

The CMC Alumni Association Award of Distinction to

Dr. MALATI JADHAV

at the Annual Alumni Reunion, August 12, 1995

CITATION

Dr. Malti Jadhav can be described as a unique blend of many good qualities. Her glowing examples of simplicity, integrity, devotion, patience, meticulous attention to details inculcated an immense sense of discipline in all her trainees and shaped their lives. Dr. Malati Jadhav will always be remembered as an excellent clinician and an exemplary teacher combined into one. She is a hard trainer but a kind examiner, is gentle but firm, is warm-hearted but strong minded. She is soft-spoken, but her words are reinforced with wires of steel. She may be small in her physical stature but her brilliant academic stature has inspired generations of medical students and postgraduates.

She is a graduate and postgraduate from Grant Medical College Bombay. She chose paediatrics as her specialty, having been greatly influenced by her teacher, Dr. George Coelho, a pioneer paediatrician and the father of Indian paediatrics. She joined CMC in 1957 and served here for three decades. She has played many leadership roles in paediatrics and paediatric research in this country. Although not an alumni of this College, she became an integral part of CMC, where she held also administrative posts like Deputy Medical Superintendent, etc.

Her intense desire to provide service for the needy was uppermost in her mind, throughout her career. She bravely served the war-torn people of Phnom Penh, Kampuchea, in the midst of a raging civil war, accepting a call from World Vision International. Nor did she rest after her retirement from CMC. She joined the Lutheran Christian Bethesda Medical Centre, Ambur, where she not only created a department of paediatrics but also started the Diploma in National Board training programme in paediatric medicine.

Through this Award the CMC Alumni Association pays Dr. Malati Jadhav our heartfelt felicitations and salutations. We are pleased to express our admiration and affection for this paediatric giant and beloved friend and teacher.