



## Dr M L Sehgal Passes Away

*(Ed: We lost 3 stalwarts in one quarter. The Homoeopathic world is so much poorer.)*

Dr M L Sehgal founder of Sehgal school of Revolutionised Homoeopathy & Author of Rediscovery of Homoeopathy Series died on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2002 at his residence in Delhi. Both his sons Dr Sanjay Sehgal and Dr Yogesh Sehgal were away to Europe and could return only after the cremation.

Dr Madan Lal Sehgal was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1928 in Pinditgheb, a town in erstwhile Northwest Frontier Province, now in Pakistan. As his father was a teacher and liable to service transfers; Dr Madan Lal and his mother stayed with his maternal uncle. He matriculated in 1945. After partition he settled in Dehradun in UP, where he joined the Ministry of Defence as an official; later transferred to Post and Telegraph Department. Anxious to gain further knowledge, while in service, he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts, without attending a College (quite under the rules.) He got interested in Homoeopathy and started attending the clinic of a well known Homoeopathic Practitioner. He became a keen student and follower of Kent. Following one of his teachings: he got the opportunity to see the patient at the bedside. When he would study a patient of malaria constantly, in a family where he was staying. He observed that the patient wanted to remain in bed most of the times. He found this symptoms in the Mind Section of Kent's General Repertory and by observing one or two other symptoms in the Mind Section, he prescribed *Hyos 30*, 1 dose. To his surprise, the patient began recovering gradually till he was free

of the disease. Encouraged by this, he prescribed on Mind symptoms for other patients and got success. Initially he used the 'Mind' section of Kent's Repertory till, Vol 1 of Synthetic Repertory by Barthel and Klunker was published, then he switched to the Synthetic Repertory. In 1983 he retired from Govt. service and became a professional practitioner. As he gained confidence a band of disciples gathered around him. He would even invited them to stay with him overnight and taught them early in the morning in the traditional 'GURUSHISYA PARAMPARA'. One of his disciples was Late Dr M L Aggarwal who compiled a *Materia Medica of the Human Mind* from the Mind section of Kent's Repertory. This became very popular and a number of editions of this book were published.

Many foreign practitioners also came. At their invitation, Dr Sehgal agreed to give some lectures and explain his teaching in Europe especially in Germany, in London and Italy.

Although Dr Thomas Pablo Paschero, MD (Psychiatry) of Argentina had preceded many years ago to propound and expound the technique of using the Mind symptoms alone, for the mind body diseases which he called Psychosomatic medicine. Dr Sehgal had never read or heard him. Dr Sehgal discovered this technique by himself, as stated earlier. Over the years, he let it evolve in the Hahnemann tradition of the *Organon* as and when he found new insights and further experiences.

Under the ROH series Dr Sehgal published 8 booklets. He wrote an introduction to the perfect *Materia Medica of Mind* compiled and edited by three qualified doctors in his family, 2 sons and 1 daughter in law. These are holding the banner of this technique aloft. □

A Tribute by

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# We have lost a friend!

On 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2002, we lost Dr Anil Bhatia. The world lost a very eminent homoeopath, well respected teacher, educator, leader and colleague, but the whole Homoeopathic fraternity felt they lost a dear friend. That was the charisma and strength of Dr Anil Bhatia: to make every person feel at ease, to take utmost interest in that person and to make him feel very special. His greatest assets were his prodigal memory for names and details about everyone. His humility and his cool temperament endeared him to all.

Dr Anil Bhatia dedicated his entire lifetime for the upliftment of Homocopathy as a discipline.

#### ABOUT HIM:

Born on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1942, in Mandvi, Kutch, he completed his preliminary Homoeopathic education in 1962, Calcutta. The seeds of his belief in Homoeopathic system of medicine were sown then, but he wanted to learn more about Homoeopathy as a science. Notwithstanding financial and other difficulties he went to London's premier Homoeopathic Institute to for further studies: DF(Hom) Lond. In 1975 he completed MBS Faculty of Homoeopathic Medicine, Calcutta.

After completing his education he set up his private practice in Calcutta. But his vision at that young age was to create a uniform educational regulation for homoeopathic education and a premier homoeopathic institution.

His dedication for Homoeopathy was seen early on when he left a flourishing private practice and the young doctor after obtaining a coveted degree from London, decided to move to Savli, a small village near Baroda

as Principal, Homoeopathic College, Savli. (1971-1975). This was **THE TURNING POINT** in his life: he had found the path to achieve his goals for educational reforms in Homoeopathy.

**THE NEXT STEP:** From 1975- 1986 he was the Principal of Chandaben Mohanbhai Patel Homoeopathic Medical College, Mumbai. Under his leadership and interaction with the University of Mumbai, Central Council of Homoeopathy and much other such organizations, he was able to introduce the first BHMS course in India, a recognized degree course from University of Mumbai.

#### HIS OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Dr Bhatia made a lot of contributions towards the fields of Education and Research in Homoeopathy. As a Chairman of Education Committee of Central Council (CCH) of Homocopathy, during his tenure, uniform educational regulations for homoeopathic education were formulated and implemented in universities and boards of homoeopathy all over the country. Also with his guidance, Post Graduate Courses in homoeopathic medicine (MD Hom) were introduced for the first time in the country, in 1989-1990. Over the years, he developed various homoeopathic colleges and hospitals in accordance to norms laid down by the CCH.

Dr Bhatia held various positions of leadership thorough which he was able to bring very significant reforms in Homoeopathic education and research at the national level. He was appointed Honorary Advisor, Homoeopathy, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Member, Governing Body & Scientific Advisory Committee, Central council for Research in Homoeopathy, Chairman Academic Committee, National Institute of

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As the Chairman of Homoeopathic Committee for Drugs and Technical Advisory Board Ministry of Health Govt of India and Chairman Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Committee Govt of India, he strived to bring quality control and standardization in Homoeopathic Therapeutics.

A part of Dr Bhatia's vision was to bring recognition and acclaim to the discipline of Homoeopathy around the world. He was selected as the official delegate by the Govt of India for the International Homoeopathic Congress at Washington D.C, U.S.A. He attended the conference of Organization of Homeopathic Medical International in Mexico where he received International Award of Merit- for his contributions to Homoeopathy. He was a speaker at the conference of "Liga International Homoeopathic League" at Seattle. He was also invited as a Guest Lecturer at Dr George Vithoulkas International School of Homoeopathy Athens, Greece in 1998 and to School of Homoeopathy, Krakow, Poland in 1999.

Dr Anil Bhatia had a very successful private practice, and his clinical experience stretched over 40 yrs. His ability to listen and understand his patients, his razor sharp clinical acumen, his knowledge of Homoeopathic Philosophy and therapeutics and his transparent honesty in his limitations, won him the trust of hundreds of patients and doctors (both homoeopathic and allopathic) alike. In spite of busy practice, he opted to serve as Honorary Homoeopathic Physician at B N Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai where he would see patients of all strata of society.

As a token of all his achievements, he received the Homeo Dynasty Great Masters award in 1995, and was the recipient of Dr Hahnemann Memorial National Award in 1999.

The complete list of his awards and achievements is too exhaustive to list here, but for Dr Anil Bhatia-the most satisfying and rewarding thing in life was to have been able to give a large part of himself to others- to Homoeopathic education, research, and most of all, to his patients.

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## A Research Scholar Laid in Rest

It is with deep sorrow that we report the passing away of a great, enthusiastic Homoeopath, Dr A N Ramanathan on July 01, 2002, at the ripe old age of 91 years. He was a brilliant doctor. He was a professor of Biochemistry in Medical Colleges, who took up Homoeopathy after retirement and seeing and experimenting its effects. He was greatly interested in con-

verting some of his allopathic students and teachers. It was a wonderful experience for us to meet and discuss our Materia Medica. He always reminded us of Dr J C Burnett. He tried new and rare medicines – triturating and potentiating them, like house dust, Zinc preparations and quite a number of rare drugs.

**In him we have lost a great and staunch research scholar of our system.**

**MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.**

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