

OBITUARY



Dr. Parveez Heera

Dr. Parveez Heera born on 14th October, 1930 and qualified as a Medical graduate from the Lady Hardinge Medical College in 1953. She had her post-graduate education and training in Madras and obtained the D.G.O. and M.D. degrees from the Madras University. From the post of Junior Specialist in Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi she rose to professional eminence in the department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology of Mahatma Gandhi Medical College, Jamshedpur.

Till death, she was the head of the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Tata Main Hospital, Jamshedpur. Strengthened by a profound grasp over her subject, Dr. Heera proved herself to be an obstetrician of rare calibre. Her surgical skill in radical and formidable gynaecological procedures were treats for the observers of operation. She had publications of more than thirty special contribution in maternal morbidities.

In spite of acquiring so much of high qualities of professional capabilities her

priorities were always for humility in her approach to science. Leadership of a team was almost inherent and natural in her. She valued training and promoting her juniors in the profession and more than her own performances.

On Friday, the 3rd March, 1989, little did one suspect that the glorious morning with passing pageantry of colourful processions and symbolics with resounding slogans in praise of the Founder would suddenly turn into a horrifying scene of devastation due to a fire that within moments changed the VIP pandal to shambles with burnt frames and charred bodies.

True to its claim to be a city of quality and wealth, Jamshedpur has never in the past witnessed anything like this. The tragedy is all the more, because most of the victims of this great carnage had been near and dear to city elites and professionals. Every name in the list of dead has some links with one of the well-known families of the city. One of the

outstanding names in the list of deceased had been Dr. (Miss) Parveez Heera.

Dr. Heera, almost a household name in Jamshedpur, has endeared herself to every citizen of Jamshedpur over a period of last sixteen years. A person of outstanding academic brilliance, she was head and shoulders above her professional colleagues. Coming from India, she stole a march over all M.R.C.O.G., candidates coming from all over the world in Great Britain, by qualifying for a Gold Medal awarded by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of England, for ranking first amongst all the successful candidates—a rare achievement indeed. Never looking back since then, Dr. Heera continued her march

from one achievement to another, each of which was a trailblazer. She had mixed her unique towering unblemished personality with rare compassion and kindness for patients and hapless multitudes of the Society.

Dr. Heera's love and concern for children was so deep and great that even under the blazing pandal she continued to rescue trapped children at the cost of her life. Thus lived and died a giant of the profession of obstetrics and Gynaecology, Doctor Miss Parveez Heera.

To live or die is not important. What is important is how you live and how you die. With her life and death, Dr. Heera has finally proved her point.