



N. R. Pattabhiramaiah
(1943 - 2021)

Born in the year 1943 at Nagasandra, a remote village in Kunigal taluk of Tumkur district, Karnataka, N.R. Pattabhiramaiah, former Senior Geologist in the Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka, breath his last on 26th April, 2021 at Bengaluru. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a son. He was a Fellow of the Geological Society of India.

Pattabhiramaiah, born in a middle-class family had to put through a lot of hardship in his early days, but he pursued his education with sheer determination and obtained post-graduation in Geology from Mysore University in the year 1967 and also further he graduated with a B.Ed degree from Mysore University. Soon after his Post-graduation and obtaining B.Ed degree he had worked as a teacher in Solur Government High School for nearly four years and subsequently in the year 1971 gained entry into the Department of Mines and Geology of Karnataka as an Assistant Geologist and later by the time of his retirement he was a Senior Geologist.

While serving the Department, he had proved himself as an exemplary field geologist devoting his time tirelessly on field, carrying out the geological mapping in the hilly and mountainous terrains of Chitradurga and Shivamogga Schist belts. While serving in the northern districts of Karnataka, his turn out of works in regard to the mapping, exploration and estimation of limestone deposits-more particularly of Kaladgi and Bhima basins were acknowledged as the best and that paved way for him to be identified as 'one of the expert limestone geologists of Karnataka'. Among many of the departmental publications that are to his credit, the one '*Karnataka Bhoo Vignana*

Ithihasada Mailigallugalu' authored by him in Kannada was released on the occasion of the department's centenary celebrations. It dealt about a few aspects of historical upgradation in the studies of Karnataka geology.

After his retirement in 2001, the monograph "Limestone and Dolomite Resources of Karnataka" authored by him was published by the Geological Society of India. Also, the paper with his co-authorship "Springs in Limestone Environs of Karnataka" was published in the Journal of the Geological Society of India. Later, his lengthy article "Mining in Karnataka (1956-2006)" was published in the "*50 Suvarna Karnataka Abhivridhi Patha*" by Kuvempu University, Hampi.

In the year 2002, Reliance Industries sought his services as a Retainer to locate a suitable limestone area for a new cement plant. From 2003 to 2006, he served as Chief Geologist in Jaypee Cement Corporation Ltd. in Shahabad.

Pattabhiramaiah, was more known for his mild, friendly, but pursuant approach. He was pious. He had one last ambition! He had made a huge draft of over 600 pages about 'Caves in India' and he was pursuing with the Geological Society of India to get it published.

He had a sudden, but peaceful demise. A noble soul has departed from us. May God bestow peace and strength to the bereaved family.

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With deep sorrow we record the passing away of the following geoscientists

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