We deeply mourn the passing away of Prof K S Bhat, former Regional Director CSD, Hyderabad. He was part of CSD for a period spanning more than four decades and was instrumental in the growth of the institute in several ways. He was also actively involved in building the present infrastructure of CSD in Rajendranagar. He had a doctoral degree in Social Sciences from University of Mumbai (in 1966) and his areas of specialization were Democratic Decentralization and Development Administration. He also took keen interest in the areas of welfare of Women and Children, Poverty and Welfare of the Weaker Sections and Literacy. In undertaking research work, he has been closely associated with international agencies such as UNICEF, UNRISD, USAID, and several ministries of Government of Andhra Pradesh (undivided) as well as Government of India. The CSD family remain indebted to him for his contributions with respect to institution building and we pray that his soul rest in peace while his undying dedication and commitment to the betterment of CSD continue to guide us in our endeavours.

