

OBITUARY



Bhagat Prasad Patra
(1942-2006)

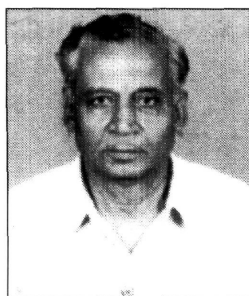
Prof. B.P. Patra passed away on the 10th September, 2006 at Bhubaneswar due to cardiac arrest. Having served for more than 36 years, he retired as a Professor in 2002 from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. He had a distinguished career spanning almost four decades devoted to science of Palaeobotany. He made distinct contribution in the basic, frontier and applied areas of Palaeobotany.

Prof. Bhagbat Prasad Patra was an educationist and geoscientist of repute. He was born in Achhada, a small village of Mayurbhanj district, Orissa in the year of launch of the Quit India Movement (1942). After obtaining BSc. Honours Degree in Geology from Ravenshaw College, Cuttack in 1963, he postgraduated in Geology with a first class from Utkal university in 1965. The next year, he joined the Geology Department of Utkal University as a lecturer. He was awarded the PhD. Degree from Utkal University under the able guidance of Prof. S. Acharya in the year 1984.

The proper blend of geology and botany influenced his career and put him firmly in the track of Palaeobotany. He continued research on the Paleobotany, Palynology, Palaeontology and Stratigraphy of Gondwana rocks. He also contributed to geological literature in Oriya language with his book "Pratna Jiva Vigyan". He was associated with many national and international learned societies. He was a Fellow of the Geological Society of India, Bangalore, Life Member of Palaeobotanical Society of India, Lucknow; Life Member of Geological Mining and Metallurgical Society of India, Kolkata. He is remembered as a good teacher. He loved to disseminate knowledge of palaeobotany in different fora.

He became the Head of the Department of Geology (1995-1997). He was a good leader and commanded great respect. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

SHREERUP GOSWAMI



V.S. Upadhyay

We regret to inform that V.S. Upadhyay, Geo-Technical Consultant, Hubli, passed away on the 26 August, 2007 due to cardiac arrest. Sri Upadhyay served as a geologist in the Department of Mines and Geology of Karnataka at Bangalore. Later he left for higher studies in Engineering Geology at Roorkee and secured his Masters degree. On his return he joined the Karnataka Power Corporation as Chief Geologist and was actively connected with the construction of Kali and Varahi Hydro-electric projects. After his retirement he settled down at Hubli and worked as Geo-Technical consultant. He was an active member and took part in social and literary activities at Hubli. He came to Bangalore to undergo kidney dialysis but passed away suddenly due to cardiac failure. He is survived by his wife and son.

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