

Dr. Subodh Mitra

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Prof. Subodh Mitra was born on 1st November 1896 in Jessore (now in Bangladesh). He was the Principal of Chittaranjan Seva Sadan College of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Child Health, Calcutta. He was also the Director of Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital, National Cancer Research Centre and Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, Calcutta.

He was the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Member of the Senate and Syndicate and the Academic Council of the Calcutta University.

He was the Director-Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of R.G. Kar Medical College Calcutta.

Dr. Mitra made special scientific contribution in cancer surgery of the uterus, toxæmia and anaemia of pregnancy and in fundamental research of cancer problems. He was the author of more than 100 scientific papers in English and German journals of the world.

He was the President of Medical Section of the 43rd Indian Science Congress.

He was the 9th President of All India Obstetric and Gynaecological Conference held at Amritsar in 1957.

Dr. Mitra was the author of a new technique of operation for cancer of the cervix (extended radical vaginal hysterectomy with bilateral extraperitoneal lymphadenectomy). This was officially announced in British, American and German Gynaecological Congresses

and demonstrated in Vienna in 1952.

This technique of operation has been embodied in a monograph - "MITRA OPERATION FOR CANCER OF THE CERVIX", published in 1960, simultaneously from U.S.A. by Charles C. Thomas and Canada by the Ryerson Press, Toronto; and London - by Blackwell Scientific Publication Ltd. Oxford, England.

Dr. Subodh Mitra was the Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University. During his last trip to Germany he demonstrated his "Mitra Operation for Uterine Cancer" at the Berlin University before the learned Professors there. This Mitra Operation is at present being done in Germany, Holland and United States of America. During his trip to Germany, Dr. Mitra addressed to German Academy of Science which is the oldest Academy of Science in the world. Dr. Mitra had been highly appreciated at the German Gynaecological Congress, which Prof. Mitra attended during his trip.

Dr. Mitra had been awarded the Honoris Causa Membership of the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Italy as a mark of his scientific contribution in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

As the Director of the Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, which is one of the biggest Women's hospital in Calcutta, he was instrumental in raising the status of the hospital into a Post-graduate College of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Child Health.

He built up the Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital in Calcutta, which is one of the most up-to-date cancer hospital, both for diagnosis and treatment.

He built up the University College of Medicine for Post-graduate studies in Basic Medical Sciences as well as for higher clinical degrees.

Prof. Mitra died on 5th September, 1961 at Vienna while attending the 3rd International Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.