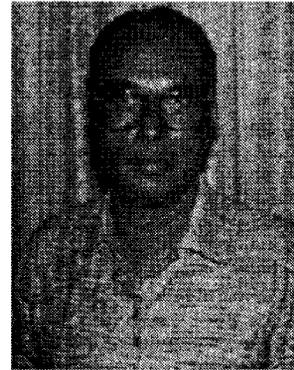


## Prof. N. Balakrishna Reddy



Professor N. Balakrishna Reddy's career from rural Allur to Professor and Rector in S.V. University, Tirupati has been one of perseverance and achievement. Soft spoken, well mannered with an unassuming personality had made him a well-loved and popular figure in geographical circles.

Professor N.B.K. Reddy was born on 1st July 1929 in Allur, Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh. He had his early education at the Zilla Parishad High School in his village. He went to Pitapuram Raja College in Kakinada for his Pre-University education and completed his B.Sc. at Presidency College, Chennai. He obtained his Bachelor in Education at the Government Training College, Nellore, and worked some time for a local school. Professor Reddy took his M.Sc. at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi and went on to do his M.Ed. in the Karnataka University, Dharwad. He obtained his Ph.D. from the same university on "*Urbanisation in the Krishna and Godavari Deltas*". His early publication was on the Regional Geography of Mysore State. Professor Reddy's major research was on 'Refinement of Nearest Neighbour and Reflexive

Neighbour Analysis', 'Delimitation of Polynuclei Urban Zones and Moment Analysis' to which he contributed towards the methodological understanding. He also had a deep interest in physical geography and went out of his way to pursue it.

Professor Reddy worked for a short while at the Government Degree College, Srikakkulam and then moved to Karnataka University, Dharwad, where he worked for thirteen years till he started the Department of Geography at Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati, in 1972 and became Professor in 1984 till he retired in 1989. During his tenure he also served as Rector from 1984-85. During his term at the S.V. University he was a member of several bodies such as U.G.C. National Lecturer 1985-86, Member National Committee for Indian Science Academy 1975-81, Member U.G.C Expert Panel in Geography 1976-85 and Member Advisory Committee of ICSSR Southern Regional Centre 1974-75. Professor Reddy has also organised several national conferences and seminars at Tirupati like the seminar on 'Drought Prone Areas of India' the proceedings of which

were brought out by The Rayal Seema Geographical Society, Tirupati. He was a Member and President of Professional Bodies such as the Institute of Indian Geographers, Pune, and the National Association of Geographers, India. Professor Reddy's retirement period had seen him appointed as Vice-Chairman of the State Council of Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in 1992 where he was made its Chairman in 1994 and retired in 1995. His policies especially towards the non teaching staff were commendable.

Since 1995 Professor Reddy led a simple retired life with his family till he developed kidney problems and passed away on November 4th 2006.

I deem myself lucky to have been associated with Professor Reddy in all academic ventures – Examinations, Member of Board of Studies, Selection Committees etc. – which made me appreciate his simplicity, pleasant nature and his subtle sense of humour. May Professor Reddy's soul rest in eternal peace.

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