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PROF. DR. G.K. RAMACHANDRAPPA

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

As India was rejoicing the birth of Independence and the early morning Sun was shining bright over the city of Chitradurga, on the 20th of September 1947 at 6.00 AM Shri. G.Karekallappa a freedom and his wife Smt. Chikkathimmakka were blessed with their fourth child to be named **RAMACHANDRAPPA**, the would be torch bearer of righteousness, social equality and courage.

Following his schooling at Chitradurga and thereafter Graduation and Post Graduation at the Bangalore Medical College, Dr.G.K.Ramachandrappa practiced Family Medicine for a short period and thereafter chose to join the teaching profession. During his school and college days Ramachandrappa exhibited extraordinary leadership qualities which found expression to its fullest extent during his stint as President Students Union and thereafter as Sports Secretary at the Bangalore Medical College during which time the college won the all India Inter Medical Sports and games championship held at Hyderabad.

As President of the Karnataka Junior Doctors and Medical and Dental Students Association Dr.Ramachandrappa floated the idea of formation of Medical University as early as 1979 and during this time Dr.Ramachandrappa had an audience with Smt.Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India.

As Honorary Secretary of the Karnataka State unemployed Doctors Association, he was instrumental in achieving an induction of Doctors into the State Medical Service as local candidates for the first time in the history of Karnataka.

As Honorary Secretary of the Karnataka State Medical and Dental Teachers Federation he was able to bring the entire teaching fraternity of health sciences under one umbrella.

Dr.G.K.Ramachandrappa's contribution to IMA:- as president of IMA Bangalore Branch he was instrumental in devising a day wise calendar of events which is being followed as a model by all the branches of IMA of Karnataka.

INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

LIFE MEMBER

1. Indian Medical Association
2. Indian Medical Association –AMS
3. Indian Medical Association –CGP
4. Indian Medical Association –Social Security Scheme
5. Indian Medical Association –Professional Protection Scheme
6. Indian Association of Anatomists

I. Indian Medical Association Bangalore Branch

Served as treasurer, Vice President & President

Instituted the following for the first time in the History of IMA

- a) Rajyothsava Day Celebration
- b) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebration
- c) Sir. M. Visweswaraiiah Day Celebration
- d) Swamy Vivekananda "Youths Day" Celebration
- e) Doctors Day Celebration
- f) Compulsory Conduction of Minimum 24 health Check up camps with free distribution of drugs.
- g) Pioneered continuing Medical Education Programme in IMA
- h) Compulsory Participation in all National & State Health Programmes.
- i) Starting "Women Doctors Wing"

j) Chairman: "Aao – Gaon – Chalen"

Indian Medical Association's Dream Project

Taking Health Care to the villages, a rare accomplishment.

Under the scheme Kodayala Karenahalli of Ramanagara Taluk has been developed into a Model Village, which can now boast of the following. All facilities provided free of cost

- a) Periodic Regular Multispecialty Health Check up camps by a team of specialist
- b) Laboratory investigation – Blood, Urine, Stool, peripheral smear
- c) Distribution of Drugs
- d) Follow up care of Diagnosed and complicated cases at tertiary health care centers as and when required.
- e) Distribution of spectacles
- f) Mass Deworming and distribution of Iron and Vitamin Tablets
- g) Hepatitis- B & Polio Vaccination
- h) Distribution of Clothes
- i) Distribution of Health Educational Books in Kannada
- j) Reestablishment of the Public Drainage and Sewerage system
- k) Constructed Public Latrines
- l) Instituted Malaria Control Measures
- m) Provided Furnitures to School Teachers and Children
- n) Distributed School Bags
- o) Health Education Lectures for the Villagers

II. Indian Medical Association Karnataka State Branch

Served as joint Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President & President

Accomplishments of Historical Nature

- a) Reviving Publication of the IMA News Bulletin
- b) Setting up of Traveling Allowance Fund for working committee and State Council Members
- c) Setting up of Presidents visit Fund
- d) Procuring of IMA State Presidents Car
- e) Providing Air Conditioned Suite for the State President
- f) Securing Representative Nomination for members of IMA Karnataka at National Level sub Committees
- g) Securing 80% of seats for Govt. Merit Students in Private Medical Colleges – Historic Judgment by Supreme court in the Unni Krishnan Case
- h) Continuous struggle for establishment of Medical University
- i) Spearheaded the Doctors struggle against their inclusion under the consumer protection act.
- j) Protecting the health of the common man from Onslaught by the quacks and quackerism.
- k) Was instrumental in enactment of "Prevention of atrocities on Health care professionals Act".

III Indian Medical Association (HQs.), New Delhi

Member: Central Council and Central Working Committee

Chairman: Medical Education Sub committee

Chairman: Planning Sub committee

Chairman: Subjects sub committee

Organizational achievements

1. Patron:

- a) IMA – AMS National Conference
- b) IMA – KSB Annual Conference
- c) Doctors Day Celebration
- d) IMA Club
- e) IMA–KSB Dr. Somanna Memorial Shuttle Badminton Tournament.

2. Member Board of Visitors:

- a) Minto Ophthalmic Regional Center & Research Institute.
- b) Vani Vilas Hospital
- c) T b Sanatorium
- d) Epidemic Diseases Hospital
- e) KC General Hospital
- f) National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences
- g) Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology

As Chairman of the Disasters Management and relief Committee he played the key role in organizing and co-coordinating the relief activities during various disaster situation and to name a few:-

The Orissa Cyclone relief

The Gujarat earth quake relief

The Tamil Nadu Tsunami relief

The Karnataka flood relief committee during the Bellary floods and

The Mangalore floods and

The Mangalore Air disaster

All these activities drew unequivocal praise of all members of the Medical Association and the public at large.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

I. From Public Organizations

- a) Vidya Ratan Award – National Subharam Trust, Bangalore
- b) Peace Award – Ramakrishna Mission, Bangalore
- c) “BANGARADA MANUSYA” –Villagers of Kodyala Karenahalli – for “Aao Gaon Chalen” National Rural Upliftment Programme.

II. From Indian Medical Association New Delhi

- a) Best Local Branch President
- b) Best State Secretary
- c) Best Branch Award
- d) Highest Membership Drive Award
- e) Life Time Achievement Award
- f) Best State Secretary Merit Certificate

III. From Indian Medical Association Karnataka State Branch

- a) Vaidya Savya Saachi Award
- b) Medico Social Activities Award
- c) Best Branch Award

IV. From Indian Medical Association Delhi State Branch

- a) Legenday Award

V. From Indian Medical Association Bangalore Branch

- a) IMA Bangalore Branch Doctors Day Dr. B.C. Roy Award.
- b) IMA Bangalore Branch Rajyothsava Day Award

FELLOWSHIP

- a) Fellow of Indian Academy of Medical Specialties (FIAMS)

COUNTRIES VISITED

Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia.