University, Dharwad. He worked extensively on Vajrat Gabbro Formations of Sindhudurg, Maharashtra under the guidance of Dr. N.W. Gokhale.

Dr. Chavadi had worked as Research scholar in Karnatak University during 1967-72 and later joined as demonstrator; served as Lecturer in 1975-78 and retired in 2001 as Professor of Geology. He was pioneer in starting and establishing the Academic Staff College at Karnatak University, Dharwad during 1987-1992 and got recognition as best Academic staff college. He served as Chairman, Department of Studies in Geology; Dean of faculty of science; Coordinator for Western Ghat Research Projects; academic, senate and syndicate member and member of finance committee; Coordinator for NRDMS, KSCEST Karnataka for Dharwad centre, Coordinator for M.Tech in Mineral Processing and many such coveted positions in the University.

He was very popular among students. His area of specialization

was sedimentary petrology, marine geology and environmental geology. He guided over 12 Ph.D's and 5 M.Phil dissertations, published more than 60 research papers in national, international journals, proceedings and books. He completed 5 major projects funded by central government agencies and had actively participated in national and international seminars/symposiums/workshops. He organized several national level seminars and conferences and delivered several invited talks on geology and allied subjects at various colleges and universities. He was Fellow and life member of 6 professional organizations such as Geological Society of India, Indian Association of Sedimentologists, Mineralogical Society of India to name a few.

Dr. Chavadi is survived by his son – Dheeraj, who is a Chemical Engineer working in Bangalore, and two grandsons. With the sad demise of Dr. Chavadi, the geological fraternity and the students of geology of this part of the country have lost a very good teacher and above all a very good human being. All of his research students who had worked under him have been well placed. We all convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

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