

Prof. M. Veeraraghava Reddy
President, Neurological Society of India 1984.

I have not received his autobiographical write up, though he promised to send it in time. I could corner him during the Sept 1998 Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology at Hyderabad and get some information about him. He was felicitated during that meeting as he was the first person to introduce medical neurology in Andhra Pradesh.

My colleague Dr. A. S. Girija of Calicut Medical College quietly told me that Prof. Reddy was her DM examiner and she could not recognize him till I introduced her to him. She remembered only Prof. Anil Desai as her examiner as he was the one who terrorized her during her examination. Prof. Reddy was very quiet through out her examination. I told her probably in the end it must have been Prof. Reddy who passed her as I had the opportunity to be a co-examiner with Prof. Anil Desai a few times.

Prof. M. V. R. Reddy was born on 20 Oct 1931 and had his early schooling in Coles Memorial High School in Kurnool. He belonged to a family of prominent politicians of Andhra Pradesh. But he decided to have nothing to do with politics and took up medicine as his career. He got admission in Stanley Medical College and got his MBBS degree in 1959. According to some of his classmates they never suspected that the happy go lucky Dr. Reddy would one day become a pioneer in a medical field. He finished his postgraduation in Internal Medicine from Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam.

He had training in neurology at Wisconsin, Mayo Clinic and Queen Square. He did senior Common Wealth Fellowships with Prof. John Walton, Prof. Gilliat and others.

After his training abroad, he returned and started the first medical neurology department in Andhra at Osmania Medical College (1964).

He continued in Osmania Medical College till 1976. Then he moved over to Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences where he built up another excellent department of Neurology (1976-1983). He became the Director of that Institute eventually (1980-1983). He retired from that post in 1983.

He joined the Neurological Society of India in 1964 and became the President of NSI after two decades of active association (1984). He was the Chairman and the expert of the Neurology division of ICMR for 5 years from 1972-1976, Honorary physician to the President of India from 1982-1997.

Even now he is quite active and the most respected neurologist in Andhra Pradesh. His wife is Mrs. Kamala Reddy.

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