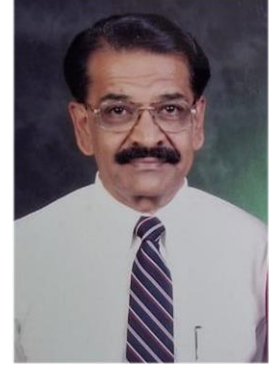


In Loving Memory of Dr. M. Krishnamurthy

Scientist-G (Retd.), CSIR-NAL

Left for Heavenly Abode on 16th April 2025 / Aged 81 years



We are deeply saddened to share the passing of **Dr. M. Krishnamurthy**, retired Scientist-G of CSIR-NAL, who left for his heavenly abode on 16th April 2025 at the age of 81.

True leaders not only guide, inspire, and uplift those around them—they lead by example. Dr. Krishnamurthy embodied all these qualities and more. He was a beacon of knowledge, humility, and integrity, whose influence extended far beyond professional boundaries.

A native of Mallur, Karnataka, he chose to settle in Bangalore following his retirement. His life was a testament to the adage "*simple living and high thinking.*"

Dr. Krishnamurthy was a brilliant teacher and mentor—one of the finest one could ever hope to learn from. With deep-rooted expertise in Aerodynamics and Flight Mechanics, he generously shared his knowledge with colleagues at NAL by initiating and conducting specialized courses. His legendary lectures on Stability and Control, delivered entirely without notes, are still fondly remembered. He would derive complex equations from first principles, offering crystal-clear physical insights into each stability derivative and term involved. His grasp of the subject was nothing short of extraordinary, as was his love for books.

Despite an impressive career that included academic leadership at IIT Kanpur as a Professor of Aerospace Engineering and a stint at HAL, Dr. Krishnamurthy remained remarkably humble and composed. He understood practical needs of Flight Experiments Division of NAL very well in his time and motivated colleagues to participate in Hansa project. His calm demeanor, disciplined lifestyle, and trademark thick moustache often led people to assume he was a retired army officer. He also served as the President of the Kannada Sangha at CSIR-NAL, contributing to the cultural fabric of the organization.

The passing of Dr. Krishnamurthy is a profound loss to the aviation community. He was a rare soul—deeply evolved, quietly inspiring, and universally respected.

May the Lord Almighty grant his soul eternal peace.

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