OBITUARY

C. BORRESWARA RAO
1929—1979

It is with a deep sense of sorrow we record the sudden demise of Dr. Cherukuri Borreswara Rao, a teacher in geology at the Andhra University, Waltair, for over two decades, due to heart attack, at the age of 49.

Dr. Borreswara Rao was born on the 15th August, 1929, and was educated at Kakinada. He passed B.Sc. (Hons.) and M.Sc. (by Research) in 1950 and 1951 respectively. He joined the staff of the Geology Department, Andhra University in 1952 and was for about 3 years on lien in a project of the Department of Atomic Energy studying the beach sands of the Andhra Coast.

Dr. Borreswara Rao’s main fields of interest were geology of mineral deposits, geochemistry and sedimentation. He was awarded the Doctorate in Science in 1959 by the Andhra University for his thesis on ‘Genesis of steatite, asbestos and barytes in parts of Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh’. Subsequently he went to Russia and worked under the internationally known geochemist late Academician A.P. Vinogradov at the Moscow State University and obtained a Ph.D. for his thesis on ‘Geochemistry of cadmium, indium, iron and manganese in sulphide deposits of Sadon,’ in 1961. He had also very creditably passed the examination in Russian language. His proficiency in the language was put to maximum use by the Andhra University, and he was always the most sought after interpreter whenever scientists from Russia visited the campus.

He published about 40 papers, and guided research students in the fields of geochemistry and sedimentation. 5 candidates took their Ph.D. under his supervision.

Dr. Borreswara Rao was a soft spoken, sociable gentleman. He was a connoisseur of art and he used to collect objects of beauty wherever he went. He was a good teacher liked by his students. Whatever he did, he did it very neatly and thoroughly. Perhaps it was this quality which landed him in the post of the Director of the Andhra University Press and Publications, a job which he did with interest and care, during the last 5 years. Even during this period, he was not completely cutout from his first love, namely geology, in that 3 persons submitted their thesis during this period under his supervision.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, four daughters, and a host of colleagues and admirers to bemoan his loss.

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