Mir Azeemuddin Ali Khan (M.A. Ali Khan), former Additional Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka and one of the earliest life member of the Geological Society of India, breathed his last on 14 December 2010. Born on 13 September 1934 at Mysore, he was popularly known to his closed friends as “Azeemuddin Azim”. A product of the Central college, Bangalore, he did his post-graduation in 1958 and joined as an Assistant Geologist in the Department of Mines and Geology in 1959. After having been recruited in the year 1966 as a probationary Geologist, he served in various capacities as Senior Geologist, Deputy Director and Additional Director. He retired from the state services in 1992.

Ali Khan was one of the geologists who had actively participated in the iron ore investigation and had mapped the inhospitable terrain of the Western Ghats around Kodachadri and Apsarakonda. When deputed to Mysore Minerals Ltd., he put his efforts to implement a scientific and systematic approach in the mining sector of the company. He, as a member of the Mining Engineers’ Association actively participated in most of the deliberations.

Ali Khan was more a reserved personality and was not much communicative with the people around. He never used to be expressive except on the occasion of work implementation. He had only a selective group of friends. But, he displayed discipline and dedication in every walk of his life.

After his retirement, Ali Khan became more pious and leaned towards the aspects of his religion. He served as an Editor in Urdu bi-monthly ‘Zarafat’. He was also a member for ‘Tippe Sultan Shaheed Wakf Estate Committee’ at Srirangapatna. His death has been a big loss to his wife, son and daughters.

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