

In Memorium

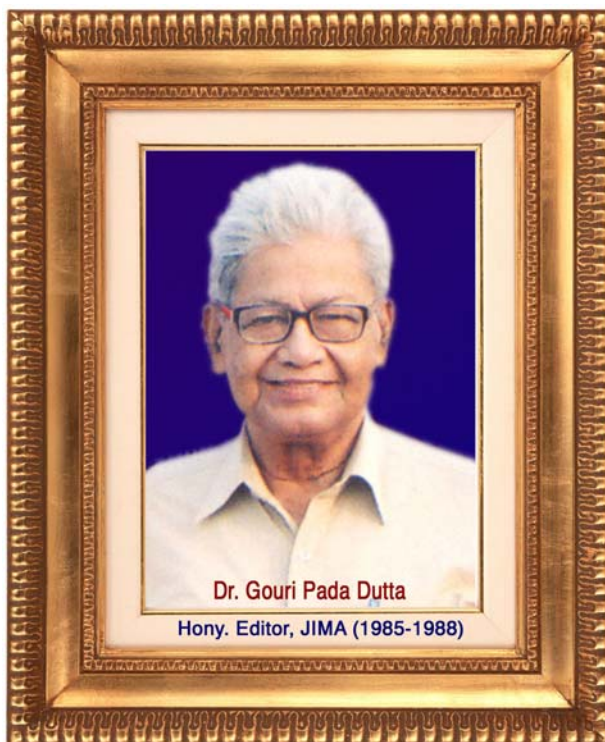
Dr. Gouri Pada Dutta

Dr. Gouri Pada Dutta, Past Hony. Editor of Journal of the Indian Medical Association (JIMA) breathed his last at 11.15 pm on 8th June 2020 at the age of 93 years at his Jadavpur residence. He lost his wife in the year 2012 and his elder daughter earlier. He was survived by his younger daughter and grandchildren of both the daughters.

He was born in Jaipur village of Bankura District of West Bengal on 3rd March, 1928. He passed the matriculation (10th standard) from Jaipur, then he came to Kolkata and studied at St. Paul's school. He completed his MBBS from Chittaranjan National Medical College and later on completed his MD. At that time Chittaranjan National Medical College used to be a private hospital. He led an agitation to make it a Government Medical College and ultimately in the year 1967 the State Government undertook the hospital. Probably, this was the biggest achievement of his life.

He organized the first ever "Assembly of Editors of Medical Journals" in August 24-25th, 1985. He was contemporary of another legend of Indian Medical Association, Dr. P.K. Chaudhuri, who was the then the Hony. Secretary of JIMA.

He led from the front for the upliftment of Public Health in the State. He was the Chairman of the Permanent Standing Committee for Health & Family Welfare of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly for long. Many political leaders in Kolkata expressed their deep sorrow on his demise.



He was influenced by Marxism and participated in the left movement from his very student life. He also led various Farmer, political and social movements. He was jailed for that too. He was associated with various social activities. He served as an Honorary Vice Chancellor in Chittaranjan Seba Sadan for a long period. He was an active member of Indian Medical Association and served the association in various capacities. He was the Editor of the Journal of Indian Medical Association for the year 1985-1988. He was the

member of Medical Council of India for a very long period. He was a member of the Rural Health Standing Committee also. He worked as the advisor from time to time in various projects of WHO and UNICEF. He was the pioneer in establishing the Association of Health Service Doctors in the State. He was the founder President of Public Health Kolkata. He was the member of Senate and Syndicate of Calcutta University. He was associated with various institutions including South Calcutta Girls College.

He consecutively fought and won the elections in the years 1987, 1991 and 1996 and became Member of Legislative Assembly of West Bengal. He served as Protem Speaker in the Assembly from time to time.

He published over 550 research papers and books. He was a poet too and published a few books. His autobiography "kabe ami bahir holem" is very much noteworthy.