

Obituary



Prof R.Chinnathurai, active, enthusiastic, dynamic leader, who worked tirelessly from the day he took over the reins of Head of the Institution of the Government Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, KK Nagar, Chennai has left us to heaven on August 11th, 2012.

He was born on November 15th 1954, completed his undergraduate in Tanjavur Medical College and joined the Government Service on 06.09.1981. He completed his 3 year Diploma in Physical Medicine from the prestigious Madras Medical College from the same GIRM where he became the Head of Institution before his sudden demise. He had a short stint at Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as Specialist in Physical Medicine for 4 years.

He took the charge of Director, GIRM on 20.12.2002 and continued for 2 year and again occupied the post from 1.2.2006 until his death. He is the longest serving Head of the Institution. During his tenure, the Physical Medicine blossomed in other Medical Colleges particularly the newly established medical colleges in government sector. He reorganized the services in GIRM, and brought new clinics like Pain clinic, Cerebral Palsy Clinic etc. He published a new book on Prosthetics and Orthotics for the post graduates and other medical professionals.

World Disability Day on December 3rd, every year turned out to be 3 day function in GIRM with CMEs, Sports activities for disabled people, and it brought the Ministers, Secretaries at Government level to GIRM. Government acknowledged the event and now sanctioned officially Rs 75,000 annually to conduct the event.

The memories of his untiring work and efforts to bring MD PMR post graduate course in Madras Medical College will be remembered by us forever which remains still an unfinished task. His approach to make people in the administration to understand the difficulties faced by the specialty will be a guiding pathway to the people who succeed him in realizing his vision. We pledge to complete his unfinished task and that alone will be right way to pay homage to him.

We pay our sincere condolences his wife and son a B.Tech Graduate in Biotechnology who are grieving his sudden demise. It's a great loss to them.

It was a great loss the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialty also especially for the Psychiatrists of Tamilnadu where he has made, irrevocable imprint both in the lives of psychiatrists and also in the functioning of the department.

We sincerely pray to God Almighty for his soul to rest in Peace.

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