

Prof. Pisharoty, Prof. Bhattacharyya, Prof. Kulkarni and other friends and colleagues :

We meet here today to hold a Symposium on the occasion of the 60th birthday of another of our esteemed colleagues, Prof. Kulkarni. On behalf of all my colleagues and on my own personal behalf, I extend to you all a hearty welcome on the occasion of this felicitation function and the associated symposium on ["]Modern Trends in Astronomy["].

Furthermore, on behalf of all of us present here and on my own personal behalf, I convey our heartiest best wishes to Prof. Kulkarni and Mrs. Kulkarni on this occasion of Prof. Kulkarni's 60th birthday. We all wish that he continues to have a healthy and active life both physically and scientifically.

This occasion, however, also coincides, willy nilly, with what one calls superannuation. The superannuation is more or less an inevitability which is bound to embrace all of us on an appointed date. So one can at least prepare oneself for it. And, inasmuch as it is an inevitability, it is no use worrying about it. And knowing Prof. Kulkarni as I do, he takes these matters rather ^{matters of} factly and philosophically. So the best thing is to forget about the superannuation part of it and concentrate on the 60th birthday aspect.

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Rao who all have now retired, Prof. Kulkarni is one of the old guards of PRL. He represents a generation who, so to speak, grew with PRL and saw it grow. The values that an organization represents also derive from the sum total of the values of those of its members who grow with the initial growth of the organization. In that sense, Prof. Kulkarni has contributed to some extent to the set of values represented by the organization.

It is a risky venture to describe what are the kinds of values that an individual represents because that is a rather unknown territory for another person. Nevertheless, taking that calculated risk, I would say that Prof. Kulkarni has represented what may be described healthy conservative traditional values. By that I mean: (i) first of all, a highly conscientious nature and disposition, a respect for rules and laws and a commitment to discipline--both physical and mental.

And yet contrary to what one may imagine as being concomitant with such a description, he is far from being a conformist. He has many times come up with radical suggestions which, however, seemed perfectly logical and proper, but which others did not consider. So when you are discussing something in a group, you can count on him to inject a new dimension into the discussion. And, it is always pleasing to hear something different even if you disagree with him. I personally consider that a very important quality and an

asset.

Prof. Kulkarni is a disciplinarian with a high sense of duty and responsibility in the good old tradition and he has served PRL all these years both scientifically and otherwise with dedication and commitment with distinction with the best of his abilities. And, I take this occasion to record on behalf of all of us our most sincere appreciation and regards for all his services.

In doing science also, he likes to carry out things in a very systematic fashion and has thereby made interesting discoveries in both airglow and astronomy. The last ten years or so of his career has also been involved with the setting up of the Infrared Telescope whose installation he has pursued with single-minded devotion. When we use this telescope, we shall remember the care and dedication with which he has contributed its installation.

We express our appreciation for his efforts and wish him again a very peaceful, healthy and creative years ahead.

His love for classical music.

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