

OBITUARY

Prof. R. N. Singh (Jodhpur)



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In spite of knowing that death is inevitable, we all who had come in contact with Prof. RN Singh are shocked to learn about his sad demise.

He came to Rajasthan from Raebareli (UP) after getting MD from Lucknow under Dr N L Sharma, a great personality. He first joined RNT Medical College, Udaipur and then SP Medical College, Bikaner as lecturer. He was promoted to Professor & Head, SN Medical College, Jodhpur. He also served as Principal and Controller of this institution till retirement.

He lived 85 years of active life. For last few months he was ill because of diabetes and age-related problems, and he left for heavenly abode on 30th August, 2017.

He was a wonderful human being with innumerable qualities. He was an institution in himself. He worked relentlessly to raise Pediatric Department to Regional Institute of Maternal & Child Health by Government of India. He was instrumental in establishing GOI Desert Medical Research Institute at Jodhpur.

For the benefit of rural children, he collaborated with Royal Commonwealth Society, UK for prevention of blindness.

He was Organizing Secretary of Silver Jubilee 25th Pedicon, Jodhpur in 1988 in Umaid Hospital campus itself. He invited two chief ministers, Governor and hono'ble President of India to inaugurate the conference. The 75th birth anniversary of legendary Dr PM Udani was celebrated in this conference. He organized Rajpedicons in 1976, 1984 and 1988. He was recipient of FIAP & FAMS.

His name was in 'Padmashri' list but due to some national turmoil, whole Padma awards of that year were cancelled.

Bringing AIIMS to Raebareli was his dream after retirement. His zeal and efforts has been successful. As social service, he managed to get huge funds/projects from government and donors for roads, canals, hospitals, hostels and schools in his native area. He commanded a rare quality of raising funds for new projects from government (both state and central), public, royal family of Jodhpur and other possible sources. The mega-building of Pediatric department at Umaid Hospital, Jodhpur is seen to be believed.

He was a tough and effective administrator. Fearless and strict disciplinarian, he loved his students like a father. He lived his life to the fullest. He was true, humane, helping, clear hearted personality with vision and wisdom. Like a few illustrated persons around us, he was a towering personality. We pledge to serve and follow his foot-prints.

Our deep condolences. May his soul rest in peace.