



Dr. Muktipada Samanta. OSWB Membership No: S-388

Born: 12th February 1934

Expired: 18th November 2008

The lines below have been penned by Dr. C R Khanra who is a close associate and friend of late Dr. Samanta. Dr. Ms. Hira Samanta, wife of late Dr. Samanta also contributed in her own way to provide us with some information. We feel greatly encouraged by such spontaneous participation and contribution from our senior members. As a mark of gratitude to respected Dr. Khanra, we quote whatever he had to say about his friend.

“Mukti left for his heavenly abode on 18.11.08 evening.

He was born in the village of Shyam Nabagram on 12.02.1934 in the district of Burdwan. He had his school education at Baharampur Mission School from where he passed Matriculation Examination of Calcutta University in 1950. He got admitted in N R S Medical college in 1952 after passing I Sc. From Bangabasi College, Calcutta. After acquiring his MBBS in 1957, he had his surgical training at the Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research and SSKM Hospital under Prof. S. R. Konar.

After joining West Bengal Health Services, he was deputed to Orissa Govt. Health Service where he served as Medical Officer in a remote village and later also as an Anatomy Demonstrator in Burla Medical College. On returning from deputation he qualified himself as MS in Ophthalmology in the year 1967 from K G Medical College, Lucknow and a specialisation in Plastic Surgery in 1968 from Patna Medical College.

After the post graduate qualification he had to serve as ophthalmologist at the Govt. Hospital at Asansol. He joined NRS Medical College in 1973 as Resident Surgeon, in the department of Ophthalmology. He was promoted to the rank of Lecturer in 1974 and then as Assistant Professor. During his service in NRS Medical College, he performed a good number of cornea grafting surgeries successfully. In addition he did various oculoplastic surgeries and eye camp surgeries.

In 1980, he was transferred to IPGMER and SSKM Hospital as Associate Professor where he had to guide the students of MS in Ophthalmology of Calcutta University. In the later part of his service he was appointed as the Director, Regional Institute of Ophthalmology and Professor of Ophthalmology in Calcutta Medical College wherefrom he retired in 1992.

During the whole period of his service, his amicable nature pleased all his colleagues, patients, relatives and everybody coming in contact with him. Many a people had benefitted from his valuable advice. He was a proud father of two well placed sons working in the USA. The eldest Dr. Manoj Pratim is a member at NASA establishment. The youngest Dr. Arindam is a computer engineer at San Francisco. Not to speak of his sons, some of his students are also in the top positions in professional services.

After retirement from the Govt. service he was practicing as consultant ophthalmologist besides serving in honorary capacity in Calcutta University health unit and later at Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital.

His beloved wife Dr. Hira Samanta, a Gynaecologist, was always by his side till the last hour in all odds and evens of life as a philosopher and guide.

May his soul rest in peace.”

Prof. Muralidhar Sengupta. OSWB Membership No: S – 427

Born: 12th December 1911

Expired: 28th November 2008

Prof. M D Sengupta was a prominent personality who has strongly influenced the positive development of Ophthalmology in West Bengal. He was the president of All India Ophthalmological Society as well as OSWB. As an exceptional teacher, he was taken back to the Medical College even after his retirement as Emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology. His name along with that of Dr. Nirmal Ghosh glitters like a pearl in the Neuro-Ophthalmology volume of Sir Stewart Duke Elder for two unusual case reports of C P angle tumour.

We request our readers to kindly wait for a detailed write up on this great personality that will be published in the forthcoming issue of 'Ophthabuzz'.



We deeply mourn their sad demise and pray for the eternal peace of their souls. We express our heartfelt sympathies for the members of the bereaved families.