



Member of the British Empire Award to Dr Nand K Srivastava

I am sure you all know Dr Nand K Srivastava, He graduated from Dharbhanga Medical College. After a brief army service, he passed MS from Patna Medical college. He then came to England.

Recently Dr. Nand Srivastava has been honoured with the prestigious award of the Member of the Order of the British Empire. (MBE) by her majesty the Queen in the New Year Honours List 2001, for his services to Palliative Care in Sandwell.

Dr Srivastava joined Sandwell Health Authority in 1977 and served the people of Sandwell first as a specialist in Community Medicine and then as Consultant Public Health Medicine. Dr Srivastava has been a Medical Advisor to the Social Services Department and undertook the work with a wide range of Client Groups, known as "Priority Services"—encompassing the elderly, the mentally ill, the physically disabled and sensory impaired, people with Epilepsy and Hypothermia together with people requiring terminal and Palliative care. Dr Srivastava has the distinction of always being the lead Consultant responsible for creating a strategic framework within which Palliative Care Services have grown and thrived together. The outstanding achievements in this field have been the integration of the services of Community Nursing, Macmillan Nursing, Marie Curie Nursing, Care Attendant Scheme (Crossroads), Bradbury Day Care Centre, Hospice Services, Hospital Specialist Team and General Practitioners, together with CRUSE Bereavement Care.

According to Dr Srivastava 'the nucleus of Palliative care is communication at all levels and channelling all available resources to the optimum'. The aim is to provide pain relief and symptom control, to create an environment of compassion, care and concentration on the quality of life. He emphasises that there should be holistic approach to Palliative care, reflecting many facets of the patient's need, which are Physical, Emotional, Psychological, Spiritual and Intellectual (PEPSI)

Dr Srivastava strongly believes that there is a 'time to be born and time to die'. If we commit ourselves to a strategy that the last phase of our lives should be eased, enhanced and dignified, together with the needs of those who care for their family, friends and neighbours, then our lives and health will be immensely enriched. He strongly feels that death with dignity is in fact the philosophy of total palliative care.

Dr N K Srivastava is at present working as a part time General Practitioner and also continuing as Medical Advisor for Palliative care services for its further expansion.

I am sure not only Bihari but the rest of Indian whether in India or abroad and many from England are very pleased with Dr Srivastava's award.

We all congratulate him on his success