

OBITUARY

We have lost five of our members in the recent past

Dr. Sunil Bikash Pal. OSWB Membership No: P-325

Born: 27th March 1932

Expired: 26th September 2007

As a student of Calcutta Medical College, he completed his MBBS and DOMS from the same institute. Subsequently, he chose to serve the Indian Railways. Within the zone of Eastern Railway, he has worked in Danapur, Liluah, Asansol and ultimately retired from B R Singh Railway Hospital as Senior Medical Superintendent in the year 1990.

He was the secretary of the local body of ophthalmologists at Asansol under OSWB. An ardent lover and discussant of Bengali literature, Dr. Pal had arranged several 'Kobi Sammelans' at Asansol during his posting there at the Railway Hospital. His book of poems 'Hey Aakash Abagunthan Kholo' was well appreciated at that time. As an active social worker he has done a lot for the development of his native place Konnagar. His contribution has substantially improved the activities of Konnagar Public Library, Blood donation camps of Sammilani Club and the Charitable Dispensary of Shakuntala Kalimandir at Konnagar.

He is survived by his wife Ms. Pratima Pal and two sons Dr. Bhaskar Bikash, a gastroenterologist at Peerless Hospital and Dr. Dipankar, working in State Health Service at Dhaniakhali.

Dr. Haranath Chakraborty. OSWB Membership No: C-92.

Born: 16th February 1962

Expired: 23rd September 2008

He was an active personality since his student days. After achieving MBBS from Bankura Sammilani Medical College, he had opted to move away to Sitapur for his DOMS. He was a very popular figure in his friend circle at Aligarh Muslim University while studying for his MS in Ophthalmology.

After postgraduation, he started his career at Lion's Eye Hospital, Raniganj. Later he decided to start practice on his own and developed a comprehensive eye clinic at NSB Road at Tarbangla, Raniganj. As an active social worker he was very popular amongst the poor people in the Rickshaw-puller and Mutia-majdur community for providing free consultation and help in their times of need. He used to provide free consultation in his clinic for the poor on 1st Thursdays of every month.

He played as a cricketer during his student life and used to sing in small gatherings too. He is survived by his wife Ms. Arumita Chakraborty, son, Debmalya studying in class XI and daughter Adrija in class V.

Dr. Aroop Mukhopadhyay. OSWB Membership No: M-737

Born: 29th July 1963

Expired: 22nd October 2008

Originally a native of Dhanbad, after completion of MBBS from Ramaya Medical College at Bangalore, he obtained his MS degree in Ophthalmology at Gulbarga Medical College in Karnataka. During 1996 he joined Narayan Nethralaya at Bangalore and also worked for a short period at the Agarwal's Eye Institute at Bangalore. He had also worked as a Lecturer at the Siddharth Medical College at Tumkur. On his return to West Bengal in 1999, he joined Netaji Eye Hospital at Ramchandrapur, Purulia. He also worked at the Silverline setup at Bolpur for a short period.

Later, he concentrated on his own freelance practice in West Medinipur. While heading for Medinipur town for his practice in his own vehicle on the date of incidence near Kulti, he met with a road traffic accident with a speeding truck that ended his promising career.

He was an active social worker participating in the free eye surgery camps. Besides singing he had an interesting hobby of painting. He is survived by his wife Ms. Saswati Mukhopadhyay, son Aparoop studying in class VII and daughter Aparoopa in class III.