

## CONDOLENCE NOTE

**Professor R. Balasubramanian**, a doyen of Indian Philosophy, took his last breath in the early hours of June 28, 2017 at Chennai in Tamil Nadu. He lived for 88 years engaging himself as a thinker, philosopher, a great Teacher and a researcher. He worked as Professor at Madras University and Pondicherry University. Among the older generation philosopher of South India, Professor R. Balasubramanian was a leading figure who had inspired generations of students by his brilliant teachings, writings, expertise and working very extensively in Advaita Vedanta and western Philosophy, particularly in Phenomenology and existentialism. However, his life was fully soaked in Advaita Vedanta.

Born on 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1929 in a village in Tamil Nadu and he obtained his MA Ph.D and D.Litt. degrees in Philosophy with great distinction, more than half a century ago from the University of Madras. Besides his extensive scholarly publications, he leaves behind the richest legacy of literally hundreds of his students, spread across the world, who extol him, as one of the finest teachers that inspired them throughout. Professor RB (as he is normally called and identified among his students and friends) studied under great teachers and pandits like, Professor Venkatarama Iyer, Professor Hiriyanna, Professor Varalur Kalyana Sundara Sastrigal, Professor Sankaranarayanan and Professor T.M.P. Mahadevan. He has published 23 books and brought out 100 articles throughout his life.

Undoubtedly enough, our country has lost a great thinker, a Guru and a Philosopher. His demise is indeed a heavy loss to the philosophical community at large and ICPR, in particular. The gap he has left will remain unfilled forever. He succeeded the Founder Chairman ICPR during 1990-1994. Many honours and awards were conferred upon him. ICPR also honoured him with a Life Time Achievement Award during 2010-11 by giving him due recognition for his outstanding contribution to the cause of philosophy. He was also awarded a National Fellowship by ICPR when he produced a significant contribution.

He was sick for some time but had a very peaceful death. He has left behind his daughter and his three sons who looked after him very well until the last breath. On behalf of ICPR and the philosophical community we express our deep felt sincere condolences to his family members and his near and dear ones.

**MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE**

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