M. S. Mannikeri
(1940-2021)

We record with deep sorrow the demise of our beloved teacher, Dr. M.S. Mannikeri, Former Professor, Department of Geology, Karnatak University, Dharwad on 23rd March, 2021 after a short period of illness. With his death we have lost a great teacher.

Dr. Mannikeri was born on 23.10.1940 in Mamadapur village near Gokak of Belgaum district of Karnataka. He did B.Sc. at Karnatak Science College and M.Sc. (Geology) at Karnatak University, Dharwad. He joined as a Lecturer in Karnatak University in the year 1965. During early 1970, he was deputed to Punjab University, Chandigarh to do Ph.D. under the able guidance of a well-known paleontologist, Prof. S.B. Bhatia. After returning from Chandigarh, he was actively involved in teaching and research and subsequently he became Reader and Professor.

Dr. Mannikeri successfully guided three MPhil and two PhD students. He participated in several seminars/conferences, and has published more than twenty five research papers in refereed journals. He has also written a book in Kannada 'Jeevavasheshagalu' related to paleontology. Most of his research work pertains to micro-paleontology, and he was widely recognized as a paleontologist in the geological community. Apart from teaching and research activities, Dr. Mannikeri served the Karnatak University in various capacities. He was Chairman of the Department, Member, Academic Council, Dean, Faculty of Science and Director, University Printing Press. He

was the President of the Dharwad District Science Academy for a period of three years.

Dr. Mannikeri will be remembered fondly by colleagues for his affectionate, non-controversial and friendly character, which in fact, kept harmony in the department. His popularity amongst students is worth mentioning. He was amply liked and respected by the students, which was reflected in his popularity. In his personal life he was very meticulous and well disciplined.

Dr. Mannikeri's death is an immense loss not only to his family, his friends and our department, but also to the entire teaching community of the Karnatak University. He is survived by his two sons and two daughters. The teaching staff, non-teaching staff, research scholars and students of the department pay their deep respects to Dr. Mannikeri and pray almighty to bestow peace to the departed soul.

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