



OBITUARY

Dr. Manoj Shukla



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(1951–2006)

We deeply mourn the sad passing away of Dr. Manoj Shukla, Scientist at Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow on June 6, 2006 in a road accident near Lucknow. Dr. Shukla was a committed Life Fellow and a Member of the Executive Council of the Palaeontological Society of India.

Born on November 12, 1951 at Nagina, U.P., he received his B. Sc. (1971) and M. Sc. (1973) degrees from the University of Lucknow and took up research at Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow under the able guidance of Dr. K. M. Lele. The University of Lucknow awarded him the Ph.D. degree in 1979 on his palaeobotanical research on Hutar Coalfield, Bihar. Later, he shifted to Precambrian Palaeobiology and made some good contributions to the fossil records from the Indian Precambrian successions, e.g. the Cuddapah, the Kaladgi, the

Vindhyan Supergroups, the Kurnool Group, etc. He authored some bench-mark papers on the Archaean and Proterozoic microbiota and animal fossils in the Tertiary ambers. He was honoured along with his team with a prestigious H. S. Pareek award of the Geological Society of India for a paper in coal science. His last contribution to Precambrian Palaeobiology was a paper (jointly with Tewari, Babu and Sharma) on the microfossils from the Neoproterozoic Buxa Dolomite of Arunachal Pradesh published in the June issue of 2006 of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India, 51(1): 57 – 73.

Besides being a scientist, Dr. Shukla was a gentleman full of humility, humour and compassion. He always strove for excellence in research and personnel life. He will be long remembered for his accomplishments, humane qualities and wits.

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