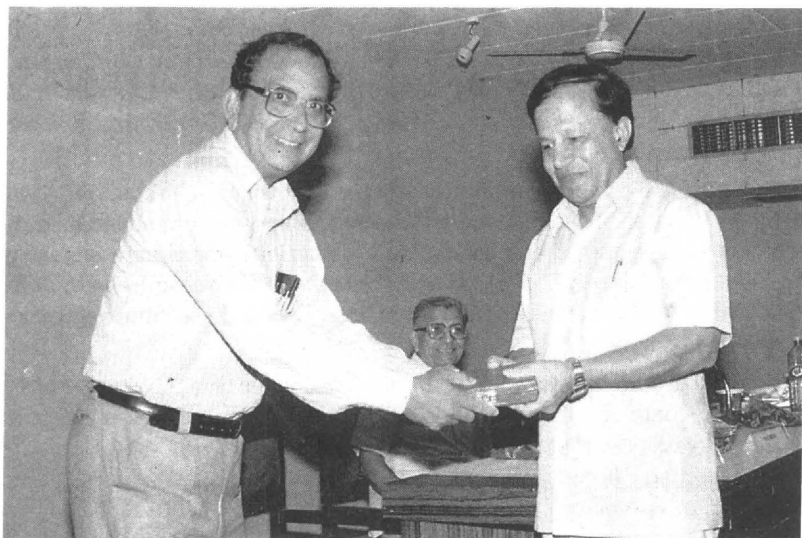


### PROFESSOR S.S. MERH HONOURED

Prof. Sukumar Shyamlal Merh was feliciated at a function held in Vadodara on 2, October, 1996 by his former students, colleagues and admirers. Prof. Merh founded the Geology Department of the M.S. University of Baroda and built it up to its present stature by his dedicated effort in teaching and research stretching over a period of three decades.



Prof. B.L.K. Somayajulu (left) presenting the cheque for Rs. 50,000/- to the Secretary, Geological Society of India; Prof. Merh in the background.

Prof. Merh who obtained his doctorate degree from the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, specialising in the field of structural geology, devoted himself to the study of Kumaon and Nepal Himalaya for nearly 20 years. He is known for his signal contributions in the field of structural and metamorphic geology pertaining to Himalayas as well as Gujarat. With his varied interests, he has devoted himself to Quaternary Geology in recent years, working on the Gujarat-Saurashtra coastline, Rann of Kutch and the miliolitic rocks of Saurashtra.

In a simple but solemn function presided over by the Vice-Chancellor of the M.S. University, Smt. Padma Ramachandran, a draft for Rs. 50,000/- was handed over to the Geological Society of India, represented on the occasion by Shri S.V. Srikantia, Hon. Secretary by the Chief Guest of the day Prof. B.L.K. Somayajulu. The Society is to utilise this amount to institute an award in the name of Prof. Merh for significant contributions in the field of Quaternary Geology.

Shri S.V. Srikantia on behalf of the Geological Society of India assured the august gathering that the amount so graciously made available to the Society would be appropriately utilised for the purpose intended. The modalities of the award will be worked out and finalised by the Council in due course.

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