

HARMALA GUPTA In 1985, while working on her Ph.D., Harmala Gupta was diagnosed with 'Hodgkin's lymphoma', a cancer of the lymphatic system. Subsequently, she felt it was her mission to create compassionate and caring support services for people with cancer and their families in India.

In 1996 she found CanSupport, a non-profit organization, dedicated to looking after people with advanced and terminal cancer. She pioneered a home based palliative care service to bring medical relief, nursing care and emotional support, free of charge, to the doorstep of less privileged cancer patients living in Delhi and the NCR.

Today, 25 trained teams of doctors, nurses and counselors regularly visit more than 1800 cancer patients at any one time in their homes. CanSupport also runs out-patient clinics and a Day Care for children, teenagers and adult cancer patients, which is both recreational and therapeutic.

Harmala has received numerous distinctions and awards at home and abroad. In 2014, she received the Governor General of Canada's medallion for her pioneering contributions to palliative care in India.

Besides being Founder-President of CanSupport, Harmala is also Founder-President of Cancer Care India (CACI), an umbrella organization of cancer support groups in the country.

PROF LAKSHMI LINGAM

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Dr. Lakshmi Lingam is a Professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. She is a gender expert, trainer, teacher and researcher. Dr. Lakshmi has been on the Faculty of the TISS for the past 29 years. She teaches several courses on gender across the TISS Mumbai

and Hyderabad campuses. During the period 2011-16, Prof. Lingam was the Deputy Director at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), in Hyderabad. Dr. Lakshmi research interests range from exploring the social and gender-specific implications of macro-economic policies; urban poverty and women's livelihoods; studying women's movements and other social movements; understanding women's health and reproductive rights; and exploring issues of culture, women's identity and agency. She has undertaken several research projects and published extensively on gender, health, development; structural adjustment & urban poverty; micro credit & women empowerment and public policies. Dr. Lakshmi was a Fulbright Fellow twice, an Indo-Shastri Fellow and Visiting Fellow with the University of Michigan, USA and Keele University, UK.

Lakshmi Lingam is on the Curriculum Advisory Boards of several Women Studies Departments in Indian Universities as well as Technical and Ethical Advisory Board member of NGOs.

DR MARY ANN MUCHADEN is a doyen in palliative medicine in India. In addition to her full time commitment to Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, where she is the professor & head of the Dept. of Palliative Medicine, she has championed the cause of palliative care throughout the country and particularly in Maharashtra, leading the way in creating greater awareness for the urgent and critical need for palliative care with the government, medical profession and individuals.

With an MBBS, MD (Radiotherapy), a MSC in Palliative Medicine, Cardiff University, she has also completed the EPEC trainer for Paediatrics and India at the North Western University, Chicago, USA.

Dr. Muckaden is a member of several medical associations such as:

- ACT (Organization for Children with life Threatening conditions, UK),
- ICPCN (International Children's Palliative Care Network),

- IAHPC (International Association of Hospice & Palliative Care),
- UICC e-tool kit for pain, Core committee member,
- EAPC (European Association of Palliative Care),
- INCTR (International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research),
- APHN (Asia Pacific Hospice Network),
- ESMO (European Society of Medical Oncology)
- AROI (Association of Radiation Oncologists of India),
- BMG (Bombay Hematology Group),
- IAPC (Indian Association of Palliative Care),
- ICRO (Founder member- Indian College of Radiation Oncology),
- MPOI (Medical & Pediatric Oncologists of India)

The Integration of Palliative Care into the trajectory of illness as early as possible for patients with life limiting conditions and their families is one of her areas of special interest.

She has played a leading role in the development of Education in Palliative Medicine. Her Research work is seminal with over 50 publications in National and International Indexed Journals, 9 book chapters and several IRB reviewed and multi centric projects.

DR RAJ KUMAR MANI is CEO (Medical) and Chairman (Pulmonology), Department of Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Nayati Multi-Super-Specialty Hospital, Nayati Group of Hospitals, Mathura. He is widely recognised as a champion of many innovative therapies and clinical concepts in critical care and pulmonology and sleep medicine. In 1991 he was the first to introduce and popularize the use of noninvasive ventilator support in the country.

Dr Mani is a former president of the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine and currently the Chief Editor of the *Indian Journal of Critical Care Medicine*. He has published close to 50 articles. He is best known for his seminal work on the ethical and

legal issues around end-of-life care for the critically ill. He recently contributed to the development of quality indices of end-of-life care for certification by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals.

DR ROOP GURSAHANI passed his MBBS (1981) and MD (1984) from the government Medical College, Nagpur; DM in Neurology in 1988 from GMC and JJ, Mumbai. He was Head of the Department of Neurology at Nair Hospital and T.N. Medical College from 1991 to 1994 and Honorary Assoc Prof in Neurology at Grant Medical College & Sir JJ Hospital 1998-2012.

In addition to Clinical Neurology, his main interest is in Epilepsy and EEG. He is associated with the Epilepsy Clinic on the Lifeline Express. He is a founder trustee of FINE (Forum for Indian Neurology Education) which organizes teaching courses in Neurology. He is on the steering committee of ELICIT, the interdisciplinary task force of intensivists, palliative care physicians and neurologists for End of Life Care in India.

Dr. Roop Gursahani is currently a Consultant Neurologist and Epileptologist at the P.D.Hinduja National Hospital, Mumbai.

SIBY K. GEORGE is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. Specializing in contemporary continental philosophy, he writes from a phenomenological vantage point on themes as varied as development, technology, pain and dying, political ethics, and subjectivity, focusing specifically on Indian/nonwestern contexts. He is author of *Heidegger and Development in the Global South* (Springer, 2015) and coeditor of *Cultural Ontology of the Self in Pain* (Springer, 2016).;

DR SOUMITRA SHANKAR DATTA is a senior consultant psychiatrist working in the Department of Palliative Care and Psycho-oncology of Tata Medical Centre. After MBBS, he obtained DPM, MD and DNB degrees in psychiatry from Christian Medical College and trained as a child psychiatrist in UK. Dr. Datta has a Certificate of Completion of Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry from UK (CCT). Prior to joining TMC, he worked as a substantive consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist in Kings College Hospital, London and The Maudsley Hospital, London.

In 2014, Dr. Datta was awarded the UCL International Teaching Excellence Bursary by the University College London to develop Communication skills training for oncology clinicians.

Dr. Datta leads the psycho-oncology service in Tata Medical Center that provides psychological support for newly diagnosed patients with cancer, treats psychiatric co-morbidities as depression, procedural anxiety and other conditions in cancer patients and their family members and offers training to staff on psycho-oncology. The department offers comprehensive assessment and neuropsychological testing for patients with brain tumors. Dr. Datta is a visiting researcher Institute for Women Studies in University College London. Dr. Datta is the Principal Investigator for several research projects in the area of depression/body image in cancer, doctor patient relationships in oncology and has developed a communication skills course for oncology

DR SUNDAR SARUKKAI is trained in physics and philosophy, and has a PhD from Purdue University, USA. His research interests include the philosophy of science and mathematics, phenomenology, and the philosophy of language and art, drawing on both Indian and Western philosophical traditions. He has written numerous papers, in addition to which he is the author of a number of books: *Translating the World: Science and Language*; *Philosophy of Symmetry*; *Indian Philosophy and Philosophy of Science*;

What is Science? (National Book Trust), and *The Cracked Mirror: An Indian Debate on Experience and Theory* (Oxford University Press, co-authored with Gopal Guru).

Dr Sarukkai is an Editorial Advisory Board member of the Leonardo Book Series published by MIT Press, USA; the Series Editor for *Science and Technology Studies*, Routledge, and Chief Editor for the *Springer Handbook on Logic in India*. He was at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, from 1994 to 2009, after which he founded the Manipal Centre for Philosophy & Humanities, Manipal University, India, where he was its Director from 2010 to 2015.

DR SUNIL SHROFF is a Consultant in Urology & Renal Transplantation at Madras Medical Mission Hospital, Chennai. He served as head of department of urology & transplantation at Sri Ramachandra Medical College, for 20 years and has trained over 60 post-graduates and allied health science staff. He is the current President of Nephrology, Urology & Transplantation Society of SAARC countries and Managing Trustee of MOHAN Foundation - A NGO that promotes deceased donation transplantation. He holds the Chief Editor position of health website www.medindia.net and is the Editor for Indian Transplant Newsletter. He has published & edited over 550 Medical and other articles in international, national and regional peer reviewed journals and in other publications including online and on the web. He has also edited 5 books for medical paramedical staff and written eight book chapters. He has made over 700 presentations in conferences and meetings as a speaker, delivered numerous orations and key-note talks. He is recipients of many awards from Rotary, TIE, JSB Foundation including the Best Teacher Award from Dr.MGR Medical University in the year 2013. He holds post-graduate degrees in Surgery and Urology from the UK and is an undergraduate medical degree from Patna Medical College.

DR SURESH KUMAR is the Technical Advisor of Institute of Palliative Medicine which is also the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Community Participation in Palliative Care and Long Term Care. After graduating from the Government Medical College in Calicut, he had his post graduate training in Anaesthesia, Palliative Medicine and Sociology. He has been part of the team which established Neighbourhood Network in Palliative Care, a massive community based palliative care network in Kerala. Dr Kumar had worked Palliative Care Physician in UK and as Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Bath. He has been the Project Coordinator for Palliative Care Project by the National Rural Health Mission (Kerala) to facilitate incorporation of Palliative Care at the Primary Health Care level. Dr Kumar is currently involved in developing community based palliative care services in Pondicherry, West Bengal and Manipur in India and in Thailand, Srilanka, Bangladesh and Indonesia. He is an Ashoka Global Fellow since 2012. His areas of interest include *Civil and Political society in Health Care* and *Palliative Care in Low and Middle Income Countries*

ADV VEENA JOHARI works as Lawyer at Courtyard Attorneys. She does some amount of public interest work, research work, filing of oppositions against patents for pharmaceuticals, given comments on law and policy relating to clinical trials, compensation, surrogacy, drugs and cosmetics act, etc. She is also a member of the Ethics Committee at KEM hospital.

Earlier at the Lawyers Collective, she provided pro bono legal services to vulnerable populations, and was a part of the team that formulated the draft law on HIV.

DR YOGESH JAIN has an MD in paediatrics from AIIMS, Delhi but is a public health physician in practice. He has been primarily involved in "primary health care"- through founding and running a community health programme - *Jan Swasthya Sahyog* (People's health Support group) in rural Bilaspur in central India where people from over 2500 of the most marginalised villages access the services for their major health care needs. He

has been involved in addressing the issues - be they technical, operational, economic or political that determine the health care for the rural poor- through careful documentation, observational research studies, developing appropriate health related technology, training, and lobbying , all based on the continual learning from this community health programme.

Issues of access, cost and quality in health care have occupied most of his time, whether it is developing a blueprint for Universal health care in India, or addressing specific control programmes for tuberculosis, malaria, leprosy, childhood infections and technical aspects of women's health. Observing Health through the lens of Hunger, he has been a strident believer in the continued role of the state as the primary provider of social services and also that unbridled privatization is not the way forward in an unequal world in which we live.