

W. V. G. VENKATA RAMANA

A Memoir

Mr W V G Venkata Ramana, Member of the Executive of Professor Yellapragada SubbaRow Memorial Symposium passed Away in Hyderabad (AP) on 17 May 2013 at Yeshoda Hospital after suffering Cardiac arrest. He was 64 years of age.

He was active in the Symposium Team that organized the Conference on Nutrition, Biotechnology, Health & Disease at The Andhra Pradesh Bhavan in New Delhi on 16 March 1994.

Wunnava Venu Gopal Venkata Ramana was, with over 30 years of rich managerial experience gained at State Bank of India, an expert in Credit, Foreign Exchange, Inspection & Audit and Training. As trainer and faculty at State Bank of India, Staff Training Centre/College for five years, his specialization was in Behavioral Science, International Banking and Credit, Letters of Credit & Trade Finance operations.



A voracious reader, his hobby was to retain every important information clippings of varied subjects .

He liked meeting people and maintaining relationships with relatives as well as friends.

He was very religious and an active member of the Delhi Bhajan Samaj, took part actively in its religious activities, specially reciting the Vishnu Sahashranama at its weekly programme.

Very much interested in social activities as well, Venkata Ramana was active in the Senior Citizens Chapter and the Dwarka Forum for betterment of civic amenities of the Subcity where he lived after retirement in DDA SFS Flat No.63, Sector-2, Pocket-1.

He joined the State Bank of India in 1971 and in the early years of his career, held the following assignments: Field Officer (SSI & SBF), Manager (Small Scale Industries & Small Business Finance) at Ranchi Main Branch, and Branch Manager, RMCH Branch, Ranchi, Manager (Training & Faculty) at New Delhi Staff Training Centre, Manager (Exports), Foreign Exchange Division at New Delhi Main Branch.

His career grew with these assignments and acquisition of an MA in Public Administration of the Utkal University in July 1982 and a CAIIB Certificate in Investment of the Chartered Institute of Bankers [formerly The Institute of Bankers,] London, that year and the London institute's Certificate in the Nature of Management in 1983

Now a professional banker, Venkata Ramana became an Associate Member of the Indian Institute of Banking & Finance [formerly the Indian Institute of Bankers]. During 1990-1992, he delivered tutorial lectures at the New Delhi Sub-Centre of the Indian Institute of Bankers on the subject "Finance of Foreign Trade & Foreign Exchange" for the benefit of bankers appearing for the CAIIB examinations. He was a co-examiner for the "Finance of Foreign Trade & Foreign Exchange" paper of the CAIIB examinations from 1995 to 1997.

In 1992, Venkata Ramana was associated with the implementation of SWIFT operations at Delhi Centre and trained Bank officials and staff in formatting various SWIFT Message Types and their functions and use. For over three years, from December 1994 to March 1998, he worked as Chief Manager (Inspection) on mobile duty and carried out -- independently and in teams -- inspections and

audits of large commercial branches of State Bank of India across India as well as of the Panama Branch.

Recognised now a professional banker, he was posted as Chief Manager & Head of International Banking Division Industrial Finance Branch, New Delhi, (June 1998 to June 2001); Officiating Asstt. General Manager & Head, Wazirpur Industrial Estate Branch, NEW DELHI (Jul 2001 - Jun 2002); Chief Manager & Head, Bhilwara (Rajasthan) Branch, (Jul 2002 - Oct 2003); Assistant General Manager & Head, Shahdara SSI Commercial Branch, Delhi, (Jan 2004 - Feb 2005) and Assistant General Manager & Head, Aligarh Main Branch, India (Mar 2005 - May 2007) (implemented Core Banking in November 2006/doubled the profit within two years.

He was Consultant (Banking) BIFR, Union Ministry Of Finance, from 29th May 2007 – 30th Nov. 2008 and Forex, Financial & Banking Consultant to HNWI's and Corporates (December 2008)

He was born on 4th November 1948 in Berhampur (Ganjam) Odisha, the only son of Wunnava Rangarao and Lalita. He had two elder sisters and a younger sister.

After schooling at Berhampur, he did the Intermediate course in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, and graduated as a Bachelor of Science from the Utkal University (1970) and subsequently got a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Ranchi University (1972).

Venkataa Ramana married Pothapragada Renuka on 6 February 1976. Two sons Jagannath and Rangarao were born to the couple. Presently Rangarao, a self-made computer professional, wife Nishi and their son Utkarsh are in Wrocklaw, Poland, where he and his wife are working with IBM. Jagannath is employed with Sreshta Natural Foods at Hyderabad.