

Dr. Mrs. Harsha Salkar - A Tribute**Madhuri Paithankar***

“Life isn't about getting and having, it is about giving and being.”

A person who had given the gift of life to so many patients, a crest of wisdom to her students, a pillar of strength to her friends and colleagues, a warmth of love to her family and relatives, our beloved teacher: Dr. Mrs. Harsha Salkar, suddenly left for heavenly abode on 2nd April, 2014, leaving everyone shell shocked and shattered.

Born in the famous Dhoniwala family of Amravati, fondly called Honey, Dr. Mrs. Harsha Salkar did her MBBS from Govt. Medical College, Nagpur. She ventured in a male dominated field in those days and did her MD in Medicine. She joined her alma mater as a lecturer and her career graph soared upwards. She had keen interest in Nephrology and worked hard and under the guidance of Late Dr. B. S. Choube. Later on as kidney unit in-charge, she made dialysis available for the poor and needy patients. She climbed up the ladder to become the Professor of Department of Medicine in 2005. She was also instrumental in starting ART clinic at GMC, Nagpur which is still serving poor patients of HIV, free of cost.

A fearless lady with unlimited enthusiasm and stamina, she infused great confidence and positivity in her students and people around her. She was a hard task master and fully dedicated to her duties. Her daily ward rounds were inspirational and educational. She was a great clinician and a person who always gave a firm diagnosis. She made bold decisions and implemented innovative methods. She was an excellent administrator and everyone who came in contact with her became a great fan of hers.

After retiring from govt. service in 2008, She joined NKP Salve institute and Lata Mangeshkar Hospital as Professor of Medicine. She set up a Renal Unit there and a state of art Intensive care unit. The department flourished under her able leadership. She continued to work there till the last day of her life.

Not only a career woman, she was a loving and caring family person. She was strongly supported by her husband, Dr. R.G. Salkar at every step. She groomed her children, Dr. Jasmine and Dr. Amit well, took care of her in laws and supported her nieces in their education.

It has been a tremendous loss to the entire medical fraternity who will be deprived of a good clinician, a good teacher and a good human being. We offer our tribute to her and condolences to the family.

Rest in peace our beloved madam Dr. Harsha Salkar!

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