

DR. NANDA KISHORE AGARWALA

Dr. N.K. Agarwala passed away on the 19th October 1995 at the age of 57 years. A multi-talented person; a busy practising ENT surgeon, an amateur magician, a social worker; Dr. Agarwala had also written a novel in Assamese (Aiya jano pratikhya : 1987).

Dr. Agarwala was born in Kamarbandha Ali in Golaghat District of Assam on 29-03-1938. His forefathers had come to the village in 1840 from



Rajasthan seeking a fortune. He passed the MBBS examination from the Assam medical College, Dibrugarh in 1965. He then opened a pharmacy named Drug House in Dibrugarh and started general practice there. This pharmacy has since grown into a big business house. He went to U.K. in 1967. Dr. Agarwala obtained the DTM and H from Liverpool

in 1963, the DLO from London in 1972 and the FRCS from Edinburgh in 1975. After having worked for about a decade, in Inverness and Edinburgh, he returned to Assam to serve its people. Though he was an ENT surgeon, he had varied experience of working in renal transplantation unit, ophthalmology etc. After returning home, he started his independent practice in Guwahati in 1977. He was one of those few who had popularised microear surgery and rhinoplasty in Assam. He soon rose to be a popular ENT surgeon of this region.

His behaviour with patients was exemplary. He was known for his strong emotions. His interest in his childhood hobby of magic earned him a lot of accolades. A part from performing his art in various parts of Assam and India, he had also performed in Japan and the USA too. Dr. Agarwala was awarded the Jadu Bhaskar Award by the Brotherhood of Magicians of India. He was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He was a past president of the Rotary Club of Guwahati south. He was actively involved with the Medical Practitioners Association, All Assam Navin Lekhik-Lekhika Samaroh and the Assam Sahitya Sabha. He was felicitated by Hon'ble Governor of Assam, Shri L. N. Mishra in June, 1994 on the Bishnu Rabha Divas. He was presently the Vice President of the North-eastern branch of the Association of Otolaryngologists of India.

His death has left a void in the medical fraternity. Assam has lost one of her illustrious and talented sons. Society has not only lost a good ENT Surgeon but also a good human being.

May his soul rest in peace.

—Dr. Gautam Khound