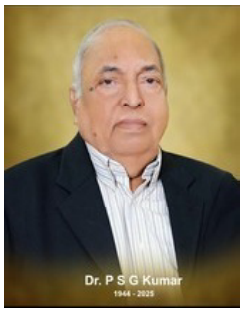
Dr. P.S.G Kumar : A Tribute



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Dr PSG Kumar was an excellent teacher, devoted researcher, academic administrator, practicing librarian, scholarly orator, and prolific author in the field of Library and Information Science. He suddenly passed away on 3rd January 2025 at Hyderabad. He leaves behind a profound legacy in the field of librarianship and education.

Dr PSG Kumar was my beloved friend, a gentleman to the core, he believed in hard work and simple living. He gave more to the profession than received from it. Both of us were the research students of Dr. S. R. Gunjal. We were very close to our guide and shared affectionate relation with him. He uses to visit Gulbarga University frequently for his research work(ThenI was working as a lecturer in Gulbarga University) and shared his rich experience with me.

Dr PSG Kumar was a prolific author. He published 233 papers, 48 monographs and 19 edited books. His lifetime work on the 23 volume encyclopedia is an extraordinary milestone in the development of LIS literature. Particularly his books were oriented towards the students needs covering the syllabus of many universities. Students valued books authored by Dr Kumar in various aspects of Library science, but classification was very dear to his heart in teaching. He also wrote books in Telugu and

Marathi languages. The success of his experiment through his NULISABulletin, NUL News, IATLIS Communication, ILA Newsletter by adding some new features.

He was the president of ILA (1994-1996) and IATLIS (1990-1992). I was also an opportunity to be with him as Vice President of both the associations. His selection was through election, a landslide victory andthe record still unbroken. But mine was unanimously elected candidate by his effort. Many new program was chalked out by him especially new membership drive, regional activates were increased in many outreach programs such as organizing book exhibitions, honoring veteran library professionals and many more. His mentorship has had a profound impact on my academic growth and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from him. I was very much impressed by his beautiful handwriting and a disciplined life. He wrote me several letters, still have preserved them.

Dr PSG Kumar's contributions to the Library and Information profession are commendable should never be forgotten. I pray God may his soul rest in peace.



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