## **OBITUARY**



Dr. P. Kallyanikutty, M.B.B.S., M.D., D.G.O., D.C.H., M.R.C.O.G., F.R.C.O.G.

21-1-1919 to 3-4-1981

Born at Trichur, in the famous Pullat family, she had her early education at Trichur and Ernakulam; passed her B.Sc. from the Maharajas' College, Ernakulam with distinction. In 1939 she was selected for M.B.B.S. by the Madras University, the only lady student from the Cochin State at that time. She passed the M.B.B.S. examination in 1945, and was awarded the Johnstone Medal, the blue ribbon for the Madras Medical College for M.B.B.S. at that time. She joined the Women and Children Hospital,

Madras as a junior doctor and meanwhile passed her D.G.O. also. She passed M.R.C.O.G. in 1952 and in the same year took her M.D. from Madras University. In 1970 she was selected a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

She joined the Trivandrum Medical College in 1954 as Assistant Professor. From 1960 she was the Superintendent of the Hospital also. In 1962 she became the Director and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and till the time of re-

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tirement in 1974 she was holding that post. She was Vice-Principal for many years and acting Principal for sometime. She was an active member of the FPAI and was examiner to most of the Universities in South India. She was a member of the post graduate commission to JIPMER and Madras University. During her lifetime she had published a number of papers. The main fields of her interest were Cytology and Trophoblastic diseases. After retirement she was consultant Gynaecologist to the Sree Ramakrishna Mission Hospital. She was the

member and then Chairman of the South Zone Reference Committee for the Royal College.

She was the President of the Obstetric and Gynaecological Society of Kerala for over a decade.

An affectionate teacher, a good clinician and uncompromising disciplinarian, she was the light of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department for nearly two decades.

She died of Myocardial infarction at the age of 62. She is survived by her parents, husband and a daughter.