

OBITUARY



Dr. Smt. Usha T. Patel

Devoted medico-social worker, gentle and popular, the wellknown Gynaecologist of Gujarat Dr. Smt. Usha T. Patel passed away on 21-3-1987.

She was the daughter of Smt. Pushpavati J. Mehta, a wellknown social-worker of Gujarat and India. She had inherited the path of social service from her mother and maintained the same till her last breath.

She was born on 9th Dec. 1922 in Ahmedabad. She took her Primary school, middle school and high school education at different places like Bulsar, Nadiad, Himatnagar, Modasa, Prabhas-Patan, Baroda and Ahmedabad. The college education was taken at Gujarat college and medical education at National Medical College and Nair Hospital, Bombay; Grant

Medical College & J. J. Group of Hospital, Bombay; B.J. Medical College and Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad. She passed her M.B.B.S., in 1950, D.G.O. in 1953 and M.D. 1956. She served as Antenatal Medical Officer at B. J. Medical College and Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad from 1954 onwards; as Assistant Hon. Prof. in Obst. & Gynaec. and Hon. Professor from 1959 to 1981.

She was undergraduate and Post-graduate teacher for nearly 20 years. She was attached to all Universities (medical branch) of Gujarat State and University of Bombay. She had also a big circle of admirers and friends in medical world.

Dr. Ushaben married to Dr. Tulsidas L. Patel on 8th June 1957.

Dr. Ushaben was attached to many social

and medical organisations. She was Vice-president of Ahmedabad Medical Association in 1984-85; President of Ahmedabad Obst. & Gynaec. Society 1976-1978. Vice-President of Federation of Obst. & Gynaec. Societies of India 1982-1983. She was member of Adolescent Obst. & Gynaec. Society of India, Committee of Medical Education, Committee of M.T.P. and Trustee and Treasurer of Silver Jubilee Trust of Ahmedabad Obst. & Gynaec. Society.

She had taken active part in seminars and Conferences at State levels, National levels and International levels. She has presented and read papers and got several prizes.

She had taken active part in National Independence Movement of India.. She was a volunteer in 1938 at Haripura Congress. In 1942 'Quit India' movement, she was the first person to bring papers of memorandum of 'Do or Die' from Bombay to Ahmedabad.

She was active Hon. Social-worker of many institutions of Gujarat e.g. Samajik Sanstha Madhyasta Mandal, Vikasgrih of Ahmedabad, Vikas Vidyalaya at Wadhvan and Morvi, Shishumangal Junagadh.

Free medical aid, help and guidance to inmates, workers and members of the institution given by her will not be forgotten forever. On her death the great loss is irreparable for a long time to come.