

1986 PAUL HARRISON AWARD

Dr. Victor Choudhrie was student of this college from 1953 to 1958 following which he studied Reconstructive Surgery and Eye Surgery with Dr. Paul Brand and Dr. Victor Rambo over a period of 2 years. Following an 8 years period of study and experience in a variety of surgical specialities in the United Kingdom and having obtained the FRCS of Edinburgh and London, he joined the Padhar Hospital, a small Christian Hospital, located in a remote tribal area of Madhya Pradesh, in 1969.

Under his leadership the Padhar Hospital grew and made a very significant impact in the areas of health care and social development of the rural populations over a 200 miles radius around Padhar. He has pioneered several innovative developmental programmes and organized training courses for pastors, teachers, church workers, women, youth and multi purpose workers of the surrounding villages. He has written and directed a 40 minutes filmstrip on outreach work for the Christian Medical Association of India.

Water source development, rehabilitation of the disabled, training for blind children, the development of handicrafts and a reduction of the prevalence of malnutrition and several disabling infectious diseases have been some among the significant contributions that Dr. Victor Choudhrie has made.

For his outstanding services and leadership in Christian Medical work in India in the development and maintenance of health care and social development of a high order in the rural communities around Padhar, the Paul Harrison Award for 1986 is awarded to Dr. Arvind Victor Choudhrie.