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N S Lakshminarayana Bhatta, who gave best ode to 'nam missu'

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"BHALA ollevru nam missu, en helidru yes yessu... schoolig-
ella fumissu", this song consid-
ered to be one of the best odes
to teachers, is loved by children
and teachers alike. The poet
who penned this children's
poem, N S Lakshminarayana
Bhatta (84), was a professor
himself, who served at Banga-
lore University.

This well-known Kannada
poet, critic and translator,
known as 'NSL' in the Kannada
literary world, passed away in
Bengaluru early on Saturday
morning.

The 1980s especially rever-
berated with his Bhavageethe
(lyrical poems). Almost every
Kannada house-
hold boasted of
having cassettes of
his songs. Many of
his lyrical poems
were set to tune by
some of the re-
nowned composers
like C Ashwath.
Some of his other
poems -- "Thaye
ninna madilali",
"Hinde hege chim-
mutittu kanna
tumba preethi",
"Baare nanna Deepika" etc -
are among the popular music

albums of that decade.

As a translator too, he had
won name and fame. He had
translated about 50
sonnets of William
Shakespeare, the
poetry of T S Elliot
and the works of
Irish poet William
Butler Yeats into
Kannada. He had
also translated sev-
eral plays. His com-
pilation of works of
the saint-poet Shis-
hunala Sharif was
much appreciated.



He was recog-
nized for his contribution to
modern Kannada poetry with

numerous awards and honours.
Among them were the Karn-
ataka Sahitya Academy Award,
Masti Prashasti and Kannada
Rajyotsava Award.

The literary giants of his
time influenced him and his
writings greatly. While study-
ing in Sahyadri College, he
came in contact with Dr G S
Shivarudrappa, another noted
poet, and was attracted by the
latter's presentation style,
which inspired him to write.
Later, he was greatly influenced
by poets and writers like Ti
Nam Sri, S V Ranganna, D L
Narasimbachar, Dr Bendre, S V
Parameshwara Bhatt and
Gopalakrishna Adiga.

Prof Bhatta who was born in
1936 in Shivamogga district,
naturally had great love for the
place, and his poem -- Shiv-
amoggeyalli Male-1946 -- ex-
plained the problems faced by
the people due to heavy rains.

He suffered due to age-old ail-
ments, said family sources. He
is survived by wife and two
children. While the entire Kan-
nada literary and poet commu-
nity paid tribute, Chief Minis-
ter B S Yediyurappa in his
condolence message said the
Kannada literary world lost
one of its stars. Condoling
Bhatta's death, JDS leader H D
Kumaraswamy remembered
his poetry for children.