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Centenarian lexicographer G Venkatasubbaiah passes away

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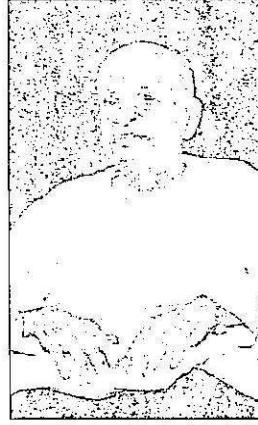
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BENGALURU, DHNS

Centenarian Kannada writer and lexicographer Prof Ganjam Venkatasubbaiah passed away due to old age complications here in the early hours of Monday. He was 108.

He was being treated for urinary tract infection at a private hospital at Jayanagar. Doctors had planned his discharge on Monday as he had recovered from the infection. However, he developed breathlessness and other complications late on Sunday night and breathed his last at around 1.15 am.

He is survived by a son and a daughter. Of his four children, a son and a daughter had died a few years ago. His wife passed away three years ago.

His last rites were conducted at the Wilson Garden crematorium with full



Prof G Venkatasubbaiah

state honours on Monday afternoon.

Condoling the death, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "He has left a huge void in Kannada literature. He was a prolific writer and thinker who made many efforts to popularise Kannada. He was passionate about his work and inspired many youngsters."

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, his Cabinet colleagues, former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy, KPCC president D K Shivakumar and many others condoled the death.

Primarily known for

his contribution to the world of Kannada lexicography, Venkatasubbaiah was known as a walking encyclopedia of Kannada language and culture.

He published 70 books, 14 dictionaries and authored four seminal works on dictionary science in Kannada. He is a recipient of the Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Pampa and Rajyotsava awards among others. He was also honoured with Kendra Sahitya Academi's Bhasha Samman Puraskar.

Venkatasubbaiah presided over the 77th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Bengaluru in 2011.

He was born on August 23, 1913, into a family of linguists at Kaigona-halli, KR Pet taluk, Mandya district. He secured a postgraduate degree in Kannada from Maharaja's College, Mysuru, in 1937.

He served as a teacher at the municipal school in Mandya, at a high school in Davangere, at Maharaja's College and Vijaya College in Bengaluru. 'Igo Kannada,' Venkatasubbaiah's column in 'Prajavani,' was hugely popular.