

was extremely industrious, and often worked in the lab till the wee hours of the morning, writing papers, reading journals and discussing science with his students. His students will always remember him with fondness – for he was not only their research guide but also their friend and a confidant.

Recognition for his achievements came in many forms. Kishore was awarded the Bhatnagar prize in 1988, was elected to the Fellowship of the Indian Academy of Sciences in 1991 and most recently to the Indian National Science Academy in 1999. He has also been on the editorial board of the *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*, since 1995. Kishore served on several important decision-making bodies in the

country – various assessment committees, research councils of national laboratories etc. His later years were turning out to be busier than he probably would have liked it, requiring him to take up frequent travel. He often joked that the security guards at the airport mistook him for someone very important and would stand in attention whenever he passed by. His stature and personality, without his knowing, often generated this reaction – little did they know of the gentle soul within.

Kishore enjoyed company and had a great sense of humor – even when he was the subject of the joke. He enjoyed good food, was a avid cricket fan with an enviable knowledge of cricket statistics and great lover of Hindi cinema –

all of it – from the days when he was a teenager to the current ones, something very few of us can boast of. This speaks volumes about his personality – a willingness to adapt to the changing times. Kishore will be deeply missed by all those who knew him, more so by his colleagues, staff and students, for whom he is irreplaceable. The loss to Indian science, to say the least, is irreparable.

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## MEETINGS/SYMPOSIA/SEMINARS

**International Symposium and Field Workshop on Geodynamic Evolution of Himalaya–Karakoram–Eastern Syntaxis (Indo-Burma Range)–Andaman Nicobar Island Arc and Adjoining Region**

Date: 11–16 December 2000  
Place: Lucknow, India

Themes include: Palaeontology and stratigraphy; Palaeofloristics, palaeogeography, palaeoclimate and depositional environment; Accretion of Karakoram terrane; Origin and evolution of Himalaya–Karakoram–Eastern Syntaxis–Andaman Nicobar Island Arc; Hydrocarbon prospects in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and offshore region; Studies in Indo-Pacific region based on DSDP & ODP.

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**Fifth Biennial Conference on Signal Processing and Communications (SPCOM '99)**

Date: 21–24 July 1999  
Place: Bangalore

Topics include: Signal processing algorithms & architectures; Image processing and vision; Nonlinear signal processing; Multirate DSP & wavelets; Time–frequency representation; Array signal processing; DSP applications; Wireless communications; Modulation, coding, encryption; Speech recognition; Speech and audio compression; Image and video compression; Biomedical signal processing; Multimedia signal processing.

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