

Memorials

N. Baskara Rao (August 27,
1934 - June 10, 1996)

Professor N. Baskara Rao was born and spent his childhood in Tamilnadu. He had his education both in India and abroad. He obtained Master's Degree in Economics from Annamalai University, Diploma in Population Studies from International Institute for Population Sciences, Bombay and Ph.D. in Population Studies from University of Alberta, Canada.

He had worked at the National Council of Applied Economic Research, Indian Institute of Population Studies (under Dr. S. Chandrasekhar), International Institute for Population Sciences, Bombay before joining Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore in 1973 on invitation to the Institute by Late Prof. V. K. R. V. Rao. He continued with the Institute till his superannuation in 1994.

Baskara Rao had a very illustrious academic career. His academic contributions include 5 books, 25 major papers in national and international journals and several unpublished papers. He successfully guided three doctoral students and attended several seminars and conferences within India and abroad. At the Institute for Social and Economic Change, he had held several responsibilities, both academic and administrative. He was Head of the Population Research Centre for 14 years, Vice Chairman, Research Programme Committee, Academic Committee, Library Committee, etc. Professor Rao had handled research projects for the state of Karnataka, Government of India and other international organisations including World Bank, UNFPA and UNICEF. His major areas of academic interest ranged from Population and Development, Urbanisation, Maternal and Child Health Programmes, Labour Force etc. He was a member of I ASP, IUSSP and other state and national level professional organisations.

In his death, we have lost a man of words and impeccable character who was held in high esteem by his friends and colleagues. The world of Demography has lost an academician of repute and a man of integrity and modesty. He never recovered from his illness which began in May, 1995. He passed away in the early hours, on Monday, June 10, 1996 at Bangalore. He has left behind his wife, a son and a daughter.

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