

## OBITUARY



**RAJENDRA KUMAR GOEL**  
(1932 - 1992)

With the sad and sudden demise of Professor Rajendra Kumar Goel, the Earth Scientists in general, and paleontologists in particular, of our country have lost an illustrious teacher and an outstanding research scientist. He was 60. He retired from the services of the University of Roorkee on June 30, 1992 as a Professor of Geology at the Department of Earth Sciences. Dr. Goel breathed his last on October 23, 1992 after a massive heart attack, which he suffered at New Jersey, U.S.A. where he was staying with his eldest son.

Prof. Goel was born on June 23, 1932. He obtained his B.Sc. in 1951 and M.Sc. (Geology) in 1953 from the Banaras Hindu University where he served as a Lecturer in Geology from 1954 to 1956. On the request of the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Prof. Goel established a Geology Department at the Hamidia Degree College of Bhopal in 1956 and served there as the Head of the Department till 1958.

He secured the French Government Fellowship in 1958 and went to Paris. During the tenure of his stay in France, he received specialised training in Micropaleontology and carried out research leading to the award of D.Sc. (Doctorat d'Etat) with distinctions from Bordeaux in 1962. In 1963, he visited various University Departments and Laboratories of Geology in West Germany with financial assistance from the West German Government.

Dr. Goel joined the University of Roorkee, in 1964 as a Lecturer in Geology and became Reader in 1966. He visited the University of Paris again in 1971 as a Post-Doctoral Fellow for specialised training in Micropaleontology, Biostratigraphy and Paleontology. He visited the Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia under the auspices of the Australian Research Grants Committee during 1974-75. He was offered the position of Professor of Geology at the University of Roorkee in 1977 and served with rare devotion and sincerity till he retired from the University service in 1992.

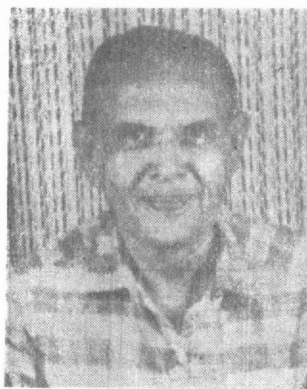
In addition to his doctoral work on the Cretaceous smaller foraminiferids in France, he took keen interest in the Biostratigraphy of the Cambro-Triassic sequence of the Himalaya. He led a couple of geological expeditions to the Tethyan Himalayan sections of Garhwal-Kumaon, Spiti and Kashmir. He had

the credit of publishing a large number of high quality research papers. His contribution on the conodont – biostratigraphy of the Triassic sequence of Spiti is well known. During the period from 1984 to 1992, Dr. Goel was involved in a number of research and consultancy projects pertaining to Biostratigraphy, Micropaleontology and Environmental Science.

Dr. Goel was an excellent and popular teacher. He was a man of very high aesthetic sense. He was simple, courteous, helpful and generous.

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**B. S. GOGTE**  
(1933 – 1992)

It is with deep regret, I report the premature passing away of Dr. B. S. Gogte, Scientist EII, NGRI, Life Member of the Society, due to heart failure in sleep on the night of Saturday, 12th December 1992.

Dr. Gogte took his graduate and postgraduate degrees from the Osmania University in Geology and obtained the doctoral degree from Roorkee University. He joined the CSIR service as a Junior Scientific Assistant at the CRRI, Delhi in 1959 and later moved to the NGRI, Hyderabad in 1969 as Scientist B. At the NGRI, he was associated with R and D on petrological and petrophysical problems relating to the areas of engineering geology, groundwater, rock mechanics and high pressure and high temperature studies. His work on puzzolan materials and landslips has drawn wide attention and appreciation. He has published about thirty-five papers in journals of repute, besides a large number of technical reports and a book. He was also a member of the Indian Geophysical Union.

Dr. Gogte was a simple, non-controversial, non-interfering, straightforward person with amicable qualities and was liked by one and all. He leaves behind his wife and two sons.

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