Obituary

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Dr. Vikram Marwah, noted Orthopedic Surgeon, a legend in medical science passed away on 6th November 2013 after a brief illness at the age of 88 years. He was born on 4th June 1925 in a reputed family of Shivni in Madhya Pradesh. He obtained his MBBS degree (1943-1948) from Calcutta Medical College. He worked as volunteer doctor to serve the refugees of freedom struggle and draught affected areas in Bengal. He did his F.R.C.S in 1956 and worked with Prof. Seddon, Griffith, Robert Owen and other renowned surgeons of his time. Dr. Vikram Marwah worked at Aurangabad (1961-1971) as a Prof. of Surgery and also developed the department of orthopedic and paraplegia. He was selected as Commonwealth fellow and ICMR scholar in 1971-72. He was transferred to Government Medical College, Nagpur as Prof. of Surgery in 1972. Dr. Marwah retired as dean of Government Medical College and Hospital of Nagpur in 1980. He presented papers with original thoughts and works in India and abroad. He published 22 original papers. He was awarded AA Mehta, Gold Medal, Johnson and Johnson fellowship and Smith and Nephew fellowship. He was the PG guide and examiner for MS General surgery and M.S. Orthopaedic. He was awarded Dr. B. C. Roy Memorial Best Medical Teacher Award in 1979. He was the President of IOA in 1983. He received Sir Arthur Eyre Brook award also.

He was great Philanthropist and social worker. Dr. Marwah had worked with Gandhiji and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. He worked at Naukhali and closely observed Mahatma Gandhi. These influences stayed with him and have reflected in his life and work.

Dr. Marwah set up the Handicapped Children's

Rehabilitation Centre and Children's Orthopedic Hospital at the Matru Sewa Sangh, Sitabuldi, in 1981. This special hospital provided facilities for the overall development of polio affected and otherwise physically challenged children who underwent multiple corrective surgeries who usually required long term hospitalization. He worked there for 20 years selflessly.

He devoted his later life more to literary pursuits and education. He had written books in orthopedics and also contributed in Hindi literature. He founded the Matrubhu Antargat Sanskar, a children's monthly magazine devoted to promoting Indian values in an entertaining manner. He was supporter of Hindi Language. He held the position of Vice president of Hindi Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti. He was also a president of Vidharbha Seva Samiti and organized several surgical camps and voluntary blood donation camp all over Maharashtra. He was a founder of Bharti Krishna Vidhya Vihar School. The school and the Sangh have achieved several credits under his continued support and able guidance. His teaching was to the new students "Hold the knife if and when necessary, "Don't crave for money it will come by itself." By virtue of broadmindedness irrespective of race, religion, region his yeoman service to humanity with everlasting love and affection to student fraternity infused courage. His teaching to the students to appreciate three words in the planning of treatment i.e., it should be appropriate, available and affordable. The Government of India has also acknowledged his services to mankind by awarding him "Padmashree" in the year 2002.

He survived with his wife, a son and a daughter. We bow our heads in deep respect and memory to Dr. Vikram Marwah and pray his soul to rest in peace.

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