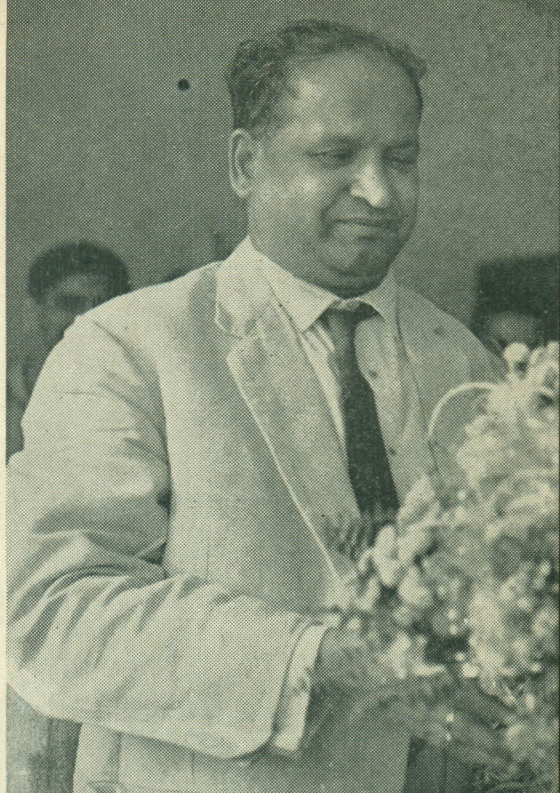


## OBITUARY

The sudden death of Dr. W. B. Bhawe, Professor of Pharmacology at T. N. Medical College on 7th. December, 1965 came as an unexpected blow to all who knew him and its impact was all the greater with the realization that the void thus created would be difficult to fill. Pharmacology in particular and medical education in general lost an able and competent guiding hand.

Born in 1916, he had a brilliant career as a student and passed B. Sc. in the first class in 1937 from Bombay University. After obtaining the M.B., B.S. degree in 1942 he chose a career in Pharmacology which he pursued in all earnest till his premature death. He left for London in 1954 to work with Dr. Wilhelm Feldberg and returned in 1956 to Bombay with Ph. D. in Pharmacology. His tenure as Professor of Pharmacology from 1956 to 1965 will be long remembered by those who had the good fortune to be his students, for his eloquent, lively and lucid teaching both in the lecture-hall and in the laboratory. It was mainly due to his efforts that the Department of Pharmacology was recognized for instructions in Postgraduate studies. His research work mainly centred around the Pharmacodynamic actions of drugs administered through the cerebral ventricles. He strived hard to improve methods and standards in medical education. His colleagues will recall the courage of conviction shown by him as a Member of the Board of Studies in Pharmacology and Pathology, of the Faculty of Medicine and the Academic Council, University of Bombay. As a Bombay Branch Representative of the Association of Physiologists & Pharmacologists of India, he endeavoured to strengthen the cause of bringing together these Basic Scientific disciplines on one common platform. Notwithstanding the arduous duties of a Professor, he managed to devote sufficient time to intellectual recreation. Literature and music were among his chief interests. His uprightness made him approach any problem with an open mind. His pleasant manner and lively conversation allowed others to be at ease with him. His mere presence was enough to convert any gathering into a congenial company.



It is a tragic irony of fate that he should have passed away a day prior to his taking over as the Dean of the Municipal Medical College, Sion. He is survived by his wife and two children.

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