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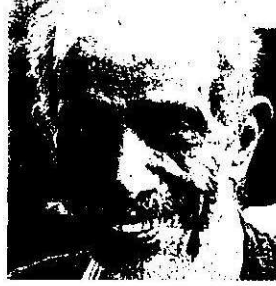
Aerospace scientist Roddam passes away

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to hospital
last week

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Well-known aerospace scientist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Roddam Narasimha passed away here on Monday. He was 87.

"He died around 8.30 p.m. on Monday. He was brought in last Tuesday with massive bleeding in the brain. He was brought to the hospital in a comatose condition. He had a lot of cardiac issues, and had suffered a few strokes in 2018 and 2019. He was in a bad condition when he came in. We took the family into discussion into the possible way of treatment, and it was decided that medical line of management would be followed rather than operating in this condition. He was in the hospital for a week but didn't respond. He was on the ven-



Roddam Narasimha
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tilator in the ICU," Dr. Sunil Furtado, neurosurgeon at the Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, told *The Hindu*.

A distinguished scientist, Prof. Narasimha, according to his profile on the JNCASR website, was educated in Bengaluru and at the California Institute of Technology. "(He) held various positions at the Indian Institute of Science, including Chairman, Department of Aerospace Engineering, Chairman, Centre for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences. He was also the Di-

rector of the National Aerospace Laboratories. He has been Clark B. Millikan Professor at Caltech several times, Jawaharlal Nehru Professor at Cambridge, INSA Golden Jubilee Professor and ISRO K.R. Ramanathan Distinguished Professor at Bangalore. Fellow of the Royal Society, Foreign Associate of both the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and the Academy of Sciences, and Fellow of all the national academies of science and engineering in India," it says.

Prof. Narasimha was a member of the Space Commission, Consultative Group of Eminent Senior Scientists, Government of India, and of the Bureau of the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. His research areas included fluid dynamics of clouds, atmospheric convection, temperature distribution near ground, and aerospace technology.