

O B I T U A R Y

**Dr A Parthasarathy MD DCH DSc (Hon) FIAP**

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Dr A Parthasarathy, was fondly called “Aa Pa Sa” by pediatricians from Tamil Nadu and as “Partha” and “Partha Sir” by others, graduated from Madras Medical College and studied MD Pediatrics at the Institute of Child Health and Hospital for children, Madras Medical College. He retired as Deputy Superintendent of the same institution.

As an Assistant Professor, he was in-charge of the tuberculosis clinic and the vaccine preventable diseases ward (then known as isolation ward), and did a commendable job in caring for the sick children and teaching students. He was the key person in establishing an immunization clinic at ICH, and taking it further to the community through immunization camps. His contribution to polio eradication is unparalleled.

He was a key person in promoting the activities of Indian Academy of Pediatrics in Tamil Nadu along with Prof N Sundaravalli in the yester years. He constantly motivated young pediatricians to become members of IAP and was instrumental in getting them involved in the activities of IAP – Tamil Nadu Branch and central IAP. He served CIAP as Executive Board member, and then as President during the year 1997.

He was the founder Editor of the “IAP Text Book of Pediatrics.” His contribution as editor of many other books is praiseworthy. He had contributed numerous articles to books and journals. His contribution to the field of vaccinology is laudable. His keen interest in bringing out books on various pediatric topics continued till his last days.

He was also the Founder Editor of *Indian Journal of Practical Pediatrics*, and served as its Editor-in-Chief from 1993 to 1995. He continued to be a guiding force for the journal as its Emeritus Editor.

He was pleasant and considerate towards his colleagues and juniors alike. His sudden demise is a great loss to the pediatric fraternity and the community, as a whole. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and grandchildren.