



**D.A.GUNDU RAO**, President of Karnataka State Pharmacy Council, a statutory body constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 is an alumni of Govt. College of Pharmacy, Bangalore. Born on 12th January 1950 is a multifaceted personality with a lot of interest not only in professional activities but in social activities also.

- ❖ He is Member of Pharmacy Council of India and a Senate Member of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka, Bangalore.
- ❖ He has to his credit MA, (Economics), L.Lb from Bangalore University and hold Ayurveda Bhishak degree. He joined his family business of Pharmaceutical Retail by name United Medical Stores after completion of his studies and later expanded to start a Wholesale unit by name Deshpande Drugs which is one of reputed Pharma dealer since 1985.
- ❖ The Drug Information Centre started by the State Pharmacy Council is his brainchild and is the first Council in the entire country to venture this project and it has today acclaimed international recognition for its services and for providing authenticated and unbiased information on Drugs to men in medical profession, practicing pharmacists, pharmacy Students, and public at large.
- ❖ He served as the Secretary of Karnataka Chemists & Druggists Association for over 18 years and a member of the Executive Committee since 1968 .During his tenure the Association spread its tentacles to the entire State of Karnataka and brought the entire trading community under one banner. The entire country banked upon the State for any guidance. He was instrumental in starting and revitalizing the few existing District Chemists and Associations in Karnataka and he is proud that many have celebrated the Silver jubilee.
- ❖ As a member of the Drug Advisory board, Govt. of Karnataka, he brought to light many impending problems and the solutions were identified. The abolition of Octroi and turnover tax on medicines, Spirituous Medicinal Licenses abolition is few to quote.
- ❖ The Karnataka Registered Pharmacists Welfare Trust under the aegis of State Pharmacy Council was constituted under his leadership and as all today more than 120 families is benefited with death compensation to the wards of Pharmacists and more than 200 Pharmacists are given financial assistance for chronic ailments. This initiative has inspired other State Councils to adopt the system.
- ❖ As the Secretary of Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Karnataka Branch, was responsible to increase the membership from a meagre 125 to 700 during his

tenure. He contributed to the welfare of the profession as the Vice-President of IPA HQ and Chairman of Community Pharmacy Division.

- ❖ He has been the Editor of Co-Pharma News Bulletin for the past 40 years spreading the essence of professionalism among the Pharmacists of this State.

#### **Contributions:**

- ❖ Contributed number of articles both in English & Kannada language for publications in Magazines and Newspapers.
- ❖ Participated in number of workshops / seminars on Community Pharmacy, offered Guest Lectures in various Pharmacy Colleges on Drug Laws and Community Pharmacy.
- ❖ As a Resource Person in many QIP programmes
- ❖ Regular speaker on All India Radio and many TV Channels
- ❖ Conducted more than 750 Extension Lectures in High Schools and Colleges to popularize profession of Pharmacy.
- ❖ Rendered more than 1000 lectures / interaction with consumer Organizations on the role of Pharmacist in the Health Care system as part of Public Education on Pharmacy.

#### **Awards and Accolades:**

- ❖ Recipient of many awards including IPER (Outstanding Performance Award 1998-99), DIWA Award (2002) and FELLOW OF INDIAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

#### **Dream:**

- ❖ Every effort should build the profession of Pharmacy In our Country.