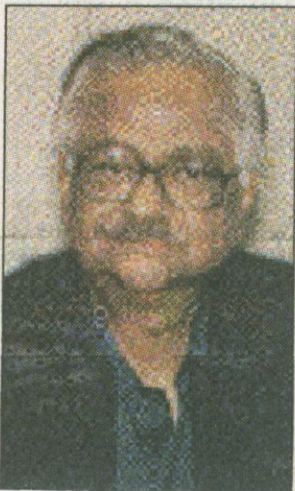


Raja Ramanna dies in Mumbai at 79

Bangalore, Sept 23: Top nuclear scientist and a former Rajya Sabha member, Raja Ramanna died at Bombay hospital in Mumbai on Thursday night following an intestine problem, his personal assistant said.

Ramanna, was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday and was "feeling alright this morning" his PA, Ramakrishna told PTI. He breathed his last at around 7.30 pm.

79 year old Ramanna is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son. Ramanna was associated with the first nuclear explosion conducted by India at Pokhran in Rajasthan in 1974.

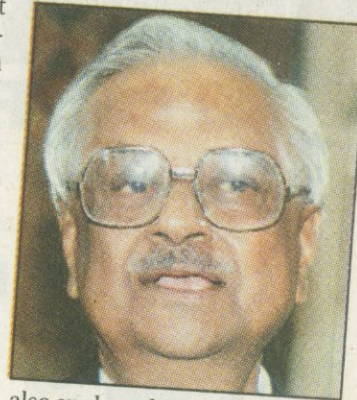


Nuclear scientist Ramanna critical

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Dr B.K. Goyal, director of interventionist cardiology and honorary dean of Bombay Hospital, where the scientist was admitted on Monday following complaints of giddiness and sweating, said Ramanna's "condition is very very critical and he is on ventilation."

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Goyal said Ramanna, 79, suffered from giddiness and sweating after which he was rushed to the hospital. Goyal said Ramanna was not in coma but sedated. PTI

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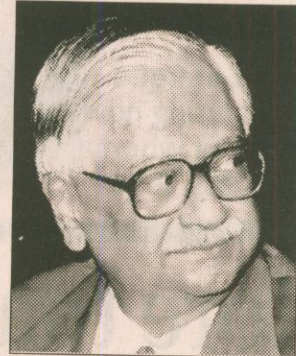
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NOTED scientist and former member of Parliament Raja Ramanna passed away in Mumbai on Thursday evening, following a cardiac arrest. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

The 79-year-old Dr Ramanna, who was director emeritus of the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, was hospitalised in Mumbai on Monday when he suddenly took ill. Doctors at Bombay Hospital, where he was being treated said he died of a cardiac arrest in the evening.

Besides being one of the founders of NIAS, Dr Ramanna would be best remembered for his role in India's first nuclear test in Pokhran in 1975.

He was the Union Minister of State For Defence in 1990 and a member of the Rajya Sabha from



August '97 to August 2003.

As a leading scientist, Mr Ramanna held a slew of positions including chairman of the board of governors of IIT, Mumbai and director, BARC and scientific advisor to the ministry of defence.

A regular at social occasions in Bangalore, Mr Ramanna was an accomplished pianist and a recipient of many awards including the Padma Vibhushan.

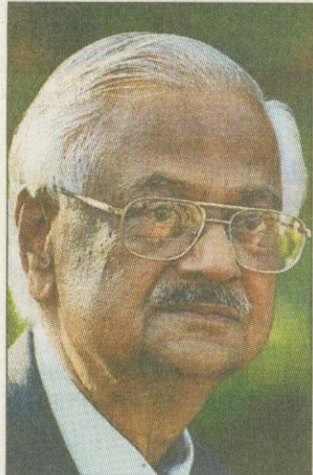
Raja Ramanna is critically ill

MUMBAI, PTI: Dr Raja Ramanna, doyen of India's nuclear programme who played a key role in the country's first Pokhran nuclear test in 1974, was reported to be critically ill due to an intestine problem here on Thursday evening.

Seventy-nine-year old Ramanna was admitted to the Bombay Hospital on Tuesday last, his personal assistant Ramakrishna told PTI.

A multi-faceted personality, Ramanna was Chairman of

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Raja Ramanna

the Atomic Energy Commission, Director of Bhaba Atomic Research Centre, a former Union Minister and a member of the Rajya Sabha.

"Ramanna was feeling alright till this morning," Ramakrishna said.

Dr B K Goyal, consulting cardiologist, who was treating Dr Ramanna confirmed at 1.15 am on Friday that his health was very critical.

A recipient of Padmashri, Padmabhushan and Padma Vibhushan awards, Ramanna is currently the Director Emeritus of the Bangalore-based National Institute of Advanced Studies.

Ramanna had also served as the Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister and as the Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy.

The Indian Nuclear Programme is one of the most successful programmes in the world. Dr Raja Ramanna played a pivotal role in raising India to these great heights and was also the mentor of Pokhran-I tests.

President Abdul Kalam flew to Mumbai to visit the hospital past midnight.

Raja Ramanna critically ill

MUMBAI, SEPT. 23. The former Atomic Energy Commission chairman and former Union Minister, Raja Ramanna, is critically ill and undergoing treatment at the Bombay Hospital here. — UNI

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Raja Ramanna 'very critical'

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Earlier, Ramanna's Bangalore-based personal assistant Ramakrishna had said that the scientist died. Ramanna's daughter-in-law in Mumbai had also spoken about his death. Goyal said Ramanna, 79, suffered from giddiness and sweating after which he was rushed to the hospital. One of his arteries was bleeding which was stopped but his condition worsened on Thursday.

Goyal said Ramanna was not in coma but sedated. Asked what time frame he would give to Ramanna's longevity, Goyal said, "I have seen patients coming back from such condition and only god can give a time frame."

He said doctors are monitoring the condition of the scientist.

A concerned President Abdul Kalam rushed to the hospital in Mumbai from a function in Aurangabad and enquired about the treatment given to Ramanna, Dr Goyal said.