

Obituary



Born 1st August 1926 Expired April 2004

Professor C S Dawn was born on 1st August 1926 at Sherpur in Bardhaman District (WB). He was a brilliant student. As a student at Medical College, Kolkata and University of Calcutta he was awarded 15 medals including gold medals. He obtained MBBS degree in 1948. Subsequently he obtained the postgraduate degrees of MD and PhD. He was awarded the fellowship of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

He was Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Eden Hospital, Medical College, Kolkata and R G Kar Medical College, Kolkata, from 1969 to 1984. He was a very popular teacher. His zeal for and missionary devotion to teaching lead to his writing and publishing in 1958 two textbooks - one on Obstetrics and Neonatology and other on Gynaecology Contraception and Demography. Both these books are extremely popular and are currently in their 16th and 14th editions respectively. In appreciation of his devotion and dedication to teaching he was awarded Dr. BC Roy National Award as Eminent Medical Teacher by the Medical council of India in 1971. He has to his credit many publications devoted to mass education. He was also a good clinical research worker with many innovations to his credit, the main ones being Dawn's Rule of Ten for antenatal care and Dawn's formula for estimating fetal weight.

After occupying various positions in Bengal Obstetric and Gynaecological Society he was elected its President. Subsequently, he was elected President of the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India for the year 1983-84. He was Founder Fellow and later on Chairman of the Indian college of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

He was an excellent organizer and very good administrator. In 1975 he became the founder President of the National Association for Reproductive and Child Health of India and nurtured this Association to its present eminence. In 1990 he founded the Dr. C S Dawn Indian College of Maternal & Child Health and conducted its affairs very admirably till his last breath.

Dr. Dawn passed away on 19th March 2004 after a very brief illness. May his soul rest in eternal peace.