



**Dr. M. J. Chandrashekar Gowda**  
(1939-2021)

A disciplined popular Teacher, Committed research worker and devoted academician as well as a dynamic administrator, formerly Chairman and Professor, Department of Studies in Earth Science, Center for advanced studies in Precambrian Geology, Manasa Gangothri, University of Mysore, Mysore – Dr. M.J. Chandrashekar Gowda passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6.20 pm at Bengaluru.

Prof. M.J.C Gowda was born on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1939 at Bengaluru, did his B.Sc., with Geology as one of the major subjects in 1962, M.Sc in Geology in 1964, Ph.D in Geology under the guidance of Prof B.V. Govindarajulu, one of the pillars of the establishment of DoS in earth science in 1980. He did Diploma in Groundwater research from University of Jerusalem, Israel in 1972, Certificate course in Groundwater Tracing Techniques, University of Techy, Graz (Austria) in 1975. He worked as Research Fellow during 1964-69, Lecturer in Geology, at Yuvaraja's College, University of Mysore from 1972-84. He was promoted as Reader in 1984 and as Professor and also as Chairman, DoS in studies in Earth Science, University of Mysore and superannuated in 1998. He published 63 research papers both in National and International Journals and a book *Sarovara* (Lake, 1980); contributed special chapters to Science Encyclopedia in Kannada and special articles to Vignana Karnataka (Science Journal) in 1980, 1983 and research articles to Stromatolite News Letter Belgium. He has been awarded Membership of International Geologic correlation program project 261 Stromatolites-Bass Becking Geological laboratory, Canberra, Australia, Twentieth Century Achievement award – Five Hundred leaders of Influence, 1999, American Biographical Institute, Nominee-International Biography leaders in Education and Educationalists who's who – 1994. Nominee – South Asia who's who-

Men and women of Achievement and Distinction in 1985. Life Fellow of Geological Society of India and Mineralogical Society of India, Life Member, Vignana Sahitya Parishat (Academy of Science Literature), Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan. He visited Israel, Austria and Zurich.

Pioneered the Study in detail, different aspects in Kaladgi basin (2700 km<sup>2</sup>), North Karnataka and published several research papers-significant ones are Lithostratigraphic classification of the Kaladgi Group, Karanataka and environment of deposition of sediments in the Kaladgi basin, Prof. Gowda's areas of specialization are sedimentary petrology, hydrogeology and geomorphology.

Dr. Gowda guided 4 candidates for Ph.D degree related to Geomorphological and Hydrological studies of river basins as well as isotopes in groundwater. He has attended several national and International conferences. Dr. Gowda is survived by his wife Mrs. Lalitha C. Gowda, daughter Mrs. Khushala, son-in-law Mr. Jagadish Krishnaiah who are settled in Florida, USA. With the sad demise of Dr. M.J.C. Gowda, the Earth Science community and the students of geology have lost a very good teacher and a 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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