

FELICITATIONS DR. ANAND PANDIT



Wednesday, 05 April 2006, is going to be a memorable day for all of us at KEMHRC. Dr. Anand Pandit, one of our senior Paediatricians, was conferred with the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, London. The citation reads: -

Professor Anand N. Pandit

As Director of Paediatrics at the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Pune, Anand Pandit has created a specialist unit for liver disease, a multi-disciplinary centre for childhood disability, a level 3 neonatal unit, and a paediatric ICU. He is a committed teacher and trainer. He has produced research of international standing on management of diarrhoea, Indian childhood cirrhosis (ICC) and other chronic liver disorders, and developmental origins of adult disease (DOHaD).

Funded by the Wellcome Trust since 1980, his ICC work led to the virtual eradication of the disease, while the DOHaD studies were the first in India linking impaired intra-uterine growth to later metabolic syndrome. He is currently developing interventions to prevent childhood obesity.

IMA Plus in its editorial also covered the event and it is being reproduced for the reader's benefit.

The present issue highlights the various activities being carried out in the Paediatrics Department.

Society for the Natal Effects on Health in Adults (SNEHA) held its annual meeting at Alibaug on 4th and 5th February 2006. The two-day programme included presentation by members and drawing up the future action plan.

Scientists attached to the Collaborating Training Institution in Reproductive and Child Health completed the 10th Training of Trainers Course on mainstreaming gender issues in Health and Family Welfare.

As part of the Inter disciplinary activities, a Guest Lecture was arranged on "Japanese encephalitis (JE) vaccines" by Dr. M. M. Gore, Deputy Director, National Institute of Virology, Pune. Incidentally, the Research Centre will soon be involved in carrying out viremia studies on subjects who have been administered JE live attenuated SA 14-14-2 vaccine manufactured by Chengdu Institute of Biological Products, China.

IMPACT Foundation, UK, has been funding a programme at KEMHRC since September 1994 on prevention, early detection and treatment of childhood disabilities which now covers all the districts of Maharashtra. The members of this team paid a visit to Bhavnagar, Gujarat, where the PNR society is running a similar programme on a larger scale, in collaboration with IMPACT Foundation, UK.

Dr. V. S. Padbidri

**IMA Plus Editorial: April 2006
Dr. Anand Pandit Honoured**

We are very pleased and happy to write the following few lines about our beloved teacher and ever-enthusiastic senior Paediatrician, Dr. Anand Pandit. He was conferred Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health on Wednesday, 5th April 2006 at the University of York in the UK. He richly deserved this honour. Only other 2 Indians to receive such honour are Dr. B. N. S Walia for establishing well-known department of paediatrics at PGI, Chandigarh and Dr. Jacob John of Vellore for his exemplary work in the field of vaccinology. In all, 11 Paediatricians all over the world were honoured this year.

This is certainly not the first occasion for Dr. Pandit. He has already received Honorary Fellowship of National Neonatology forum in Dec. 2005. He has been honoured in several Paediatric, Neonatal, Perinatal and IMA Conferences - here in India and abroad. He works in advisory capacity in several post graduate and speciality workshops and meeting of policy makers of Indian Academy of Paediatrics, Neonatology, Nestle' Nutrition Foundation and so on.

He has strictly followed 4 principles regarding such fellowship/awards - (1) Never to apply for these! i.e. the awarding bodies should find for themselves the deserving persons (2) Not to 'buy' any degree / award/honour a natural corollary for a person, who even refuses to apply (3) Not to publicise his achievements (4) Never to ask funds for himself, but only for his department/ Associations like IAP/IMA or NNF etc. and that too, if the donor first expresses his desire.

This write-up is also imposed on him, as we sincerely felt that this information should reach our elite and dedicated members.

This rare honour of bestowing Fellowship by Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health is conferred upon him for the originality of his work in various fields especially establishment of first tertiary level neonatology unit graduates in India, Research on Indian Childhood Cirrhosis & chronic liver disease and establishing comprehensive rehabilitation programme of neonatal nursery.

His creativity and outstanding original research and long-term tenacious dedicated work have been rightly rewarded and in fact, the conferring institutes get honoured to felicitate such personalities. He is specially called for the function commemorating retirement of Prof. Tanner, with whom he pioneered research in ICC - so he will visit UK twice in 15 days! Such are his relations with all paediatricians in India & abroad! This also is great honour to him!

We are proud to be associated with him and IMA, Pune Br. Is especially indebted to him for all the help he has always accorded to it in academic as well as financial matters. In addition to an astute clinician, he is a great

academician, organizer & ever-helping guide and a father figure. We are lucky to have members like him in our IMA branch.

We wish him all the success and look forward to his continued patronage to IMA, Pune.

**Dr. Jayant Navarange
Dr. Sharad Agarkhedkar**

Department of Paediatrics

Department of Paediatrics strives for better child health through its activities in various clinical, academic and research areas.

The department is headed by an eminent Paediatrician and Academician - Dr. Anand Pandit. Under his able and dynamic leadership the department has evolved into one of the best Paediatrics department in the country.

Department of Paediatrics runs its activities through following divisions and sections.

- Neonatology
- Paediatric Intensive Care (PICU)
- Paediatric General Ward and Nursing Home
- Paediatric Casualty Service (Emergency Room)
- Paediatric Gastroenterology & Metabolic disorders
- Paediatric Cardiology
- Paediatric Hemato - Oncology
- Paediatric Epileptology
- Developmental Paediatrics
- Clinical Genetics
- Paediatric Research

Following Faculty manage these various divisions

Designation	Name	OPD Days and timings
Director	Dr. Anand Pandit	Tuesday & Friday 9.30 am to 11.30 am
Hon. Consultant	Dr. Sudha Chaudhari	Thursday 9.30 am to 11.30 am 11.30 am to 1.00 pm (Well baby clinic)
Hon. Research Consultant	Dr. Sheila Bhave	Saturday 9.30 am to 11.30 am (Obesity Clinic)
Hon. Consultant	Dr. Jayant Deodhar	Wednesday 9.30 am to 11.30 am Monday 11.30 am to 1.00 pm (Well baby clinic)
Hon. Assoc. Consultant (Neonatology)	Dr. Umesh Vaidya	Wednesday 11.30 am to 1.00 pm (High Risk Baby Clinic)
Hon. Assoc. Consultant (Neonatology)	Dr. Sandeep Kadam	Saturday 11.30 am to 1.00 pm (High Risk Baby Clinic)

Hon. Assoc. Consultant Gastroenterology & Metabolic disorders	Dr. Ashish Bavdekar	Monday & Thursday 11.30 am to 1.00 pm (Gastroenterology & Metabolic disorders Clinic)
Hon. Assoc. Consultant (Hemato-oncologist)	Dr. Shailesh Kanvinde	Wednesday 11.30 am to 1.00 pm (Hemato Oncology Clinic)
Hon. Assoc. Consultant (Clinical Genetics)	Dr. Koumudi Godbole	Genetic Clinic (By appointments)
Hon. Assoc. Consultant (Developmental Paediatrics)	Dr. Archana Kadam	Developmental Paediatrics Clinic (By appointments)
Hon. Assoc. Consultant (Epileptologist)	Dr. Nandan Yardi	Tuesday & Friday 11.30 am to 1.00 pm (Epilepsy Clinic)
Hon. Assoc. Consultant (Cardiologist)	Dr. Usha Pratap	Friday 9.00 am to 11.30 am (Paediatric Cardiology Clinic)
Hon. Assoc. Consultant (General Paediatrics)	Dr. Avinash Kinikar	Monday 9.30 am to 11.30 am
Hon. Assoc. Consultant	Dr. Amrish Mishra	Saturday 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Ms. Premlata Raman provides secretarial assistance to the department. Mahendra Hoge and Ashok Vairagar are dedicated social workers.

(Paediatrics Out Patients Department (OPD))

We run General Paediatric and Speciality OPDs as per the schedule outlined above. More than 15,000 children visit our OPD in a year.

Division of Neonatology

We run a 40 bedded, Level III, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), which is accredited by National Neonatology Forum.

There are 9 high dependency beds equipped with multi channel monitors, infusion pumps and ventilation facilities. There are 2 advanced ventilation beds and 2 isolation rooms. The unit is equipped with central oxygen, compressed gas and suction.

There is a special rooming in area where mothers are lodged with their babies before they are ready for discharge.

We manage about 1,200 admissions in a year, out of which nearly 125 babies weigh less than 1000 grams. Our survival rates are comparable to other top centres in the country.

We have the following facilities -

- High dependency support
- Ventilator Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), Surfactant and other respiratory intensive care support systems
- Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN)
- Surfactant therapy for HYALINE MEMBRANE DISEASE (HMD) in the Neonates
- High frequency ventilation
- We plan to start iNO- (Inhalation Nitric Oxide) therapy soon.

Dr. Umesh Vaidya and Dr. Sandeep Kadam work as Consultant Neonatologists while Dr. Anand Pandit, Dr. Sudha Chaudhari, Dr. Jayant Deodhar, Dr. Avinash Kinikar and Dr. Amrish Mishra work as Consultant Paediatricians

NICU graduates and other newborns are followed in our high risk and well baby clinics as well as in the Developmental Paediatrics clinic.

We conduct several research projects to advance scientific knowledge. We are part of National Neonatal Database.

We have recently started, hearing screening programme for all newborn or admitted in this hospital. This ensures early diagnosis and intervention in hearing impaired children.

Neonatal Transport Ambulance

We run neonatal transport ambulance service round the clock to get babies in a good shape. We offer this service to hospitals in Pune and around. Our ambulances are well equipped with necessary equipment and our resident doctor accompanies. High-risk babies thus receive high quality medical care right at the point of birth.

Paediatric Intensive Care (PICU)

We run a 10 bedded well-equipped PICU with about 500 admissions in a year. This unit caters for critically ill children suffering from various potentially life threatening ailments.

This unit is managed by Dr. Madhumati Otiv - Paediatric Intensivist along with all consultants in the department according to their duty days.

We provide ambulance service for transferring sick children from referring hospitals or their homes. For booking the ambulance contact: Telephone Number: 56037391

Ms. Anjali Biswas provides secretarial assistance to the unit.

We run a 30 bedded General ward and have facilities for about 10 babies in our Nursing home.

We get around 2,000 admissions in a year. All consultants manage these babies as per their admission days. Our services are quite economical and affordable to low and low middle-income groups.

Paediatric Casualty service (Emergency Room)

We run 24 x 7 Emergency Room for children. This is a unique facility, which provides assistance to walk in patients round the clock. It is well equipped with all emergency care facilities and is managed by well-trained nurses and resident doctors under the guidance of on call consultants. Patients needing admissions are immediately transferred to respective sections.

The service has fulfilled long felt need for such a facility in Pune city.

Paediatric Gastroenterology & Metabolic disorders

This section is managed by Dr. Ashish Bavdekar where about 500 children with liver, gastro intestinal and metabolic problems are managed in a year.

Following services are available -

- Paediatric endoscopy
- Sweat chloride test
- Oesophageal pH monitoring
- Liver biopsy
- Metabolic screen and specialised investigations
- Obesity clinic
- Nutrition guidance

Paediatric Hemato - Oncology

This section is managed by Dr. Shailesh Kanvinde. Children with various blood disorders and malignancy are managed.

Paediatric Epileptology

This section is managed by Dr. Nandan Yardi. Children with epilepsy and convulsive disorders are managed.

Following services are available

EEG and Video EEG

Paediatric Cardiology

This section is managed by Dr. Usha Pratap. Children with various cardiac disorders are managed. Following services are available -
2 D Echo and Colour Doppler.

Developmental Paediatrics

Dr. Archana Kadam works as a consultant developmental paediatrician. She manages babies referred from TDH rehabilitation centre.

Clinical Genetics

Dr. Koumudi Godbole is our panel consultant who provides consultations to patients with various genetic disorders.

Paediatric Research

Dr. Sheila Bhawe is the consultant in charge of our research wing. She is assisted by Dr. Ashish Bavdekar and other research officers.

Research areas:

- Liver diseases
- Metabolic disorders
- Neonatal Respiratory Distress
- Neonatal infections
- NICU environment
- Environmental toxins, Breast milk and diseases
- Obesity
- Computerisation of service, Research and Data
- Telemedicine

Consultants in the department have published several research papers in national and international journals and have also authored chapters in textbooks. They have read research papers and have been invited as faculty in various national and international conferences.

Tere Des Home (TDH) Rehabilitation Centre

It is the fundamental right of every child to receive love, security and education; more so, for the handicapped child. Approximately 1 in every 10 children may have a physical, mental, emotional or even a multiple handicap that can be helped substantially by timely diagnosis and treatment.

“Each little step takes him closer to the top – give him a helping hand.”

The TDH Centre, the first one of its kind in the country, was started in 1979 in collaboration with a West German Social Service Organisation – Terre Des Hommes. The main aim of this Centre is to provide diagnostic and therapeutic services for all kinds of handicaps “Under One Roof”. Doctors, specialists and therapists all work together as an interdisciplinary team saving a lot of time and referrals back and forth.

Approximately 2000 new patients are now being assessed and treated every year, and 15,000 for continuing therapy.

Various facilities available are:

The Rehabilitation Officer: Overall in charge Paediatrician co-coordinates various therapies indicated.

Child Development Unit:

- Assessment of intelligence (IQ tests), detection and management of learning problems.
- Personality evaluation of disturbed children; and management of behaviour problems such as disobedience, school refusals, stealing, lying etc.,
- Hyperactivity, poor concentration and scholastic backwardness.
- The therapeutic techniques used are Behaviour Modification, Play Therapy, etc
- Vocational Guidance, Aptitude Testing, Parent Counseling and school visits are also done.
- The Unit also has to its credit, pioneering work in developmental assessment of newborn and high-risk infants.

Audiology (Hearing) and Speech Unit:

- The audiology unit is equipped with staff and equipment which can conduct hearing assessment on all age groups in a sound proof room. The focus of this unit is "early detection and intervention."
- Our infant screening program ensures that every baby born at KEM Hospital, Pune undergoes hearing evaluation before leaving the hospital.
- The department also runs a preschool clinic for early language development and 'ear' training for Hearing Impaired Children. Hearing Aids are selected and fitted when indicated.
- Speech therapists evaluate and give therapy for speech disorders such as stammering, mis-articulation, voice disorders and aphasia.
- Cochlear Implant Centre:- Pre-implant assessment to determine candidacy, surgery and post implant therapy are all done in this unit.

Occupational Therapy Unit (OT)

The general principle of OT is to facilitate and stimulate normal motor, mental and social development so as to improve the quality of life.

- The special feature of this unit is a well equipped Cerebral Palsy Gymnasium where spastic or mentally retarded children are taught various exercises to improve their functional abilities. Mothers are trained for activities of daily living such as feeding, bathing, carrying, toilet care and so on.
- Children with specific learning disabilities and scholastic backwardness are taught special skills with remedial help in writing or eye-hand co-ordination.
- Special appliances are prescribed and fitted whenever indicated.

Physiotherapy Unit:

- In this unit various exercises are conducted to improve power and co-ordination of muscles and prevent contractures and deformities in cases of polio, cerebral palsy, paralysis, arthritis etc.,
- Treatment procedures include Gait training, Muscle testing and charting. Electric stimulation, Diathermy, Wax treatment and Hydro therapy (water treatment).
- Orthotic and prosthetic appliances such as Calipers, Boots, Splints, Belts etc., are prescribed and fitted.

Visual (Eye) Unit:

- Sophisticated diagnostic facilities include slit lamp microscopy and Synaptophore.
- Visual exercises are given for correction of muscle weakness (lazy eyes).

Other services available:

Include EEG- Brain Wave testing for convulsive (epilepsy) disorders and Electromyography (EMG) and Nerve Conduction studies specially for muscle and peripheral nerve disorders.

The special advantage of the Centre being housed in a full-fledged hospital – the KEM Hospital – is that specialists such as Ear and Eye Surgeons, Orthopedic Surgeons, Neurosurgeons and Psychiatrists are available for corrective interventions.

Social Service Department:

The trained medical social worker functions as a liaison officer between doctors, therapists, patients and community. Parental counseling, fund raising, referring to special schools and other rehabilitative agencies are important, though difficult, responsibilities of this department.

The TDH Centre also works in liaison with other educational and vocational agencies in and around Pune referring children when and where ever indicated. This brings reality and meaning to the word – "**Total Rehabilitation**".

The Paediatrics Dept. is currently engaged in projects, which have lot of relevance in today's world. Some of them are being highlighted here.

Prevention of life style related disorders in school children

Collaborative study:

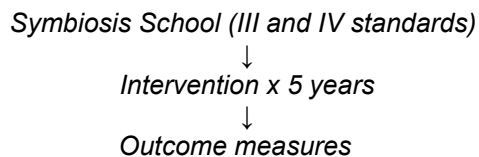
Dept. of Paediatrics, KEM Hospital, Pune
Symbiosis Centre of Health Care, Pune

Background:

Childhood obesity is now well established as an important factor in the development of adult chronic disease such as Diabetes Mellitus (DM) and Coronary Heart Disease (CHD). Both DM and CHD have now reached alarming epidemic proportions in urban India. Recent surveys in urban areas in India have shown that more than 30% of adults and more than 10% of school children are overweight or obese (numbers reaching 30% in well off schools !) Sedentary life styles with emphasis on study, tuitions and computers are obviously as responsible as too much 'good' food and too little exercise and sports. School based intervention appears to be the most logical attempt at interrupting the epidemic of obesity and thereby, DM and CHD.

Department of Paediatrics, KEM Hospital, Pune and Symbiosis Centre of Health Care (SCHC) have taken a lead in planning an intervention program for school children. The programme is the first one of its kind and is designed to change life style parameters in school children by a multifaceted intervention programme.

Study Protocol (study began on 3rd September 2005)



Intervention studies

1. Health education –
 - A. Demo / lectures once a week -- 1 hr / week
 - B. Incorporate in science class -- 5mins. daily
 2. Physical activity / games -- 1 hr / daily
 3. Health / Activity day -- Sat. morning 2hrs.
 4. Health and physical activity -- Scoring subject
 5. Mid day meal programme -- Caloric modifications
 6. No hawkers
 7. Newsletter for parents & children --once a month
- Identified overweight children for intensive monitoring.

Outcome measures to be studied

- Obesity and overweight prevalence now & compare with 5 and 10 years hence
- Assess life style change (time spent on sports, T.V, eating habits etc.,)

Safety of an aerosol attenuated Measles Vaccine in healthy subjects

In 2000, WHO estimated that they are still 30 million cases of measles each year causing 777,000 deaths. Delivering the current measles vaccine via the respiratory route avoids both the spread of blood-borne pathogens and costly disposal of needles and syringes. It could be administered by trained lay people and would be useful for mass vaccination and also for routine immunization. It would also mimic the natural route of infection, and may provide local as well as systemic immunity.

The Department of Paediatrics is carrying out this study on aerosol measles vaccination in collaboration with National Institute of Virology, Pune and National AIDS Research Institute, Pune. This study is sponsored by the World Health Organisation and Serum Institute of India Ltd.

The study is an open, sequential clinical trial to determine the safety of aerosol administration of live attenuated measles vaccine in healthy individuals between the ages of 1-35 years using Aerogen's clinical nebulizer. The study will be first conducted in healthy adult male volunteers. The study will then be performed in children in a stepwise fashion (5-17 followed by 1-4 years old). Each subject will be given attenuated live measles vaccine (Edmonton Zagreb strain) by Aerogen Clinical Nebulizer. As this is the first study to compile safety data toward the licensure of measles vaccine administration as an aerosol, it has a careful safety assessment including 9 follow-up visits for a period of 1 year following vaccination. The study is now ongoing and is expected to be completed by December 2007.

Clinical trial of Rotavirus vaccine in infants

Rotavirus diarrhea is estimated to kill one child every minute in developing countries and accounts for one third of hospitalizations for diarrhea worldwide. Two rotavirus vaccines are available internationally. Both live oral vaccines are intended to be given to infants at the same time as their immunization for Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus but they differ in their approaches, strains and formulations. Both vaccines have demonstrated an impressive efficacy profile and a reassuring safety profile in large-scale clinical trials all over the world.

A double blind placebo controlled immunogenicity study of a rotavirus vaccine - Rotarix™ (GSK) has started for the first time in India in February 2006. It is a multicentric study and the Department of Paediatrics, KEM Hospital; Pune is one of the centres. The first dose of vaccine is given at 8-10 weeks of age and the second dose after 30-42 days. Immunogenicity is studied 1 month after the second dose. 76 subjects have been recruited at KEM Hospital. The study would be over by September 2006 and the complete analysis would be available by the year-end.

Sneha meeting at Alibaug

12th Annual MRC Sneha International workshop on Fetal and Early Life origins of Adult Disease took place from 3rd-5th Feb 2006 at Alibaug at Sai Inn Holiday Resort.

The following papers were presented:-

Dr. A. Bavdekar: Metabolic Syndrome in Pune Urban Cohort 4 years, 8 years and now proposed study at 20 years.

Ms. V. Madkaikar: Follow up studies in Pune Urban Children's Cohort: Physical and Sedentary Activities in Adolescents.

Visit of the IMPACT team to Bhavnagar, Gujarat

The KEMHRC IMPACT team visited Bhavnagar in Gujarat on 24th and 25th April 2006, to study the strategy followed by 'PNR' Society for rehabilitation of the disabled and prevention of disabilities.



The Society is carrying out welfare measures for disabled children for the past twenty years. It is well managed by a hard working, dedicated managing body having adequate funding through contributions by philanthropists from the community. The Society runs residential schools for blind and deaf as also a day school for the mentally retarded children. It has its own hospital with a well-equipped physiotherapy unit for carrying out surgical interventions in disabled children. The staff is well qualified and very hospitable towards disabled children and their parents. They also have a workshop to manufacture aids and appliances for orthopedically handicapped, which is run by disabled employees under the supervisors of a qualified Orthotic and Prosthetic Engineer offering opportunities for developing vocational skill to disabled. A special artificial limb having all natural functions of knee and hip joint has been manufactured by this unit, which is convenient for use by a disabled person.

A training school to run courses on special education in the disability field like DSE(VI), DSE(HI), DSE(OH) and B.Ed (HI) has been started to fulfil the need of special schools for disabled. It is being run by Gujarat government and NGOs. Natraj Pencils Co. Ltd. has given a handsome donation to start this training school, a wonderful model residential school in a very pleasing environment. Recently the PNR Society has implemented a programme on prevention of childhood disabilities in three blocks.



The Programme Coordinator, Mr. Parasbhai Shah, introduced us to the team members working on prevention of disabilities. They described their activities on safe motherhood which included TBA training to conduct safe home delivery, the use of AMBU Bag, DDK Dai Kit, recording weight of newborns with colour coded weighing scales, use of mucus sucker for cleaning the throat of new born, participation in immunization programme, Rubella vaccination and screening of children 0-12 yrs. for detection of disabilities by special educators appointed in the project. Vision testing is done with the help of 'E' charts and Refractometer.

A field visit was also arranged to demonstrate the participation of TBAs in safe motherhood programme. TBAs were found to be motivated and well oriented with conducting home deliveries safely. They were aware of referral services for high-risk mothers. They informed us that in their block 80% deliveries are home deliveries. They take care and follow the children for timely immunization. They were familiar with use of DDK and TT immunizations of AN cases. They prefer the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation procedure to resuscitate new born.

During the interaction, our team members explained the strategy followed by us in scaling up of the disability prevention project in the whole Maharashtra state.

The visit was very educative, especially in the field of rehabilitation of disabled children in which PNR is doing commendable work by extending a liberal helping hand to the needy families.

IMPACT team, KEMHRC acknowledges with gratitude the initiative taken and the hospitality shown at each step of the tour by Mrs. Hema Udeshi, Chief Executive Director, 'PNR' Programme, Bhavnagar, who is also kind enough to spare some time to attend our monthly meetings regularly and guide us.

Dr. V. M. Tapshalkar

Activities undertaken in RCH project during the quarter ending April 2006

10th TOT course on Mainstreaming Gender Issues in Health and Family Welfare was conducted during 7th-9th Feb. 2006

Category wise participants from 13 districts of Maharashtra, who attended the course were:

a) Paediatricians	6
b) Obs & Gynaecologists	11
c) Management Consultants	4
d) Nursing Officer	1

Total	22

Meetings/ Conferences/ workshops attended

Dr. G. A. Panse

- A meeting at the office of the Director General of Health Services, Govt. of Maharashtra, at Mumbai regarding finalisation of Anandibai Joshi Awards on 8th Feb 2006. Final meeting at Pune was also attended on 9th March 2006.
- A meeting with Mr. Uke, ICDS Commissioner, Govt of Maharashtra, regarding Adolescent Health Training at Washi on 29th March 2006.
- Inauguration of the Central Govt. Family Welfare Training Institute at the hands of Hon Union State Health Minister Govt. of India, New Delhi on 31st March 2006 at Panvel.
- Maharashtra State Family Welfare Bureau and Principal HFWTCs Meeting on RCH II Skill Based Attendants (SBA) Training at Khandala on 13th & 14th April 2006.

- Dr. V. S. Padbidri and Dr. G. A. Panse had a meeting on 10th April 2006 with Dr. N. C. Jain, Dy. Commissioner (Training) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi at Tata Institute of Management Sciences, Pune, regarding RCH Training during RCH Phase II and the role of CTI (KEM Hospital Research Centre).



Dr. Junnarkar



Mrs. Ranade



Ms. Mungekar

In this quarter we bid farewell to three of our senior colleagues - Dr. A. R. Junnarkar, Consultant, RCH Programme, Mrs. M. V. Ranade, Sr. Social Scientist and Ms. S. S. Mungekar, Clerk cum Librarian. All the three had a long association with us and their absence will be felt by one and all.

