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## OBITUARY



**S.M. Sundaram**  
(1937-2000)

S. Meenakshi Sundaram, Deputy Director General (Retd.), Geological Survey of India (GSI) passed away in the early hours of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2000 while staying at his daughter's residence in Mumbai. Hailing from an orthodox Telugu family of Kerala, he was deeply religious and duty conscious with a firm belief in righteousness which he practised in letter and spirit all his life and influenced others around him to follow the same path.

He served the Geological Survey of India for three and half decades. His illustrious career began initially as STA in IBM at Nagpur in 1961. He was promoted as Junior Mining Geologist in 1963 and was transferred to GSI, Chennai in 1966. He carried out mineral investigations for molybdenum in Madurai and Tirunelveli districts, gold in Nilgiris, bauxite in Salem, sulphides in North Arcot district (all in Tamil Nadu), copper in Khetri, Rajasthan and coal in Ramgarh and West Bokaro coalfields of Bihar. He was the team leader in the exploration of bauxite resources at Panchpatmali project in the Orissa sector under the East Coast Bauxite Project of GSI.

Sri Sundaram worked as Officer-in-charge of GSI Training Institute from 1977 to 1983 at Zawar Centre, Rajasthan during which period he taught all the trainees, besides exploration for mineral deposits, exploration of the inner self through yoga and good human relations. He was promoted to the post of Director in 1984. After a fruitful tenure in the Operations: Andhra Pradesh between 1985 and 1989, when the low grade uranium deposit in Vempalle dolomites in the Cuddapah basin was discovered, he returned to the Training Institute and served there till 1992. From 1992

to 1994 he served in the Operations: Gujarat as the Deputy Director General and returned to Operations: Andhra Pradesh from where he superannuated on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1995. After retirement, he was serving as the Secretary of the GSI Pensioner's Association at Hyderabad till the end.

Sri Sundaram is remembered by all his colleagues, friends and relatives as a nice human being without any adversaries, as an advisor, friend, philosopher and guide. He gave a healing touch to the distressed souls. He was a 'yogi', a 'sadhak', an ardent devotee and a role model for simplicity and piety. He was a soft-spoken gentleman with a concern for the fellow beings – more so for the subordinates and the under-privileged. His compassion knew no bounds. With his passing, the geological community has lost a great soul and mentor. He is survived by his wife and three daughters to mourn his loss.

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**Mahendra Kumar Khare  
(1955-2000)**

It is with profound grief that we record sudden and premature passing away of Shri Mahendra Kumar Khare, Scientific Officer of Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD) and a Life Member of the Society, at Nagpur on 25-2-2000. Shri M.K. Khare was born on December 8, 1955 at Bandha, Jabalpur district, Madhya Pradesh. He obtained M.Tech in Applied Geology from Sagar University. He joined Northeastern Region, AMD, Shillong in 1990 and was associated with surveys for uranium in parts of Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh, where he discovered several significant uranium occurrences in diverse geological formations. He was also associated with uranium surveys in parts of Gondwana and Proterozoic basins and Intratrappean formations of central India. He was a well read, enthusiastic and dedicated field geologist, and had abiding interest in plate tectonics. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

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**CORRIGENDUM**

In the discussion on the two papers by K.S. Raghav published in the journal (Jour. Geol. Soc. India, 2000, v.56, pp.110-119), in the second line on p.114 under item 1, 'Singh *an* Khosla' should read as 'Singh *and* Khosla' and in the third line under item 3, 'received *from* Shri O.N. Bhargava' should read instead as 'received *through* Shri O.N. Bhargava'. -Ed.