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**IN MEMORIAM
SUMITRA M. KATRE**

Sumitra M. Katre, professor emeritus of Asian studies, died on April 1, 1999. He was 92.

Professor Katre was born on April 11, 1906, in Honnavar, Mysore State, India. He earned a bachelor's degree from Presidency College in Madras in 1928. He earned a PhD from the School of Oriental Studies, London University, in 1931.

In 1933-34 Dr. Katre taught at Nowrosjee Wadia College in Poona. He later taught at Deccan College, also in Poona. He served as director of the Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics at Deccan from 1964 to 1969. Professor Katre was visiting professor at The University of Texas at Austin in 1966 and 1970. He joined the faculty of UT Austin in 1971 and taught until 1976.

Professor Katre was a leading authority in Sanskrit. He authored and edited more than 90 papers and reviews and wrote twelve books. His works include *A Volume of Eastern and Indian Studies Presented to Professor F. W. Thomas, C.I.E., on his Seventy-second Birthday, 21st March, 1939* (1939) and *Dictionary of Panini: Ganapatha* (1971). He also served as the founder and editor of *New Indian Antiquary* and *Oriental Literary Digest*.

Dr. Katre was a member of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain, the Societe de Linguistique, and the Linguistic Society of America. In 1946 he served as president of the Linguistic Society of India.

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