

Obituary

Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim

Dr. Mohamad Ibrahim, born in December, 1911, in Murshidabad, then British India, graduated in Medicine from Calcutta, and later awarded FRCP from London and Glasgow. He was a National Professor, President of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, Member of Board of Management, I.D.F., Senate Member, University of Dhaka, Member, National Council of Science and Technology in Bangladesh. He was also an Advisor (Minister) of Health and Population Control.

He was a teacher of Medicine of undergraduate and post-graduate institutions, Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital, Dhaka Medical College and earlier at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center in Karachi. He was honoured with Sitar-i-Khidmat by Pakistan and Independence Day award from Government of Bangladesh.

He has established Bangladesh Institute of Research and Rehabilitation in Diabetes, Endocrine & Metabolic disorders, popularly known as BIRDEM, which awards M.D., Ph.D., M. Phil and Diploma in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolic Disorders. It has grown into a centre of excellence. It is designated as W.H.O. collaborating centre for developing community orientated services, education, training and research for prevention and control of diabetes.

Those of us who know him personally, would not have met a man of his metor. Simple and humble but philanthopic and most indulgent to

the care of underprivileged diabetics. Vocational rehabilitation of diabetes in rural Bangladesh was his exemplary contribution in the third world.

He persistently endeavoured to change the educational pattern and concept of medical practice from episodic to an anticipatory and



comprehensive one, from clinical to preventive and promotive so as to meet the challenge of modern times with contemporary technology through example rather than precept.

We pray for a restful abode for him and his life to be a continuing inspiration for those who work for diabetics in the underprivileged social order.