



Prof. C. E. Nehru

Prof. J.S.R. Krishna Rao - Dr. R. Dhana Raju Medal

Nehru was born in Andhra Pradesh, India and completed his M.Sc. Degree (1956) at Madras University, India. In 1957, he was awarded a scholarship by the Standard Vacuum Oil Company and CSIR, India to study at Columbia University, New York, USA. After completing his Ph.D., he returned to India and worked for the National Mineral Development Corporation's (NMDC-1961-1965), Bailadila Iron Ore Project and Head Office in New Delhi and Khetri Copper Project. In 1965, he returned to New York to teach at Brooklyn College, City University of New York (CUNY). His service to the CUNY spanned over four decades. Prof. Nehru has taught all levels of students at Brooklyn College and at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and has served as the Adviser for many Masters and Ph.D. students at CUNY. He has authored many research papers in geology and received awards for teaching from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). He pioneered in developing educational television programs for teaching Optical Mineralogy (International Conference in Australia). He also taught environmental geology and ESL (English as a Second Language) students. Prof. Nehru has worked as the Interim Executive Director of the Asian American/Asian Research Institute of CUNY. He worked on Moon rocks and on Meteorites and is a Research Associate at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. He has actively participated in the CUNY Chancellor's relief efforts for the victims of the December 2004 Tsunami in South Asia. In November, 2005 he participated in the Tsunami Session held by the Association of Exploration Geophysicists in Poona, India. Prof. Nehru has considerable interest in Forensic work and has taught courses in that field. He has conducted a two-day Seminar at the GSI Training Institute in Hyderabad, India for geologists from all regions of GSI. Prof. Nehru has been active in the Telugu Literary and Cultural Association in New York and Telugu Association of North America. He has served as the Editor of Telugu magazines published by these organizations. He also works for the FBI, USA as a Telugu Language tester and as a free-lance interpreter. He retired a few years ago from CUNY and continues to teach part time at the Department of Geology, Environment and Sustainability at Hofstra University, NY. Prof. Nehru lives in New York with his wife, Sridevi. His two children, work as Speech Therapists, (Aneela) in Qatar and (Aasish) in New York City.