## **A Special Feature**

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**Dr. G. C. Rao** Professor (Former Head of the Department and Chairman, Board of Studies), Department of Mathematics, Andhra university, Visakhapatnam.

Prof.G.C.Rao has an illustrious academic career spanning over 34 years in teaching, research. Graduated from Andhra University (AU), he obtained his Post Graduate Degree from Andhra University. He did his Doctorate in Mathematics, in the field of "almost Distributive Lattice". He has been conferred with "Best researcher in Science and Technology" award by Andhra University in the eighty- eighty first convocation.

Prof.Rao was born in a remote village in Andhra Pradesh, India in a middle class family to Sri G.Venkata Rao and Smt Lakshmi Savitramma. He did his schooling in ZPHS Telugu medium School in Mummidivaram, AP. He did his graduation in SKBR College Amalapuram. While doing his graduation, Prof Rao was greatly influenced by Prof. P.V.Satya Narayana Murthy, who has inspired him by teaching complicated concepts in a simplified way. Studying in Telugu medium in a rural area had never been a hurdle for the intellectual growth of Prof Rao.

After joining the P. G. programme, the lectures by Prof N.V. Subrahmanyam and Prof U. M. Swamy made him to incline towards doing research in Algebra in fact in Lattice Theory. Prof.Rao went on to do extensive work in the areas of C-Algebras, Almost Distributive Lattices, and Sheaf Theory.

He has been a member of several prestigious academic bodies such as Chairman of Board of Studies, Department of Mathematics, Andhra University, Editor in Chief, International Journal of Algebra, Number Theory and Applications. He has also been an Editor of various other esteemed journals such as the Journal of the Indian Academy of Mathematics and International Journal of the Scientific and Innovative Mathematical research.

Prof.G.C.Rao upheld the legacy of eminent Professors N. V. Subrahmanyam and Professor U.M. Swamy, by carrying the research in Algebra and he has produced the highest number (13) Ph.D.'s in the department of Mathematics in AU in a relatively short span of 20 years.

He has guided 12 PhDs and 13 M.Phils scholars. He has published 72 papers in Various National and International Journals. Prof.Rao has authored 10 books and prepared course material for the subjects offered in distance education.

Recently he has retired from his services in Andhra University .IJSIMR wishes a peaceful and healthy retired life to Prof.G.C.Rao and his family.

IJSIMR feels it as a pride to have him as a member of Editorial Board and extends its hearty best wishes to Prof. G.C.Rao.