

OBITUARY

Dr. N.K. Dutta who retired as the Special Director, Vaccine Institute, Baroda, breathed his last on May 2, 1982. Dr. N.K. Dutta was born on 1-12-1913. He had a brilliant academic career. He graduated in Medicine from Calcutta University and took his D. Phil. degree in Pharmacology from Oxford University in 1949. In 1954 he was awarded the Doctorate of Science in Bacteriology from the same University; a rare combination of Pharmacology and Bacteriology. Dr. Dutta had contributed greatly in the field of cholera.

Dr. Dutta was a recipient of several national and international awards. Notable amongst them are the Sri Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Memorial Award (C.S.I.R.), C. J. Watumal Award (USA), Besanti Devi Amirchand Prize (ICMR) and Vincent Messay Scholar (Canadian Award). He was a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy and also of the National Academy of Medical Sciences. He was a member of W.H.O. Expert Panel on Bacterial diseases, Geneva. He was also the Editor of Indian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology during 1961-1963.

Dr. Dutta worked at the National Institute of Medical Research, London and at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D.C. (USA). He was the Director of Haffkine Institute, Bombay, Dy. Director-General of ICMR and till recently Special Director, Vaccine Institute, Baroda.

We deeply condole the death of Dr. N.K. Dutta.

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