

## Tribute to Shri G Rajendra (1943 – 2023)



Shri. G. Rajendra (popularly known as **GR**) joined CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories in 1967 and superannuated on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2003. He served as Head, Advisor and Scientist Emeritus to NTAF division. He was one of the first staff member to witness the first Blowdown of 1.2m trisonic wind tunnel on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1967. He made major contributions towards commissioning and operationalization of the 1.2m tunnel. He was responsible for setting up of DECS Compressor Air Facility to overcome power shortage and increase the productivity during initial configuration studies of LCA. He was also instrumental in the conceptualisation, planning and execution of the first major augmentation of NTAF facilities to increase the productivity and improve data quality. He was solely responsible for initial Wind tunnel studies on SARAS configuration. He served as expert member on various technical committees as well as RAB (Recruitment & Assessment Board).

He was always very polite, soft spoken, never openly critical, easily approachable, ready to share expertise and experiences without any hesitation and constant inspiration for youngsters to take up challenging work. He will always be remembered for his immense contributions to the high speed wind tunnel studies related to all the flight vehicles developed in the country. With his passing away, an era of first generation of wind tunnel community has come to an end. We join the wind tunnel community to pay our respectful obeisance to this great scientist and engineer.

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