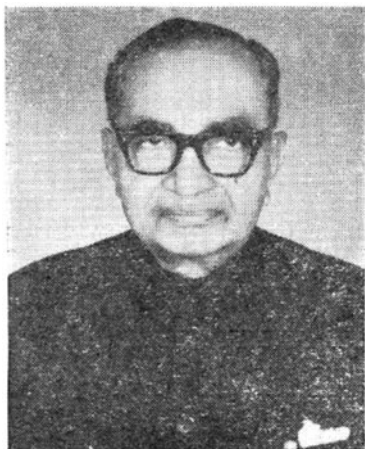

OBITUARY



Dr. Dukhan Ram

PADMABHUSHAN Dr. Dukhan Ram Born : July 15, 1899. Died : April 26, 1990. Founder member of the A.O.I., Dr. Dukhan Ram passed away at Patna in full harness on the 26th April, 1990. Coming from a very poor family, Dr. Ram was inspired to become a doctor after watching the respect and admiration of the local Physicians in his native town Sasaram. Endowed with excellent memory, he worked hard from very beginning earning while learning against all odds, he succeeded in obtaining M.B. degree from Calcutta University in 1925. He joined the then Prince of Wales Medical College, Patna in 1927, and was sent to England for specialisation in Eye & E.N.T. by Govt. of Bihar. On return from England after obtaining D.O., & D.L.O., he joined Eye & E.N.T. department in Patna Medical College & Hospital in 1935, and became Professor & Head of the department later. Dr. Ram retired as Dean, Faculty of Medicine, and Principal of Patna Medical College in 1956. Dr. Ram was appointed Vice-chancellor of Bihar University. He was awarded and conferred PADMABHUSHAN in 1962. He had earlier received the title of Raysaheb from British govt. Dr. Ram was Hon. Surgeon to four Presidents of India, from Dr. Rajendra Prasad to Sri V. V. Giri. In addition to being a very good & gifted surgeon, he was equally popular among the students as an excellent and understanding teacher. Dr. Ram was a social worker of high order, and founded and established a number of schools, colleges, community centres. He remained active in ARYA SAMAJ throughout his life, and was Vice-President of the Samaj at World level. He was elected M.L.A. from Sasaram and served full term. Dr. Ramserved on a large number of Govt. of Bihar, and Govt. of India panels and committees on Medical, Veterinary and Agricultural education. He was Senior Fellow of N.A.M.S., India. Dr. Ram was elected President of The A.O.I., and The Indian Ophthalmological Society, and presided over their conferences for two consecutive years at Hyderabad in 1957 & 1958. The void left after his passing away will be felt not only in Bihar but in whole of India. He has left behind two doctor-sons, besides a large number of other family members, friends and admirars.
