

# OBITUARY

**Prof. S. LAKSHMANAN**  
1936 - 1990

It is with deep sorrow we report the sad and sudden demise of Professor S. Lakshmanan, a Fellow of the Geological Society of India on the 21st April 1990 at Cochin at the age of 53, after a massive heart attack.

Dr. Lakshmanan was born at Karamana in the erstwhile state of Travancore on the 16th December, 1936. After obtaining his B.Sc. degree in Geology from the Travancore University in 1956, he joined the Saugar University and obtained his M.Sc. degree in Geology in 1958, securing first rank. During 1958-59, he worked as a Geologist at the Punaloor Mica Mines in Kerala and, thereafter, served in the Directorate of Mining and Geology, Government of Kerala as a Geologist for a period of 5 years. He rejoined the Saugar University in 1964 as a Senior Research Fellow and obtained his Ph.D. Degree in 1969 under the guidance of Dr. W. D. West. Dr. Lakshmanan pursued his research in Saugar University as a Research Associate, till May 1977. In the same year he joined the Cochin University as Reader in Geology. In March 1990, he was promoted to the post of Professor of Geology. He passed away on the 21st April 1990 while attending to his duties in the Department.

Dr. Lakshmanan had made significant contribution in the field of sedimentological research in the early years of his career. He worked as a Visiting Scientist from 1973 to 1974 at the Sedimentology Research Laboratory, Reading University, United Kingdom.

Dr. Lakshmanan was a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and was a Life Fellow of the Geological Society of India.

Dr. Lakshmanan joined the Marine Geology Division of the Cochin University in the early days and rendered devoted service towards its growth. He was a fine teacher who took pride in his profession and showed great interest in the welfare of his students. In the death of Professor Lakshmanan, the Cochin University of Science and Technology has lost an able teacher.

Dr. Lakshmanan was very gentle, pleasant and soft spoken. He was a voracious reader and had a deep grasp of many subjects in addition to his expertise in geology.

Dr. Lakshmanan leaves behind his wife, students, colleagues and friends to mourn his loss.

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