

OBITUARY



Dr. N. Subhadra Devi, M.D., D.Ch., F.R.C.O.G., F.A.C.S., was born in Kazipeta, Andhra Pradesh on 20-2-1920. She had her early education in Vidyodaya High School at Madras and later in Stanley Girls High School at Hyderabad. She stood first in every class and stood first in the H.S.L.C., examination and won the Gokhle Scholarship. She was named the Stanley Jewel by the-then Principal, Miss Edith Dilima. She joined Madras Medical College and throughout her Medical career, she stood first in her class and won every prize and medal including the coveted Johnston Gold Medal. She was a recipient of about 15 gold medals in the final M.B.,B.S., examination held in 1942. She took the membership examination

from the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at an young age of 29 years and 10 years later fellowship was conferred on her.

She was an excellent teacher and a good speaker. She was fluent both in English and Telugu and could speak well on any subject. Music was her hobby and could play the violin with ease.

She served as a member of the Academic Council of Andhra University, member of the Committee for Translation of Medical Terminology and also as a member of the Committee for Standardisation of instruments (Gynaecology) of Govt. of India. She was the Chairman of the Regional reference Committee for the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology London for South India. She chaired many sessions at the national conference of F.O.G.S.I. She contributed many papers both to National and International Journals. She travelled round the world several times and was invited as a visiting professor by various Universities in England and America. She served in the composite Madras State and Andhra Pradesh Medical Services for 33 years. She was Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam, for a long time and retired as the Principal of Guntur Medical College in 1975. She remained active in the academic field till she was snatched away on 10th July, 1983 at the age of 63. Many of the students trained by her are

occupying professorial chairs in Andhra Medical Services and other colleges.

Dr. N. Subhadra Devi was the founder president of the East Andhra Pradesh Ovsstetrics & Gynaecological Society at Visakhapatnam and served this society for many years.

Her two sons are doctors practising in

the United States. The elder son Dr. Roy N. Kishore, M.D. is an E.N.T. specialist and the younger son Dr. Roopkumar Nagala, M.D., is family Practitioner. Her husband Dr. Govindarajulu is a retired Civil Surgeon.

May her soul rest in peace.

G. Rama Krishnam Raju.