

In Memorium: Dr. R. V. Agrawal

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Dr. Ram Vilas Agrawal, was born on 15th March 1934 at Raipur. He did his schooling and premedical education at Raipur. He was an alumnus of GMC Nagpur, completing MBBS in 1957. He joined as house surgeon in GMC Nagpur on 10/01/1959 and completed his MD Pathology & Bacteriology in 1963.

His teaching career started on 14/01/1960 in GMC Nagpur under Dr. J. B. Srivastava as Professor and HOD (later the Director General of Health Services, GOI).

In the department of Pathology at Nagpur, Dr. B. K. Aikat (Director Professor, PGIMER Chandigarh), Dr. K. D. Sharma (DMER & Director Haffkine Institute), Dr. B. R. Solanki (research worker in sickle cell) and Dr. Shobha Grover (ICMR centre for cytopathology) were his illustrious colleagues. He also held the additional charge of Professor in FMT in GMC Nagpur till 13/12/1970, where he developed postmortem and autopsy services.

On deputation he joined MGIMS, Sevagram, Wardha as Professor of Pathology on 14/12/70 till 11/1/1976. Dr. R.V.Agrawal joined MGIMS from GMC Nagpur with stalwarts like Dr. Vishwanar, of Physiology and Dr. M.L. Sharma from Pharmacology at the behest of Dr. Sushila Nayar. MGIMS being a pioneering venture, Dr. Agrawal not only set up the Dept. of Pathology but also developed work ethics commensurate with Gandhian way of life. He set up diagnostic work in

histopathology for leprosy, filariasis and TB along with world renowned leprologist Dr. Desikan and Dr. A.R.Shukla, an ophthalmologist saving eye sights of leprosy patients. He was instrumental in setting up an excellent PG courses in Pathology which was integrated with teaching in camps, community services and ROME (re-orientation of medical education).

He then rejoined government service at BJMC, Pune on 12/01/1976 as Professor and Head, Dept of Pathology till 5/09/1988 with Dr. B. S. Raichur as his predecessor. He excelled in PG teaching with daily slide diagnosis sessions (ting-ting seminars). Autopsy services of Pathology excelled with more than 1000 clinical post mortems conducted by residents and post graduate students under his guidance. Department of surgical Pathology, hematology and cytology excelled under his guidance with 10 Associate Professors and 20 lecturers working tirelessly with him. He conducted inter departmental activities like death audits, death conferences and CPCs with his medical and surgical colleagues. He always encouraged research paper presentations in National Conferences with a large contingent of more than 20 delegates attending these National Conferences. He had collected thousands of systemic and surgical pathology slides and he donated his collection to department of Pathology, BJMC Pune.

He was promoted as Dean to GMC Aurangabad on 06/09/1989, till 16/09/1989, then transferred to VMGMC Solapur and then to BJMC Pune where he served as Dean till his retirement in March 1992.

He returned to academics as Professor of Pathology at Bharti Vidyapeeth Pune for the next 10 years. He was instrumental in setting up the department and illustrative museum there.

Dr. R. V. Agrawal was a gifted and devoted teacher, a pathologist of great repute, an academician par excellence, an extremely considerate administrator, a thorough gentleman and a genuine humanist, a loving and caring popular teacher. He has 50 research publications to his credit.

He was “Bhishmacharya” for his PG students who would go out of the way to teach, groom, train them to become reasonably good pathologists.

He was the President of Research Society of BJMC and SGH, Pune.

He had organized National Conference on blood bank and was the Organizing secretary of MAPCON 1982 held at Mahabaleshwar, organized by BJMC Pune. He started quarterly pathology meets of slide seminars to discuss interesting cases under the aegis of Poona Pathologists and Microbiologists Association.

The President and office bearers of IAPM deeply condole the passing away of Dr. R. V. Agrawal. He will always be fondly remembered by thousands of his students and colleagues. May he guide us in our journey as pathologists and diagnosticians.

We must admit that **“They don’t make them anymore”**

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