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Eminent critic G S Amur no more

DHARWAD, DHNS: Eminent Kannada literary critic G S Amur passed away in Bengaluru on Monday. He was 96 and is survived by a daughter and three sons.

He was admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru due to age-related ailments and breathed his last after failing to respond to treatment.

After his wife Shanta passed away a few years back, Amur had shifted from Dharwad and was staying at a son's house in Bengaluru for the last three years.

Gururaj Shyamachar Amur was born on May 8, 1925 at Bommanahalli in Hangal taluk of Haveri district and he served as an English professor at G T College in Gadag, Karnatak University in Dharwad before moving to Marathwada University at



G S Amur

Aurangabad, Maharashtra. He was the chairman of the Department of English there.

After his retirement, Amur had settled at Kalyan Nagar in Dharwad.

While at Dharwad, he was closely associated with the Manohar Grantha Mala and the Santya Sambhrama, the annual literary festival.

His love for Kannada

Though G S Amur served as the professor of English and wrote in English, his love for Kannada was immense and he has penned several books in Kannada also. On several occasions, Amur had pointed out that English was evolving as the international language,

but that should not hinder the use of mother tongue and regional language from being used in the day-to-day life of the people. He had recalled that environs of Dharwad played a major role in moulding his career as a writer.

Amur has the credit of editing 12 comprehensive volumes of writer Sriranga's works. He has translated Kannada, Marathi and Sanskrit books into English. His work 'Bhuvanada Bhagya' on Jnanpith awardee D. N. Bendre is noteworthy which fetched him the Kendra Sahitya Akademi award (1996).

Amur was a recipient of Pampa, Rajyotsava and other prestigious awards. Last week, KSRTC had announced this year's Nrupatunga Award for lifetime's work in literary criticism to Amur.