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**Chandrashekar Vishwanath Sakurkar**  
**(1968-2003)**

Dr. Chandrashekar Vishwanath Sakurkar, Life Fellow, Geological Society of India, passed away at Pune on 11 July 2003 after a brief illness. His premature death at the young age of 34 left every one in shock. It is very depressing for a teacher to write the obituary of a young and bright student. Born on 25 November, 1968, Dr. Sakurkar obtained his M.Sc. (Geology) in 1992 from Pune University with distinction. In the same year, he passed CSIR-UGC Net examination. He worked under my guidance and obtained his Doctorate in 2000 from the Pune University on Stratigraphy and Palynology of the Quaternary Sediments of Coastal Maharashtra and Goa. He worked as a lecturer in the Shi vaji University during 1995-1996 and later on entered the government service as a Junior Geologist in the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Govt. of Maharashtra. Recently, through Maharashtra Public Service Commission he was promoted to the post of Assistant Geologist and was posted at Jalgaon.

Dr. Sakurkar was a lover of books and acquired a large collection of books on geology and other scientific subjects. He had a zeal for learning new things. In 1995, he had

completed the course on Geological Mapping in Sedimentary terrain sponsored by the DST and organised by the GSI at Kuju Centre, Bihar. In the same year he underwent three weeks course on plant tissue culture, conducted by the Progressive Education Society, Pune. He actively participated in *ORV Sugar Kanya* cruise no.117 organised by the NIO in 1996. In 2003, he had participated in the orientation course on Gemmology organised by the Geological Society of India and St. Xaviers College, Mumbai.

Dr. Sakurkar wrote several popular scientific articles in newspapers covering a wide spectrum of subjects like *Making of Mountains*, *Glittering Varaq has a darker side*, *Reading habit among people on the verge of extinction*, *Angels on earth*, *Indian brain*, etc. In his own way, Dr. Sakurkar devoted his short life he lived to the scientific pursuit.

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