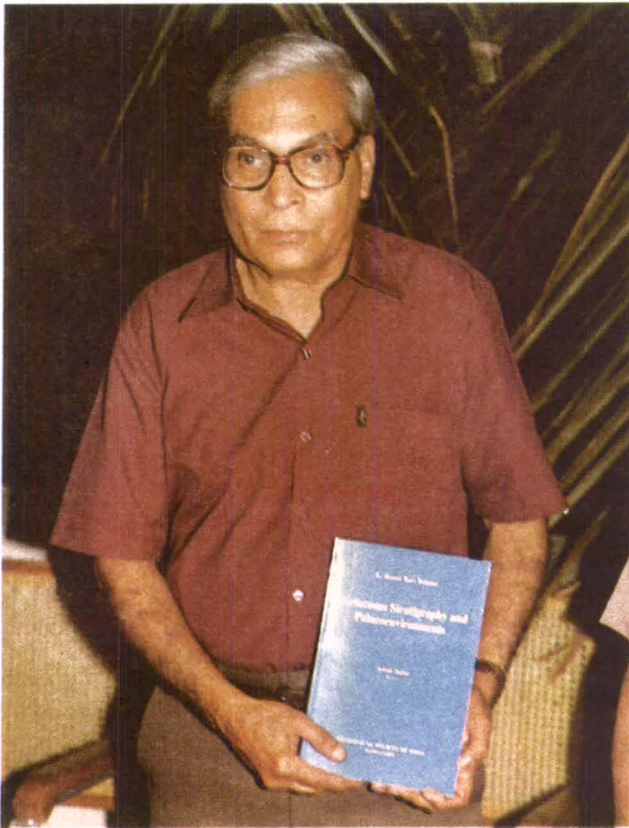


PROFESSOR L. RAMA RAO CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Birth Centenary of Professor L. Rama Rao (1896-1996) teacher, researcher and founder-editor of the Journal of the Geological Society of India was celebrated on the auspicious *Ramanavami* day of 28th March 1996 at the premises of the Geological Society of India at Bangalore.

In a simple yet elegant function, Professor S.B. Bhatia of Punjab University, Chandigarh, released the *Centenary Rama Rao Volume* (Memoir 37) devoted to the “**Cretaceous Stratigraphy and Palaeoenvironments**” (Edited by Prof. Ashok Sahni), a subject that was dear to Late Prof. L. Rama Rao.



Prof. S.B. Bhatia releasing the Rama Rao Volume.

Shri L. Nagaraj, son of Prof. L. Rama Rao presented a cheque for Rs. 72,000/- on behalf of the family members to the Geological Society of India for perpetuating the memory of Prof. L. Rama Rao in a suitable manner. Shri Y.N. Rama Rao on behalf of the old students

and admirers of Prof. L. Rama Rao presented a cheque for Rs. 25,107/- to the Geological Society of India for a similar cause.



Sri L. Nagaraj, son of Prof. Rama Rao, presenting two cheques for a total sum of Rs 72,000/- to the President of the Geological Society of India.

Dr. B.P. Radhakrishna, President of the Society, while thanking the family members, old students and admirers for their munificence, assured that the cumulative sum of Rupees one lakh would be utilised in a worthy manner to encourage young talent in Earth Sciences.

The highlight of the Centenary Celebration was the personal reminiscences of Prof. L. Rama Rao narrated by Prof. L.S. Seshagiri Rao (nephew of Prof. L. Rama Rao), Shri U. Madhava Mallya (of the BBD Press), Prof. K.S. Valdiya and Dr. M.V.A. Sastry. A picture of Prof. L. Rama Rao as a stern and disciplined individual with humane and endearing qualities emerged from these reminiscences that were laced with several unforgettable anecdotes.

This memorable function which started with the vedic chanting of *Shanti Slokas* ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Shri S.V. Srikantia.

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The true value of a human being is determined primarily by the measure and the sense in which he has attained liberation from the self.

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