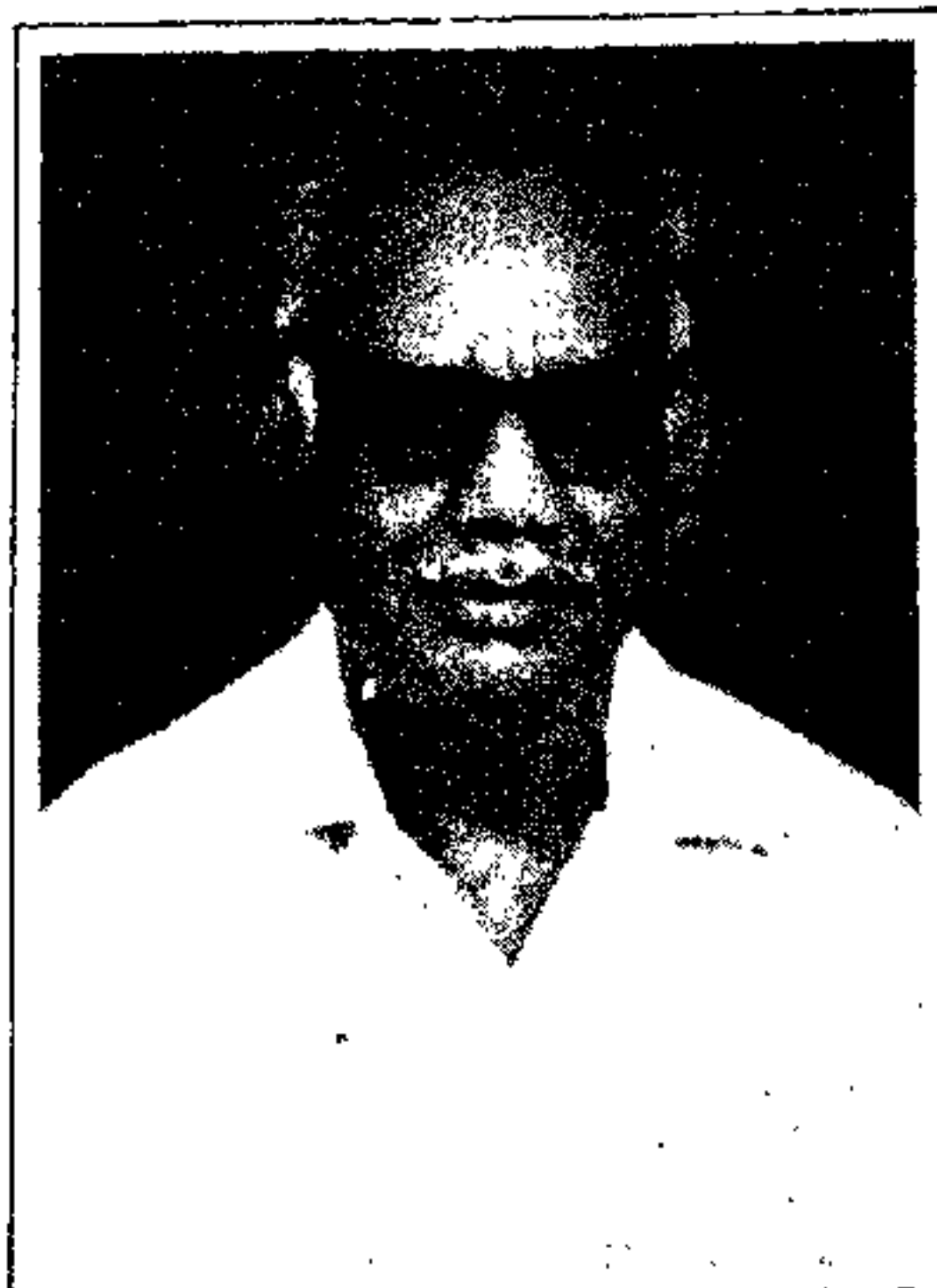


GSA honours Indian geologist

The Council of the Geological Society of America (GSA) has elected Dr B. P. Radhakrishna as an Honorary Fellow. This fellowship is given to individuals residing outside North America who have distinguished themselves as geological investigators.

Dr Radhakrishna has worked in the general areas of precambrian geology, economic geology and groundwater hydrology. He has been engaged in geological and mineral surveys in different parts of Karnataka. He founded the Geological Society of India and functioned as its secretary. He has held many prestigious appointments—he was the Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka; Chairman and Managing Director of Mysore Minerals Ltd; Adviser to the Government of Karnataka, Groundwater resources, etc.

In 1971, Dr Radhakrishna received the National Mineral Award from the Government of India. He is a fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences as well as the Indian

National Science Academy. He continues to work actively as Editor of the *Journal of the Geological Society of India*, Bangalore.

Modi award for Prof. R. Narasimha

Prof. R. Narasimha, Director, National Aeronautical Laboratory, has been given the third Gujar Mal Modi Science and Technology Award - 1990, for his outstanding contributions to innovative science. The award carries a cash amount of Rs. 1 lakh and a citation.

Prof. Narasimha is internationally known for his contributions in aerospace science and engineering, especially in fluid mechanics and aerodynamics. He has also worked in other areas like airworthiness analysis, nonlinear problems, and atmospheric sciences. Prof. Narasimha is a recipient of the Burmah Shell Award of the Aeronautical Society of India (1970), Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize in Engineering Sciences (1976), Homi Bhabha Award for research in applied sciences (1976), Shanti Swarup

Bhatnagar Medal of INSA (1985). In 1987, he was conferred the Presidential Honour, Padma Bhushan.

Rare honour for Prof. C. N. R. Rao

Prof. C.N.R. Rao, Director of the Indian Institute of Science was nominated by Pope John Paul II as a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. Prof. Rao is the first Indian chemist to be made a member of this academy established in 1603. This academy consists of 70 illustrious academicians from the domains of physical sciences, mathematics and natural sciences.

Prof. Rao has, in the recent past, been elected foreign member of the US National Academy of Sciences. He is one of the few Indian scientists and the only Indian chemist to be elected to the US Academy of Sciences till now. Prof. Rao was a recipient of the prestigious SS Bhatnagar Award in 1968. He was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan in 1985. He also has the distinction of having been appointed the President of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (1985-87).