

Tribute to the legends of Cardiac Surgery

Life sketch of Prof. Sirajur Rahman Khan



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Prof S.R Khan is a national hero & a Pioneer heart surgeon in Bangladesh. Born in 1941 in Kushtia, he was educated in different schools & Institutions of different parts of Bangladesh as his father was a Government employee & he had to move in different parts of the Country. He studied his H.S.C examination in the Carmichael College, Rangpur & then got his MBBS Course in Dhaka Medical College. Where he showed his talent as a medical student. After graduation from DMC he went to England for higher studies and obtained the FRCS degree. He was engaged in training for heart surgery in England. Prof. S.R Khan mastered, the complicated & difficult heart surgery training staying in England for twelve years. He had keen interest in learning the techniques & tacks of heart surgery as he was determined to do so from his childhood.

In 1978 he returned to Bangladesh driving his personal car along with his family members. He had the courage to drive the car over 11 countries, crossed 19 thousand kilometers passed through 22 borders of different countries & finally reached his motherland Bangladesh on the 28th December 1978. Coming to Bangladesh Prof. Khan joined at first as a chest surgeon in the institute of Diseases of the chest & Heart (IDCH), Mohakhali & he later joined in NICVD to work as a cardiac surgeon to organize the cardiac surgical center in NICVD, Bangladesh. Where later after one year in 1980 Prof. Nabi Alam Khan joined as a cardiac surgeon. Both the professors. Along with Japanese Experts organized the 1st open heart surgery in Bangladesh in September 18, 1981.

As a pioneer heart surgeon Prof. Khan was very Innovative & courageous. He was the surgeon who did many operations for the first time in the country. As for example 1st aortic valve surgery, 1st Double valve surgery & tried his heart & soul to develop

cardiac surgical services in Bangladesh. He performed series of tetralogy Fallot, total corrections & B- T shunt operations, & closed heart surgeries. Closed mitral commissurotomy, PDA division, & PDA ligations, BT shunt operation. I do remember that he performed one Brook's operation, which is a closed heart operation for pulmonary stenosis.

Prof. Khan took keen interest & played the pivotal role in starting the M.S. (CTVS) Course under Dhaka University in 1984- 85. For his role as an academic teacher we have been able to become cardiac surgeons & serve the community.

Prof. Khan for his commitment to the society & the distressed people with heart ailments, organized Bangladesh heart Research Association. Under his able leadership, many heart camps are organized in different parts of the country. In the heart camps the poor & neglected patients got treatment & diagnostic facilities. Every year the heart Research Association is organizing heart camps & health camps more than about hundred in many parts of the country. In the heart camps seeing hundreds & thousands of patients and in many cases free medicines were distributed at the same time giving health education & CPR training also were their agenda.

Prof. S.R Khan is still active in his birth place in Kushtia & giving his valuable medical advices to the distressed people of his motherland.

May Allah the Almighty bless him & provide him long life & good health in the years to come.

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