

<b>OBITUARY</b>
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**Dr Gadadhar Sarangi**

*(1st April, 1949 - 8th September, 2021)*

The sad demise of Dr. Gadadhar Sarangi is a great loss to the Indian pediatric fraternity as well as the state of Odisha.

Born on 1st April, 1949 in Odisha, he did MBBS from Hamirpur (Odisha) in 1973; MD Pediatrics from PGIMER, Chandigarh, in June, 1976; MNAMS in 1979; Fellow in MCH (Liverpool) 1990; FICMCH 1998; FIAP in 2005; FPAI in 2015. He joined Odisha Medical Services in August, 77; Teaching faculty at Institute of Pediatrics, Cuttack; MKCG Medical College, Berhampur (1978 to 1999); Professor Pediatrics, Jagannath Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar (1999 - 2000). He was Chairman - Medical Director, Baidyanath Memorial Hospital Bhubaneswar till the end.

He contributed sixty nine scientific papers in Indian Journals and presented forty seven papers in various national and state conferences. He received many state level recognitions for child welfare activities.

He was advisory member of Indian Pediatrics and Indian Journal of Pediatrics; Chief Editor of Pediatric Journal of Odisha; Single author books on Childhood Immunisation, Diarrhoeal diseases. Kidney diseases, ABC of Neonatology & Practice of ECG. He had a good knowledge of Hindu mythology and religious sermons.

He was EB member two times. He had organized two state and two national conferences. He was Organising Secretary of most successful Pedicon 2008 at Bhubaneswar and contributed a highest sum to IAP CO at that time. He is the founder of Pediatric Association of India.

He was a perfect amalgam of knowledge, simplicity, humane nature and excellent teaching qualities. A great, honest and bold administrator, and a firebrand teacher, he taught and created a generation of Pediatricians for Odisha. He was always available for service to the children in resource restrained situations.

He breathed his last on 8th September, 2021 with a short illness of three days. He was clear hearted, lovable, selfless and well wishing person. He will always be remembered and his memories would be cherished as pride possession in our hearts. May his soul rest in eternal peace and family be able to bear this loss.