

PRESS NOTE

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The Chief Reporter,

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Dr. H Narasimhaiah, noted educationist and former Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University today unveiled the name board of the Prof B S Madhava Rao Circle at the naming ceremony of the circle near M N Krishna Rao Park in Basavanagudi. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Narasimhaiah recounted his days as a student under Prof B S Madhava Rao. He recalled that lectures of Prof Madhava Rao were attended by eminent scientists and personalities of the day like Sir C V Raman. He affectionately remembered Prof Madhava Rao, who even during his tenure as a professor at the Central College, continued to play hockey along with his students, one of whom was Dr Narasimhaiah.

Sri P R Ramesh, corporator of Basavanagudi presided over the function. Speaking on the occasion he appreciated the fact that the circle was being named for the first time and not being renamed. This he said was an effort in preserving the cultural and historical heritage of Bangalore City. He was also appreciative that the citizens of the area, out of their own initiative approached the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike to rename the circle and the function was also organised by them.

Notable among the dignitaries present at the function were Prof S K Lakshman Rao who was Prof Madhava Rao's student, Sri B V Annaiah, General Secretary of the Yuvaka Sangha and Dr Maiya. Padmashri V Narayana Rao proposed the vote of thanks.

Enclosed: A brief resume of Prof B S Madhava Rao.

Professor B.S.Madhava Rao

(1900-1987)

Professor B.S.Madhava Rao was born in Chamarajanagar, Mysore district in 1900 and had a brilliant career at the Central College Bangalore and later on at the University of Calcutta where he obtained the degrees of MSc and DSc. For over three decades he was on the teaching faculty of the University of Mysore and held the posts of Professor of Mathematics at the College of Engineering and at the Central College and retired as the Principal of Central College. He was a fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, the National Science Academy and the Royal Astronomical Society of Great Britain. His first love was mathematics and Mathematical Physics and his research contributions brought him and his Alma-mater, name and fame. He was also a keen sportsman and was proficient in cricket, hockey and also tennis. He also had a keen interest in Horticulture. As an academic, he had an All India Stature and worked in Pune for five years (1955-1960) at the Institute of Armament Studies (Defence Ministry) as Professor of Ballistics and for another five years (1960-1965) in the University of Poona, as Lokamanya Tilak Professor of Applied Mathematics.

Professor Madhava Rao lived for over 60 Years in the Kanakapura Road close to the Sir.M.M.Krishna Rao Park. A proposal to name the circle which is in this vicinity after Prof.Madhava Rao, such an illustrious citizen of an earlier era, who brought name and fame not only to himself but also to this city was made by a large number of distinguished citizens of this city and this has been approved by the Bangalore Mahanagar Palike as well as by the Government of Karnataka. To-day's function brings to a culmination the desire of the citizens of this city to honour the late distinguished professor, Dr.B.S.Madhava Rao.

