



Dr. Zulekha Daud

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Zulekha Healthcare Group

Dr. Zulekha Daud is the first Indian lady medical professional and entrepreneur in UAE who tirelessly worked for welfare of UAE nationals and expats when healthcare access was very limited in the 1960s. She revolutionized the healthcare scenario and inspired others to follow the suit. After five decades of tireless service, Zulekha Healthcare Group today boasts of super specialty hospitals, medical centres, educational institutes and pharmacy chain UAE and India.

Dr. Zulekha received her medical degree from government Medical College in Nagpur; her parents were her role model constantly encouraging her to take up challenges. Dr. Zulekha arrived to UAE in 1964 to work in Kuwaiti Mission Hospital located in Sharjah when there was dearth of female doctors in the region. Medical Care was in infancy during those times and doctors had limited resources to treat patients. In a short time Dr. Zulekha was able to capture the hearts of the UAE nationals and expatriates with her dedicated service.

This surged with a dream of making world-class medical facilities providing family care at affordable costs. This realized with the establishment of Zulekha hospital in Sharjah 1992 followed by a medical centre in Dhaid. The year 2004 saw the establishment of a second hospital in Dubai. Today the group runs with two multi specialty hospitals, 3 medical centres and a pharmacy network. Her leadership also saw many international doctors partnering and associating with Zulekha hospitals for super specialty clinical services. The Group also saw accreditation of its facilities by Joint Commission International, USA.

Dr. Zulekha firmly believes in societal development and affirms, “Community services means giving back to the culture and people that surround you. It means supporting the immediate the immediate community on a local scale”. She has been actively associated with many NGO’s and corporate for CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) drive – notable- being - Diabetes, Cancer, Kidneys and Arthritis awareness in the region.

Dr. Zulekha has founded a vocational training institute in her hometown Nagpur to provide education and skill training for the needy and rural population.

For her notable work, Dr. Zulekha received the Dubai Quality Appreciation Award in the year 2008 from His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice president and Prime minister of UAE and the Ruler of Dubai and in 2012 she received Dubai Quality Award from His Highness Sheikh Maktoum Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and the chairman of Dubai Media incorporated. She was also ranked by the Arabian Business Magazine as Gulf’s one of the most powerful Indian ladies

Still young at heart Dr. Zulekha is on her way to realize her parent’s dream – by setting up an ultra modern hospital in her home town Nagpur under the name Alexis hospital which she dreams to nurture all across India in time to come. Her secret of success – a true inspiration for all – “beyond the technology, besides the specialists, something more is there the care of magic touch”