

President's remarks at the reception

Most Revered Rashtrapati, Dr. Samuel B. Frank, Distinguished Colleagues on the desk, Delegates from Abroad, Fellow Indian Delegates, Distinguished Guests and Invitees,

As President of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists and as Chairman of the Reception Committee, I deem it a rare and proud privilege to extend a cordial welcome to you all who have graced this momentous occasion in this historical city of Delhi. I am particularly happy to welcome our President, Sri Fakruddin Ali Ahmed who is a man of international repute. His presence on this platform and the interest he has taken in our Association augurs well. It is also my pleasant duty to welcome the distinguished visitors from abroad to this great and ancient land of Charaka and Susruta and particularly to Dr. Samuel B. Frank, Executive Vice-President of the International Society of Tropical Dermatology, whose services to the Society are well known and have been greatly appreciated. No profession lends itself to International contacts more readily than the profession of Medicine and I am glad therefore that our visitors from abroad have graced this occasion with their presence. I welcome all old friends who have taken the trouble to come all the way to participate in this Conference.

The holding of an International Symposium on "Pigmentary Disorders" and conducting a workshop on "Communicable Diseases" in India may be regarded as an event of unique significance in the field of medicine and in particular to our speciality. Specialisation is the inevitable corollary to extension of medical knowledge in depth. I eagerly look forward to fruitful discussions which might throw light upon various aspects of the problems connected with these disorders.

Though proud of our cultural heritage, we are ever eager to derive the utmost benefit from modern and up-to-date discoveries of the West. The windows of the minds of the Indian Doctors are ever kept open to receive the fresh breeze flowing from the four corners of the world. It is our ardent prayer and hope that the deliberations of this symposium would enrich, enliven and enlighten the participants and open new vistas of research and discovery which will be harnessed to ceaseless endeavour directed towards the mitigation of human suffering.

I hope and trust that you will find your stay here pleasant and profitable and whatever may be the limitations you have to put up with, you will forgive us and take the will for the deed and give us the benefit of your wise counsel.

Thank you,

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Dr. C. SOBHANADRI,
Guntur.

MESSAGE

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. AMBADY - ON THE OCCASION OF INSTITUTION OF DR. B. M. AMBADY ORATION - AT THE 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF I. A. D. V. & L - held at New Delhi, 1976.

Friends,

The organizers of this Conference have requested me to say a few words to you. I came to Delhi to conduct the marriage of my daughter and remained in New Delhi to avail of the last opportunity I will have to meet and say good-bye to all our friends at this I. A. D. V. & L. Conference. You will all remember the Conference which was held last year at Trivandrum when my husband was the President. To-day he is no more and the First Annual Oration in his name is to be delivered. Yet to all who have met him, it is impossible to think of Dr. Ambady in the past, and it is his presence that I feel beside me that gives me the courage to face you all to-day. He had very high hopes that this Association would stand on its own legs and that its Annual Conferences would be the venue for discussions between eager and well-known research workers in the speciality. I trust that the I. A. D. V. & L will grow in strength and achievements from day-to-day and year-by-year; and that this speciality will emerge out of the gloom as one of the most important of specialities.

Last year you gave me the honour of being called the mother of that Conference. This designation awed me at that time, but to-day I realize that by accepting that honour, you have given me certain responsibilities also. First of all, please allow me to shower on the Association — I. A. D. V. & L. all the blessings and affection and everlasting interest that only a mother can give, in abundance and without reserve. Secondly may I give you a few words of advice? In any controversy or difficulty I would ask each member of the Association to remember that the development and success of the I. A. D. V. & L must come first, and that individual prestige and achievements are only of secondary importance. May you all in the years ahead work together with courage and unity to enhance the reputation and the success of I.A.D.V. & L.

I thank Dr. Bhutani and others for this opportunity of being able to participate in this meeting, Thank you and au Revoir.