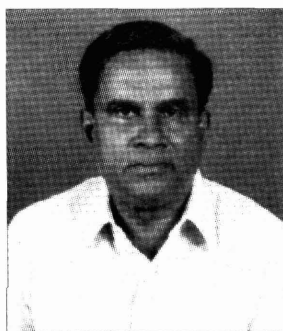


## OBITUARY



**T.A. Selvan**  
(1938-2007)

It is with a deep sense of sorrow that the passing away of Dr. T.A. Selvan, Director (Retired), Geological Survey of India and a life member of the Geological Society of India is conveyed. Dr. Selvan breathed his last on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007 after a brief illness.

Dr. Selvan took his degree and post-graduate degree in geology from the Presidency College, Madras and the Annamalai University. After a short stint of service in the Presidency College, he joined the Geological Survey of India and worked in the Southern, Central and Western Region. During his tenure of service in the Tamil Nadu Circle, Southern Region, he received the doctoral degree from Mysore University based on his work on anorthosite in the Bhavani river valley in Tamil Nadu. After retirement from service, Dr. Selvan taught in the Geology Departments of the Anna and the Madras University, Chennai.

Dr. Selvan was a field geologist par excellence and a role model for younger geologists. He received the National Mineral Award in 1995 for his work on the molybdenite

prospect in north Tamil Nadu. He was the co-author of the book on Geology of Tamil Nadu brought out by the Geological Society of India in 2001 and in 2005 his book on Minerals of Tamil Nadu was published by the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Tamil Nadu.

In 2006, Dr. Selvan donated a handsome amount to institute a merit award to be given to the best second year MSc student in geology, selected from among the colleges and universities in Tamil Nadu; the award is in the name of Shri S. Narayanaswamy, Dr. Selvan's mentor in the Geological Survey of India.

Dr. Selvan was a cricket enthusiast and played for the Geological Survey of India in some tournaments. He was friendly towards all and extended a helping hand to the needy. In his demise many have lost a good friend and his memory has become a treasure.

Dr. Selvan has left behind his wife, a son and a sister.

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