

**Dr. Zulekha Daud**

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Dr. Zulekha Daud is the first Indian lady medical professional and an entrepreneur in UAE who tirelessly worked for welfare of UAE nationals and expats when healthcare access was very limited in the 60's. She revolutionized the healthcare scenario and inspired others to follow suit. After four decades of tireless service, Zulekha Healthcare Group today boasts of super-specialty hospitals, medical centres, educational institutes and pharmacy chain in UAE & India.

Dr. Zulekha Daud received her medical degree from the Government Medical College in Nagpur; her parents were her role model constantly encouraging her to take up challenges - Dr. Zulekha Daud arrived to UAE in 1964 to work in the 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 Daud was able to capture the hearts of the UAE nationals and expatriates with her dedicated service.

This surged her with a dream of making world-class medical facilities providing family care at affordable costs. This realized with the establishment of Zulekha Hospital Sharjah in 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 2 multi-specialty hospitals, 3 medical centers 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 with Joint Commission International.

Dr. Zulekha Daud firmly believes in societal development and affirms, "Community service means giving back to the culture and people that surround you. It means supporting the immediate community on a local scale." She has been actively associated with many NGO's and Corporates for CSR drive - notable being - Diabetes, Cancer, Kidney and Arthritis awareness in the region.

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

For her notable work, Dr. Zulekha Daud received the Dubai Quality Appreciation award from His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. 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 Daud is on her way to realize her parents' 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 magic of a caring touch"