

T D Dogra (Tirath Das Dogra), born on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1947 at Bhoi Brahmana, 30KM away from Jammu, on the banks of Basantar River, the present day border with Pakistan (Shakargarh) in family of Saraswat Brahmins to Sri Prem Nath Dogra and Mrs. Gayano Devi Dogra. He was educated and brought up in Bikaner Rajasthan where his father was posted in 1959 and finally settled permanently in 1961. He graduated in Medicine from S P Medical College Bikaner; he joined AIIMS New Delhi in 1971. After his superannuation he joined SGT Group of Institution having College of Medicines, College of Engineering, college of Physiotherapy, College of Nursing, College of Para Medicals, college of Management, College of Dental Sciences, The upcoming university with many new innovative courses Director General.

### **Introduction:**

Prof. T D Dogra is the former Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, (AIIMS), New Delhi. He held many responsible positions at AIIMS like Dean (Exam), Deputy Director (Administration), Chairman – hospital management board of AIIMS hospitals, Superintendent of hostels of AIIMS, in- charge CMET, in- charge- faculty affairs, Appellant authority of RTI, and Professor and head of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. He joined AIIMS as a Resident Doctor in 1971 and became faculty in 1977. On superannuation of his revered teacher late Prof. Jagdish Chandra on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1987, he became the Head of Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology at AIIMS. A position he held till his retirement on 31st July 2012, after serving four decade at AIIMS.

### **Career**

His areas of special interest have been DNA profiling, Population Genetics, residual and environmental toxicity, Bio and Medical ethics, pesticide toxicity, pharmaco-vigilance, Medical education technology, suicide prevention, Suicide notes, Forensic Psychiatry (Psychological profiling of Accused) and crime scene reconstruction. His practical work in these areas is extensive. He has been involved in medico- legal investigation of almost all the important cases of the country from different states. He has dealt with complicated medico legal situations from all parts of country and is widely traveled in this regard.

He has given medico-legal opinion on three prime ministers of India, namely Indira Gandhi, Charan Singh and Rajiv Gandhi. He was sent to Sri Lanka by Government of India as a member of three member team, in regard to investigation of assassination of Sri Dishanayake, a presidential candidate. In recent past he lead the forensic investigation in Nithari killings, Shopian

incident, Isharat Jahan encounter, Prajapati encounter, Godhra Killings, Dr Y S Sachan etc. etc

He has been guide of more than 50, MD and PhD thesis projects and have supervised/co-supervised many extramural research Projects funded by BPR&D, DST, ICAR and WHO.

He edited rather rewritten one of the oldest text on medical jurisprudence “Lyon’s Medical Jurisprudence for India” and prepared the manual for medico legal work. He is co-author of first book on “Practical Aspects of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology”. He has published more than 200 papers in national and international journals and has been member of numerous committees (including selection committees, public service commissions) constituted by Govt. of India, State Government and AIIMS etc. He has been founder of Journal of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology and Indian Internet Journal of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. He has organized numerous conferences, workshops, seminars and has delivered hundreds of guest lectures, inauguration and valedictory lectures and Orations on wide range of subjects. He has been a visiting faculty to LNJP National Institute of Criminalistics and Forensic Sciences, Police Training School, Sardar Patel Academy of Police, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, UP Academy of Administration and management at Nanital, CBI Academy, Ghaziabad, National Academy of Customs Excise & Narcotics or NACEN, Faridabad, Institute of road traffic education (IRTE), Faridabad. He has been providing consultation to the CBI, Courts of Law, National Commission for Human Rights, National Commission for women, and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) etc. He has been editorial members, or peer reviewer of many national and international Journals. He has also written articles in popular press on invitation. He established and developed the department of Forensic Medicine at B.P. Koirala Institute of Medical Sciences at Dharan, Nepal, a joint venture of Governments of India and Nepal. He has joined the SGT Group of Institutions on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2012 on superannuation from AIIMS.

## **Personal life**

He married Laita Sharma from Palampur Himachal Pradesh in 1975. He has two children, Ankit married to Moneet, is settled in Toronto Canada since 10 years, having a grandson Shaunak and granddaughter Vanya and his Daughter Aakanksha is married to Ashish Caturvedi working presently in IT company at Manila Philippines.

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