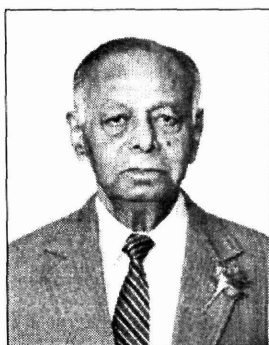


OBITUARY



A.R.Gokul
(1924-2008)

We regret to inform the passing away of Shri A.R. Gokul on the 6th February 2008 at 8.15 p.m. He was a Life Fellow of the Geological Society of India.

Shri A.R. Gokul was born on the 17th October 1924 at Bangalore. He obtained B.Sc (Hons) Degree in Geology of Mysore University in I Class from Central College, Bangalore in 1947.

Shri Gokul started his career as lieutenant in the Indian Army. Dr. W.D. West, the then Director of the Geological Survey of India, a great lover of sports, who had seen Gokul's prowess as an accomplished footballer, facilitated his obtaining a release from the Indian Army and joining the Geological Survey of India (GSI) as an Assistant Geologist in January 1950.

With the decentralization of the GSI he was posted to Bangalore in 1961. Subsequently in the year 1962 he was promoted as Geologist (Sr) and posted to Goa where he stayed for seven years. It was here that he, along with his team, brought out the Geological and mineral map of Goa.

In the year 1969 he organized the GSI Field Training Camp at Zawar as officer-In-charge. This camp received wide appreciation for its excellent organization. Thereafter he was posted as commodity officer for ferrous group of minerals at Calcutta. In the year 1972 he was promoted as

Director and posted to West Bengal Circle. In 1974 he was posted to Bhutan. During his stay in Bhutan he worked out the stratigraphy and structure of Bhutan Himalaya which also led to the significant discovery of copper in the Gongkhola and tungsten in Bhurkhola.

In 1980, he was posted as Director, Karnataka circle and retired from GSI on superannuation on 31st October, 1982.

His important publications include Geology and Mineral Resources of Bhutan, Stratigraphy and Structure of Goa, Structure and Tectonics of Goa, Iron Ore deposits and Steel plants in India. The Geological and Mineral map of Goa and Bhutan were completed under his direction

Shri A.R. Gokul was a good sportsman known for his achievement in football.

On retirement he engaged himself in social services. Shri. Gokul was conditioned by the discipline of the army, sportsmanship of a footballer and inquisitiveness of a geologist. He had abundant compassion for his fellow human beings and a spirit of friendliness towards everyone. His death is mourned by his family, a wide circle of friends, sports people and colleagues.

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