



Obituary: Dr Ramesh D Jain

SHORT LIFE SKETCH: Dr Ramesh D Jain, popularly known as R D Jain, was born on 1st May, 1954.

Education: B Sc 1975- St Xavier's college, Bombay University.

LCEH Jan 1980- CMP Homoeopathic Medical College, Mumbai and graded degree course BHMS, Pune in 1989.

1980-89: Joined Mumbadevi Homoeopathic Hospital as Hon physician and Lecturer, Homoeopathic Materia Medica and Physiology at his own alma mater, CMP Homoeopathic Medical college at Irla, Mumbai.

1990: **Principal**, Virar Homoeopathic College, Virar. His abiding interest in HMM made him also continues as head of Homoeopathic Materia Medica department. **His main contribution:** Research on application of elements of periodic table in Homoeopathy. Fortunately he has left behind a treasure in his book on the subject, which was reviewed just last year in NJH.

Other areas of extensive work: Leucoderma, psoriasis, diabetes, heart diseases and Cancer.

He presented several scientific papers on the subject. Some clinical provings of new medicines on basis of Periodic Table: *Cesium-iodide, Cesium-chloride, Lanthanum-nitrite, Ruthenium-iodide, Rubidium-iodide Magnesium-fluoride, Kali-fluoride, Tyrosine, Yttrium*, etc.

He was publisher & Author of two books:

1) Universal Materia Medica with Pharmacodynamics: explaining how to use the periodic table elements in Homoeopathic practice.

2) Biochemical Tissue remedies with Therapeutic index & Zodiac signs: explaining how to use biochemical medicines in practice.

This Homoeopathic Sun set down suddenly before shining in full bloom by cruel hands of destiny. He died on 30th April, 2001 by massive brain stem infarct.

What he had achieved in his life was due to his own effort and excellent knowledge in patho-physiology &

in Homoeopathic Materia Medica. He will always remain alive & immortal in Homoeopathic history through his work & dedication for homoeopathy and his two books.

He has left behind 2 young children: Dinak (XII), Ruchi (FYJC), Mother Bhikiben, wife Pawan, one elder brother and six sisters. May God give them strength to bear this loss.

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Editor: I knew him personally for many years. He has written extensively for NJH. He was always a very helpful soul, practical and approachable. He would always take pains to share his experiences and thoughts. To lose life in the prime of life is really sad; he still had much to offer. I am just glad he did not suffer much. He got the headache, did not ignore it; He went for a check up and the very next day went into coma, never to recover. In that sense God was kind.

But we have lost too many Homoeopaths of late; old and young. We should request God to protect our tribe and not let it become an endangered species!

Our other losses in this year have been Dr Lakshminarayan of Hyderabad. NJH will very especially miss him. In spite of his age and business, he always made it a point to write critical comments about NJH issues, most have been printed in these pages. This is one angle we have not a single other replacement. In fact it is one of the banes of NJH that our reader's page these days is going empty. We request readers to fill this lacuna. has been included

3. Dr S R Wadia, the grand old man of homoeopathy, another one of those who always wrote me a 2-liner for any event or happening, de-



spite his age and health and business. Fortunately, all these three have gone away with their working shoes on.

Dr Farida Talati, NJH life-member; and long time associate of Dr SR Wadia, shares her feeling with us.

A Tribute to Dr S R Wadia

Dr Sarosh R Wadia, the Doyen of Homoeopathy passed away on 15th June 2001. He was 90. He has left behind a legacy. His life is a living example for others. Though physically frail, his zeal and zest for Homoeopathy was legendary. He always encouraged his students to study more, become better doctors and better human beings.

An Allopath originally, he passed his MBBS in 1940 from the Grant Medical College, Bombay. His work was hampered due to chronic Asthma. Eventually, he decided to try Homoeopathy from Dr Burjore Behram of Dadar. He gradually improved until he was completely cured of Asthma. **This was the turning point in his life.** He decided to pursue Homoeopathy. He had to study on his own, as Homoeopathy was not recognized by the State Government and hence there were no colleges.

He was so impressed by the science that in 1950 he saw to it that Homoeopathy was recognized in the State of Bombay (today's Maharashtra + Gujarat). Once recognition was granted, a college and teachers-qualified doctors would be required. This effort should start from himself. So in 1954 he went to London to study at the Royal London Homoeopathic college and Hospital. On returning, he started his Homoeopathic practice. It was a difficult time of struggle, but there was no looking back.

Convinced by the results, he worked hard to start a college and in 1957 the Bombay Homoeopathic Medical college [BHMC] was started at the Sion Hospital in its own building where it stands today and later shifted to Vile Parle in 1960. Here Homoeopathy was taught systematically along with other subjects like Anatomy, Physiology, Medicine, Surgery etc. For practical training students went to Nanavati & Cooper Hospital. Initially it was a diploma course. Dr Wadia was not satisfied. He pressed upon the government to convert it into a Degree course. Along with the College, the Government Homoeopathic Hospital was also set up. Dr Wadia was

Senior Hon. Physician to the Hospital and a Hon Lecturer at the BHMC. His effort and experience in starting the College and Hospital prompted his election as the President, Homoeopathic Board for Government of Bombay and Maharashtra.

His practice flourished; he was considered the senior most and best Homoeopath of India.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Founder member of the Indian Institute of Homoeopathic Physician and later elected President of the Institute.
2. National Vice-President for India, International Homoeopathic Medical League – head office at Switzerland, around 1975-76.
3. He was proposed as elect Vice-President of the league at international level, which he declined due to an heart attack at the time.
4. 1983: Fellowship, Faculty of Homoeo - London.
5. 1978: Doctorate in Homoeo-therapeutics, USA.
6. 1979: Lectured Millerville State College, Penn. USA. Yet through all this fame, Dr Wadia remained humble, understanding and caring to his patients, especially the poor of any caste or creed. His love, compassion and dedication towards his patients was legendary.
7. Established many charitable dispensaries in different Parsee colonies like Cusrow Baugh, Navroz Baugh, Gamedia colony, Zoroastrian colony etc. and ensured that even non-Parsees benefited.
8. Started an OPD for Homoeopathy in Masina Hospital and at Sion & Grant Road.
9. Published many booklets for lay people to acquaint them with Homoeopathy and its role in difficult conditions.
10. He also found time for public service. As Municipal corporator, he used to go round his ward regularly