

Dr. B. N. Purandare

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Dr. B. N. Purandare, born in 1911, graduated from G.S. Medical College in 1934 securing number of merit scholarships during his College days. He did his Post-Graduate studies in K.E.M. Hospital and after finishing M.D. in 1937 in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, continued his further studies at Edinburgh and London during which time he had a unique opportunity to work under Prof. Haultain, Sir Victor Bonney, Sir David Wilkei and Sir John Fraser in general surgery and Gynaecology. After securing Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edin.) in 1939, he worked in K.E.M. Hospital from 1941 as the Assistant Honorary for 14 years and then as a full Honorary, till 1957 when he became the Head of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology. He was solely responsible for setting up the Dr. N. A. Purandare Research Centre and organised researches in varied problems in Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Family Planning. He was appointed as the Director of the Research Centre and of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology which post he held till his retirement in 1969 when he was appointed Professor Emeritus for guiding Post-Graduates in M.D. and Ph.D. in applied Biology connected with genital tract. He was also the Dean of the N. Wadia Maternity Hospital and Post-Graduate Institute (Study & Research) in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Family Planning, and Honorary Obstetrician & Gynaecologist in Wadia Hospital, Bombay Hospital and Jagjivanram Hospital (Western Rly.)

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists London had honoured him by conferring upon him the fellowship for his outstanding work in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and he was also elected as the founder fellow of the Indian Academy of Medical Sciences. He was the Honorary Adviser to the Ministry of Health of the State Government in Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health and Technical Adviser to the Union Government, Health Ministry in Family Planning. He was a member of the Shantilal Shah Committee for Legalisation of abortion and for his outstanding work in Family Planning he was awarded 'Padma Bhushan' by the President of India.

Dr. B. N. Purandare's contribution in Gynaecological Surgery is recognised throughout the world. He had many occasions to demonstrate in many countries in the world his technique of vaginal hysterectomy, vaginal sterilisation, Schauta's operation, abdominal cervicopexy for multiparous prolapse and recanalisation of the tubes, etc. His series of over twenty-five thousand vaginal hysterectomies and vaginal sterilisations, is a unique achievement unlikely to be surpassed at the present time. He was invited to preside at various Medical Conferences in India and abroad.

He was elected Vice-President of FIGO and also President of FIGO from 1973-1976. He was Conferred honorary Fellowship of AOFOG in year 1987.

Dr. Purandare has contributed to the activities of the Indian Federation right from its inception. He was the secretary for many years and was elected President of the 14th Conference of the Indian Federation held at Nagpur in 1967. He had contributed towards the expansion of the Federation activities throughout India.

He expired on 10-11-1990.