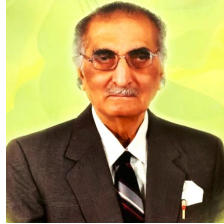


Obituary



Prof. K.G. Gurumurthy
(November 01, 1938 – May 13, 2023)

We record with deep sorrow the demise of our former teacher and colleague Prof. K. G. Gurumurthy, Retired Professor of Social Anthropology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, Karnataka on the 13th May 2023. Prof. Gurumurthy died in Davangere, Karnatak State. With his death, the anthropological fraternity of India has lost a good teacher and researcher in the field of social anthropology.

Prof. Gurumurthy was born on 1st November 1938 in Kandgal village, Davangere district, Karnataka in a reputed family. He completed his graduation from Mysore University, M.A. from Karnatak University, and another M.A. from Philippines University, Manila. He obtained Ph.D. in social anthropology from Karnatak University, in 1973.

He joined Karnatak University in 1967 as lecturer and subsequently elevated to the posts of Reader and Professor in 1973 and 1983 respectively. Totally he had 28 years of teaching and 32 years of research experience. Prof Gurumurthy's scholarship, simplicity and easily approachable manners attracted many students and researchers in Anthropology.

Prof. Gurumurthy had attended number of conferences and seminars in India and abroad and presented research papers. He had completed 11 major and minor research projects obtaining grants from University Grants Commission, New Delhi, ISSSR, and also from State and other Central Government agencies..

He had published more than 25 books and hundreds of research articles in various subjects in reputed local, state, national and international journals *South Asian Anthropologist*, 2023, 23(2): 209

related to social anthropology in English and Kannada languages. He has successfully guided 16 Ph.D. students of the Department of Anthropology.

He held various important positions in the University which includes member of Academic Council and Syndicate. He was subject expert, examiner and member of selection committees in different Universities in India. He was examiner and selection committee member in UPSC, KPSC and other state public service commissions. With his expertise, he had solved many academic and administrative problems in Karnatak University. He worked as editor of reputed journals also. Even after his retirement in 1998 he was active in academic related work, pertaining to social anthropological field and general aspects.

As a person, Prof. Gurumurthy was blend of good qualities. He was an active disciplined, soft spoken, amicable, humble, honest and affectionate person. His death is an immense loss not only to his family but also to the entire anthropological community. He has left behind his wife, two daughters and grandchildren. The teaching, non-teaching staff, students and research scholars of the Department of Anthropology pay their deep respects to Prof. Gurumurthy and pray to almighty to bestow peace to the departed soul.

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