With grief and a deep sense of loss, we announce the passing away of Dr. A.N. Rao, at 10.22 pm on 8th June 2014 (Sunday) in Singapore, after a well-lived and meaningful life. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a grandson.

He was the professor and former Head of the then Department of Botany between 1967 and 1985. Prof. Rao also held the positions of Acting Dean and Vice Dean of Faculty of Science for 6 years. He fully retired from NUS in 1992 and joined the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute as a Consultant and Honorary Fellow.

During his illustrious career, Prof. Rao had been awarded numerous research fellowships and had served on several national and international advisory boards including Singapore Science Centre, Singapore Institute of Biology and Singapore National Academy of Science.