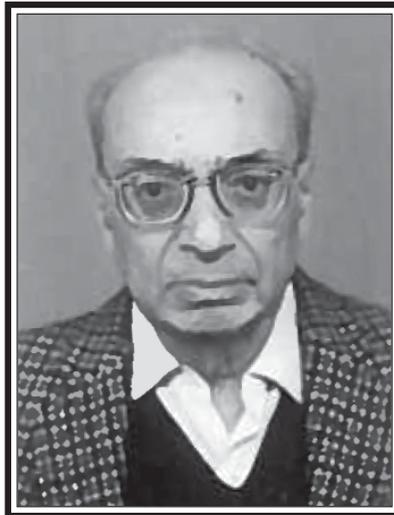


## Obituary



**Dr. Sanat Kumar Sarkar** the teacher of the teachers passed away for his heavenly abode on 25th March 2013. He was born on 7th March 1926. He completed his M.B.B.S course from the prestigious Calcutta Medical College, Kolkata in 1949. He also acquired DTM&DPH in 1953-55.

He was the pioneer person to open a department of Physical Medicine, first ever of its kind in B.C.Roy Polio Clinic & Hospital for crippled children in the year 1954. In 1956 he proceeded for England and acquired D.PHYS.Med (Eng) in 1958. He came back to Calcutta and in 1959 started School of Physical Medicine (SPM) at SSKM hospital Kolkata under active influence of Dr. B. C. Roy, the then chief minister of West Bengal & builder of modern West Bengal. He worked there up to 1976 and then transferred to NRS Medical College & Hospital till his superannuation in 1984 as a head of the department.

He started diploma course in physiotherapy (DPT) in 1963 at SPM. His dream of opening MD course in PMR was finally materialised in 1979 as a pioneer course in India. He had his maximum involvement in MD (PMR) course as a teacher and course guide. He had been the vice president of Asia Pacific league of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in 1974 and was an executive committee member of International Rehabilitation Medicine Association. He had his contribution to medical hydrology in the text book, edited by Sideney Licht and the various other works.

His demise is an unrepairable loss to the PMR community. We will be deprived of his wisdom and fatherly presence. A big umbrella has been removed from the head of physiatrists of this world.

We pay our sincere condolence to the bereaved family for their immense loss. We pray to almighty for his soul to rest in peace.