

OBITUARY**Dr. (Mrs.) Shakuntla Saxena**

(1929 - 5th November, 2021)

The sad demise of Dr. (Mrs.) Shakuntla Saxena is a great loss to Indian pediatric fraternity as well as the state of Rajasthan. She was the architect of pediatric services and education in Rajasthan.

She completed her DCH and MD Pediatrics under the guidance of (Late) Prof. PM Udani from Bombay. She joined Rajasthan state health service at SP Medical College, Bikaner and SMS Medical College, Jaipur and was head of the department there for 27 years.

She started Indian Academy of Pediatrics, Rajasthan at Jaipur with just six-seven members in 1970-71, and was its founder chair. The first five IAP state conferences were held under her chairpersonship at Jaipur.

She was a perfect amalgam of knowledge, simplicity, and excellent humanistic and teaching qualities. An honest and bold administrator, she had great interest in teaching clinical skills to her students. She was affectionate to all and was known for her wit, administrative skills and ability to take everyone alongside.

She will always be remembered and her memories would be cherished as pride possession in our hearts. She is survived by her only daughter Dr. Sangeeta, who is settled in USA with her family. We respectfully pay homage to the departing soul, who has left behind a legacy of masterpiece teaching and humanitarian values.