

## Farewell on Retirement



R. D. Pandit

Dr. R. D. Pandit was born on 1st August, 1925. He had his medical education at G. S. Medical College, Mumbai and joined S.S.G. Hospital and Medical College, Baroda, as an Honorary Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1953.

Later, in 1964 he moved to Mumbai to join K.E.M. Hospital as Asst. Honorary Obstetrician and Gynecologist and Seth G.S. Medical College as Asst. Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 1967 he was appointed at Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity Hospital as Honorary Obstetrician and Gynecologist and became Honorary Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Seth G.S. Medical College. He was an astute clinician, a good surgeon and a very popular teacher and developed a flourishing private practice. On his retirement in 1985 he was made an Emeritus Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity Hospital. He regularly presented his original work at many Congresses world wide--Regional, National and International. He also published his research scientific work in various National and International Journals, Monographs and Proceedings. He delivered many orations, guest lectures and key note addresses at Congresses organised by FOGSI, AOFOG, FIGO and WHO.

Dr. Pandit took a very keen interest and played a pivotal role in various professional

organisations. He was President of Mumbai Obstetric and Gynecological Society in 1977-1978. He was Hon. Jt. Secretary of FOGSI in 1967-1969 and again in 1973-74 and Secretary General of FOGSI from 1975 to 1982. He was President of FOGSI in 1982-1983. He was Vice-President of AOFOG in 1979-1981 and its President in 1983-1985. He was appointed Editor of the Journal of Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1980. He is the Founder President and a Father Figure of the Association of Maharashtra State Obstetric and Gynecological Societies. For his exceptionally meritorious work in various fields of our Profession he was awarded - (i) Honorary Membership of the All Union Scientific Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, USSR, in 1983 (ii) Fellowship of Academy of Medical Sciences, India in 1988 and (iii) Fellowship of Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1989.

Dr. Pandit joined the Editorial Board of the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology of India, on 4th February 1974 as Associate Editor. After rendering his valuable and meritorious services in this capacity for a long period of 22 years he took over the Editorship of the Journal on 1st January 1997. He added new features like Guest Editorials, Guest Articles, Review Articles and Reader's Corner and improved the standard of the Journal. Later the size of the Journal was changed, the cover page was made more elegant and attractive and the entire Journal was printed on art paper. After his invaluable and remarkable contribution to the Journal he retired as Editor on 6th January 2003. In view of his devoted, dedicated and remarkable services he is now elected Editor Emeritus of the Journal ensuring his continued guidance and help. The Editorial Board wishes Dr. Pandit a long healthy and active life.

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