



**C.N. Venkat Kumaran**  
(1929-2015)

It is with deep regret we record the death of Sri C.N. Venkat Kumaran, the former Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Karnataka State, on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at his home in Bengaluru after a brief illness.

Sri Chittor Narasing Venkat Kumaran (CNV) was born on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1929 and had his academic career at the University of Mysore where he obtained B.Sc. degree in Geology and pursued M.Sc., in Mineral Chemistry at Madras University. Soon after his post-graduation he joined Mysore Geological Department in the year 1953 as an Assistant Geologist. He was actively associated with regional mapping and exploration of Kaladgi limestone deposit and prepared preliminary assessment of resources and reserves available for cement and other mineral based industries. He worked in Board of Mineral Development as Technical Assistant to Dr. B.P. Radhakrishna. On repatriation from Board of Mineral Development, he worked as a Senior Geologist in Bellary and Belgaum districts. He was transferred to Bangalore as Deputy Director in the Department of Mines and Geology and assumed charge as

Director of Mines and Geology on 31.10.1978, because of the administrative difficulty he had to work as Director of Mines and Geology during different periods from 31.10.1978 to 25.04.1980; 19.05.1981 to 18.05.1982; 10.10.1985 to 31.08.1987. During the periods 26.10.1978 to 19.05.1981 and 19.05.1982 to 11.10.1985 he was on deputation to Karnataka Copper Consortium and Mysore Minerals Ltd. He retired as Director of Mines and Geology on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1987. He was a Life Fellow of the Geological Society of India.

CNV is survived by his wife and three sons. His son Dr. Naresh Kumar is an Exploration Geologist of repute. CNV was a great lover of music, art and had keen interest in science and its application to earth science. He also had keen interest in radio, television, communication and space technology. In a true Gandhian life style, he led a simple life and his wife supported him in all his endeavours.

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