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Dear OSI members, ocean and climate scientists, and well-wishers of Prof. Ramesh,

It has been more than six years since Prof. Rengaswamy Ramesh (served at Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad and National Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhubaneswar) left us untimely to heavenly abode. Prof. Ramesh was a man of extraordinary scientific latitude with countless important contributions to stable isotope geochemistry, paleoclimatology, oceanography, biogeochemistry, and solid earth studies. Prof. Ramesh was recipient of many awards and honours including Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, fellowships of all three science academies of India and the World Academy of Sciences. Apart from being recipient of prestigious TWAS prize, Prof. Ramesh also received the Lifetime Achievement Award and Prof. Satish Dhawan Professorship from the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). Prof. Ramesh was also an excellent teacher who mentored several students.

I am happy to inform you that the Ocean Society of India (OSI) has instituted the 'Prof. R. Ramesh Endowment Award' in honour of his legacy. The award aims to recognize and honour bright young researchers making significant contributions to Climate and Ocean Sciences. The award will be conferred biennially to a young researcher to recognize his/her exceptional contributions, creativity, and potential in Climate and Ocean Sciences. The award includes a cash prize, a medal, and a citation. The selected candidate will be honoured during the biennial conference OSICON of the OSI. A copy of the Announcement of the first 'Prof. R. Ramesh Endowment Award 2024' is attached.

We have already instituted an Endowment Fund to raise the financial resources required for this biennial award and have received ₹1 lakh from one of Prof. Ramesh's students. It is my indulgence to take forward this Endowment to a bigger collection. I humbly request all OSI members, ocean and climate scientists, and well-wishers of Prof. Ramesh to generously contribute to the Endowment Fund. The bank details of OSI for making the payments are:

Ocean Society of India; Account No. 3456 9026 043, State Bank of India, Dona Paula, Goa; Branch Code: 3566; IFSC: SBIN0003566 & MICR: 403002004

It is assured that the fund generated will be used exclusively for the expenses related to Prof. R. Ramesh Endowment Award.

I look forward to your generous contributions to the Endowment Fund. May I also request all donors to mention "Prof. Ramesh" in the reference field when making transactions and share the transaction details with OSI for tracking purposes.

With kind regards

Dr. N. P. Kurian

President, Ocean Society of India

