

## BIOGRAPHY OF *ĀCĀRYA PRIYAVRATA ŚARMĀ* AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO *ĀYURVĒDA*

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### ABSTRACT

*Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* is well known for his valuable contribution in the field of *Āyurvēda*. A prolific Writer, Orator, Teacher, Research scholar, Leader, Administrator and above all a good Human being stood as an emblem for *Āyurvēda* in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

He was born on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1920, in a small village named Mustafapur near Khagol in district Patna, Bihar in the family of traditional *Vaidya*. His father was *Paṇḍita Rāmāvatāra Miśra Vaidyabhūṣaṇa* and mother was *Śrīmatī Prēmādulārī Dēvt*. He was highly qualified in *Āyurvēda*, Sanskrit and Hindi and held highest positions in Academic as well as in Administrative fields in *Āyurvēda*.

*Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* authored 35 books, edited 14 Ayurvedic manuscripts and 3 books and has about 500 scientific papers to his credit. He participated in several National and International conferences and was associated with several committees on *Āyurvēda* at National level. With profound admiration, *Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā*'s biographical information and his contribution to the *Āyurvēda* is portrayed in this article.

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## Introduction

*Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* is well known for his valuable contributions in the field of *Āyurvēda*. A prolific Writer, Orator, Teacher, Research scholar, Leader, Administrator and above all a good Human being, he stood as an emblem for *Āyurvēda* in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## Birth and Native Place

He was born on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1920, in the family of traditional *Vaidya* in a small village named Mustafapur, near Khagol in the district Patna of Bihar state in India.<sup>3,4,5,6</sup>

## Family History

He was born to *Paṇḍita Rāmāvatāra Miśra Vaidyabhūṣaṇa* and *Śrīmati Prēmadulārī Dēvi*. His father *Paṇḍita Rāmāvatāra Miśra Vaidyabhūṣaṇa* was a famous Ayurvedic physician and founder of *Bihār Prāntīya Vaidyasammēlana* (Regional association of physicians of Bihar). He inherited the understanding and commitment with full dedication for upliftment of *Āyurvēda* from his father. His mother *Śrīmati Prēmadulārī Dēvi* was a pious and kind hearted woman. He was the fifth child after one elder brother and three sisters and followed by another younger sister. His elder brother *Paṇḍita Satyavrata Śarmā (Sujana)* was a famous poet and writer. *Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* regarded him as his *Ādiguru* (first teacher) and acquired the poetic skills from him. Married to *Śrīmati Padmāvatī Śarmā* in 1936 during his graduation study at Ayurvedic college of *Kāśī Hindu Viśvavidyālaya*. She continued to be his inspiration for more than 65 years till her last breath on 23rd December 2001.<sup>3,5</sup>

## Education

*Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* acquired primary education in *Vēdaratna Vidyālaya*, on the base of *Gurukula Śailī* (seminary style) in Mustafapur. He joined the Ayurvedic college of *Kāśī Hindu Viśvavidyālaya* and obtained A.M.S. degree in 1940.<sup>3,4,6</sup> Even after obtaining degree, he relentlessly studied *Āyurvēda* along with Ayurvedic practice. He was influenced with the statement of *Ācārya Suśruta* "The physician should learn as many allied sciences as possible for the proper understanding of the *Āyurvēda* as it is not possible to comprehend all branches of science in one treatise" (*Su. Sū. 4/7*).

He studied different languages i.e. Sanskrit, Hindi, English and Bangla. He obtained M.A. Sanskrit from B.H.U. in 1948, *Sāhityācārya* from Bihar Sahitya Academy in 1949 and M.A. Hindi from Patna University in 1950.<sup>2</sup> He was also mastered in other subjects related to *Āyurvēda* i.e. *Vyākaraṇa* (grammar), *Sāhitya* (literature), *Darśana* (doctrines of Philosophy), *Ithihāsa* (history) etc. to obtain more proficiency in *Āyurvēda*.<sup>5</sup>

### Academic and Administrative Contribution

*Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* has held highest positions in the academic as well as administrative spheres of *Āyurvēda*. He started his career as an Ayurvedic practitioner and then carried out many works i.e. teaching, administration, research in *Āyurvēda*, writing Ayurvedic books and editing of old Ayurvedic treatises etc. Even he standardized the teaching of *Dravyaguṇa* on scientific lines which is still being followed all over the country and abroad.

#### (1) As an Ayurvedic Physician

After completion of graduation (A.M.S.) in 1940 (from *Kāśī Hindu Viśvavidyālaya*) he practiced *Āyurvēda* at Khagol in Bihar for six years.

#### (2) As a Teacher and Administrator

He joined as a lecturer in Ayurvedic College, Begusarai in Bihar in 1946 and taught *Racanāśārtra* (Human anatomy) and *Kriyāśārtra* (Human physiology) (1946-53). Later he joined in *Kāśī Hindu Viśvavidyālaya* in 1953 as a lecturer in the department of *Dravyaguṇa* (1953-56). He came back to Bihar, worked as Principal in Govt. Ayurvedic College, Patna and developed it systematically (1956-60). In the year 1960 he became Deputy Director, Health Services (Indian Medicine) in Bihar (1960-63). After the establishment of P.G centre at B.H.U, he was appointed as Professor and Head of Department of *Dravyaguṇa* and Director of Post graduate Institute (1963-80). He then adorned the chair of Dean, Faculty of Indian Medicine in 1978 and in 1980 he retired from the service of B.H.U. Later on, he worked as a Professor and Director, Centre for History of Medicine, Asiatic Society, Calcutta (1985), as Principal Investigator for research projects under the Indian national Science Academy, New Delhi up to a decade and as *Guru* (Professor) under the *Rāṣṭrīya Āyurvēda Vidyāpīṭha* (National Academy of Ayurveda), New Delhi for two years.<sup>2,4,6</sup>

With his proficiency in teaching and guidance he has guided 16 M.D. and 14 Ph.D. dissertations during his tenure at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

**Table-1**  
**D.Ay.M. / M.D. (Ayurveda) Dissertations Guided<sup>1,5</sup>**

S.No.	Name of the Scholar	Title of Dissertation	Year of award of Degree
1.	N.G. Bandyopadhyaya	A Study on <i>Bhallātaka</i> as <i>Rasāyana</i> : haematological and biochemical approach.	1966
2.	Srikrishna Dixit	Effect of copper in haematological disorders.	1967
3.	K. Raghunathan	A study on some aspects of <i>Tinospora cardifolia</i> .	1968
4.	Krishna Kumar	Effect of <i>Bhallātaka</i> ( <i>Semecarpus anacardium</i> ) on liver function.	1969
5.	Bhrigunath Singh	A study on <i>Āmalakti</i> ( <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> ) and its use in some <i>Paittika</i> disorders with special reference to <i>Amlapitta</i> .	1969
6.	Guru Prasad Sharma	Studies on the efficacy of <i>Dugdhiikā</i> in bronchial Asthama.	1969
7.	D.S. Lucas	Studies on <i>Mūrvā</i> with special reference to pharmacology and clinical studies on <i>Marsdenia tenacissima</i> W. & A.	1970
8.	S.N. Suman	<i>Snigdha Ēvaṁ Rūkṣa Guṇōṁ Kā Adhyayana</i> .	1971
9.	Lal Bahadur Pandey	<i>Garbhanirōdhaka Dravyōṁ Kā Adhyayana</i> .	1972

10.	Aniruddha Mishra	<i>Śyōnāka Kā Guṇa-Karmātmaka Adhyayana.</i>	1972
11.	Nageshwar Mishra	<i>Aralu Kā Guṇa-Karmātmaka Adhyayana.</i>	1974
12.	M.C. Pandey	Studies on hypoglycemic effect of bark of Pterocarpus marsupium( <i>Bijaka</i> ).	1975
13.	K.P. Mishra	<i>Pariṇāmasūla Para Madhuyastī Kē Prabhāva Kā Adhyayana.</i>	1975
14.	P.K. Mukherjee	Study on <i>Arjaka</i> (Orthospinon pallidus Royle).	1976
15.	A.N. Pandey	<i>Aṅkuśa Krimi Para Kampillaka Kā Prabhāva.</i>	1977
16.	V.K. Joshi	A study on the Hypoglycemic effect of Clerodendron infortunatum Linn.	1978

**Table 2**  
**Ph.D. (Ayurveda) Dissertations Guided<sup>1,5</sup>**

S. No.	Name of the Scholar	Title of Dissertation
1.	P.V. Tiwari	Effect of certain indigenous drugs on uterine activities.
2.	J.K. Ojha	<i>Rāsnābhēda Ēvaṁ Usakē Katipaya Pratinidhi Dravyōm Kā Adhyayana.</i>
3.	T.N. Sharma	Standardisation of <i>Āsavāriṣṭas</i> .
4.	D. Joshi	Pharmaceutical & Pharmacotherapeutic studies on <i>Abhraka Bhasma</i> with special reference to <i>Āyurvēda</i> .
5.	B.N. Singh	<i>Mūrvā kē Sambandha mēm Sandigdhatā kā Adhyayana ēvaṁ Nirākaraṇa.</i>
6.	C. Chaturvedi	A Study on Basic concepts of Ayurvedic Pharmacology.

7. G.P. Sharma *Rāsnā ki Sandigdhatā para Adhyayana.*
8. K.C. Chunekar Pharmacognostical studies on medicinal plants.
9. N.G. Bandyopdhyaya A study on *Krimighna Dravyas.*
10. B.S. Dixit Clinical and experimental study on *Phakkarōga.*
11. A. Mishra *Katipaya Pravāhikāhara Dravyōm Kā Tulanātmaka Adhyayana.*
12. B.N. Sharma Chemical and Pharmacological study on Indian Medicinal Plants.
13. S.K. Dixit Study on Copper *Bhasma.*
14. V.K. Joshi Study on Anti-cancer activity of *Semicarpus anacardium* Linn.

### (3) Literary Contributions

*Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* edited fourteen important manuscripts and three books, written thirty two books on different subjects of *Āyurvēda* and three books on poetry in Hindi and Sanskrit languages. Thus he worked on about 52 books as an editor or as an author and published about 500 scientific papers.<sup>3</sup>

The following is the list of Manuscripts edited and Books published by *Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* as listed in the book *Āyurvēda Kē Chaḥ Daśaka* (Six decades of Ayurveda) (1941-2000), a collection of the selected Articles and Lectures by *Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā*, edited by Satya Deo Dubey and Anugrah Narain Singh and other sources.

#### Manuscripts Edited: 16

S. No.	Name of the Manuscript	Year of Publication	Name and Place of Publisher
1.	<i>Aṣṭāṅganighaṇṭuḥ</i>	1973	The Kuppaswamy Shastri research institute, Madras
2.	<i>Mādhava-Dravyaguṇaḥ (Bhāvasvabhāvavādaḥ)</i>	1973	Chowkhamba Vidhya Bhawan, Varanasi

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| 3.  | <i>Hṛdayadīpaka nighaṇṭu of Bōpadēva</i>                                                             | 1977 | Chaukhambha<br>Amarabharati<br>Prakashan, Varanasi                                                                      |
| 4.  | <i>Siddhamantraḥ of Vaidyācārya Kēśava (with Prakāśa Commentary of Vōpadēva)</i>                     | 1977 | Chaukhambha<br>Amarabharati<br>Prakashan, Varanasi                                                                      |
| 5.  | <i>Yōgaratnamālā of Nāgārjuna (with Commentary of Śvētāmbara Bhikṣu Guṇākara)</i>                    | 1977 | Chaukhambha<br>Orientalia, Varanasi                                                                                     |
| 6.  | <i>Abhidhānaratnamālā (Śaḍrasanighaṇṭuḥ)</i>                                                         | 1977 | Chaukhambha<br>Orientalia, Varanasi                                                                                     |
| 7.  | <i>Sōḍhalanighaṇṭuḥ (Nāmasaṅgraha and Guṇasaṅgraha) of Vaidyācārya Sōḍhala</i>                       | 1978 | Oriental Institute,<br>Baroda                                                                                           |
| 8.  | <i>Kaiyadēvanighaṇṭuḥ (Pathyāpathyavibhōdhakaḥ) with Guru Prasad Sharma</i>                          | 1979 | Chaukhambha<br>Orientalia, Varanasi                                                                                     |
| 9.  | <i>Dhanvantarinighaṇṭuḥ</i> Translated in Hindi by Guru Prasad Sharma                                | 1982 | Chaukhambha<br>Orientalia, Varanasi                                                                                     |
| 10. | The Miscellaneous Portion of <i>Madanāḍinighaṇṭu (Viprakīrṇa-dravya-prakaraṇam) of Candranandana</i> | 1986 | Bulletin of Indian<br>Institute of History of<br>Medicine, Vol. XVI-<br>1986, Supplement,<br>IIHM (CCRAS),<br>Hyderabad |
| 11. | <i>Śabdacandrikā of Śrī Cakrapānidatta</i>                                                           | 1989 | Central Council for<br>Research in Ayurveda<br>and Siddha, New Delhi                                                    |
| 12. | <i>Carakatattvapradīpikā (with Dr. Satyadeva Dube)</i>                                               | 1990 | Swami Lakshmiram<br>Trust, Jaipur                                                                                       |

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| 13. | <i>Cakradatta-Ratnaprabhā</i> (The <i>Cakradatta (Cikitsā-Saṅgraha)</i> of <i>Cakrapāṇidatta</i> with the commentary <i>Ratnaprabhā</i> by <i>Mahāmahōpādhyāya Śrī Niścalakara</i> ) | 1993 | Swami Jayaramadas<br>Ramprakash Trust,<br>Jaipur                                      |
| 14. | <i>Cakradatta-Ratnaprabhā (Pariśiṣṭa)</i> (Residual Portion of the Manuscript)                                                                                                       | 2003 | Bulletin of Indian Institute<br>of History of Medicine,<br>Hyderabad.(Special Volume) |

**Books Edited:**

S.No.	Name of the Book	Language	Year of Publication	Name and Place of Publisher
1	A Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts on <i>Āyurvēda</i> in the Banaras Hindu University compiled by Rama Shankar Tripathi and Assisted by Janardan Pandey	English	1984	Banaras Hindu University, Library, Varanasi
2	<i>Vidhivaidyaka (Vyavahārāyurvēda-Vijñāna)</i> by Shivanath Khanna and Indradeva Tripathi	Hindi	1979	Chaukhambha Orientalia, Varanasi
3	<i>Aṣṭāṅga Hṛdayam</i> of <i>Vāgbhaṭa- Sūtrasthānam</i> with <i>Aruṇadatta's Sarvāṅgasundarā</i> and <i>Atridēva's Vidyōtinī</i> Hindi Commentary	Sanskrit- Hindi	1978	Chaukhambha Orientalia, Varanasi

**Books Written on Different Subjects of *Āyurvēda* : 32*****Dravyagūṇa* : 10**

S.No.	Name of the Book	Language	Year of Publication	Name and Place of Publisher
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| 1 | <i>Dravyaguṇa-Vijñāna</i><br>Part I-V                                                                                                                                                          | Hindi                           | I- 1955<br>II, III- 1956<br>IV- 1977<br>V-1981 | Chaukhamba Vidhya<br>Bhawan, Varanasi<br>(Part-I, II, III),<br>Chaukhambha Sanskrit<br>Sansthan, Varanasi<br>(Part-IV), Chaukhambha<br>Bharati Academy, Varanasi<br>(Part-V) |
| 2 | Introduction to<br><i>Dravyaguṇa</i> (Indian<br>Pharmacology)                                                                                                                                  | English                         | 1976                                           | Chaukhambha<br>Orientalia, Varanasi                                                                                                                                          |
| 3 | Fruits and vegetables<br>in Ancient India                                                                                                                                                      | English                         | 1979                                           | Chaukhambha<br>Orientalia, Varanasi                                                                                                                                          |
| 4 | <i>Ḍalhaṇa</i> and his<br>comments on Drugs                                                                                                                                                    | English                         | 1982                                           | Munshiram<br>Manoharlal Publishers<br>Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi                                                                                                                   |
| 5 | <i>Priyanighaṇṭuḥ</i><br>(Sanskrit text with<br>' <i>Padmā</i> ' Hindi<br>commentary)                                                                                                          | Sanskrit<br>& Hindi             | 1983                                           | Chaukhamba<br>Surbharati Prakashan,<br>Varanasi                                                                                                                              |
| 6 | <i>Dravyaguṇasūtram</i><br>(Aphorisms on<br><i>Dravyaguṇa</i> ) with<br>author's annotation<br>(Sanskrit text with Hindi<br>and English Translation)<br>Hindi Translation by<br>Satya Deo Dube | Hindi &<br>English              | 1994                                           | Chaukhambha<br>Sanskrit Bhawan,<br>Varanasi                                                                                                                                  |
| 7 | Classical Uses of<br>Medicinal Plants                                                                                                                                                          | English                         | 1996                                           | Chaukhambha<br>Visvabharati, Varanasi                                                                                                                                        |
| 8 | <i>Dravyaguṇa-Kōśaḥ</i><br>(Dictionary of<br>Ayurvedic terms relating                                                                                                                          | Sanskrit -<br>Hindi-<br>English | 1997                                           | Chaukhambha<br>Orientalia, Delhi                                                                                                                                             |

- to names, synonyms, properties and actions of Medicinal Plants)
- 9 *Puṣpāyurvēdaḥ* (Flowers in Health and Disease) (Sanskrit text with English Translation) English 1997 Chaukhambha Visvabharati, Varanasi
- 10 *Nāmarūpajñānam* (Characterization of Medicinal Plants) English 2000 Satyapriya Prakashan, Varanasi

***Śartrakriyā (Human Physiology of Āyurvēda): 1***

- 11 *Śartrakriyāvijñāna* Hindi 1978, 2nd edition Chowkhambha Sanskrit Sansthan, Varanasi

***Vikṛti Vijñāna (Principles of Pathology in Āyurvēda): 1***

- 12 *Rōgi-Parīkṣā-Vidhi* (Ancient and Modern Clinical Methods) Hindi 1982, 3rd edition Chaukhambha Bharati Academy, Varanasi

***Maulika Siddhānta (Basic Principles of Āyurvēda): 2***

- 13 *Śōḍaśāṅgahṛdayam* (Sanskrit text with Hindi Translation) Sanskrit & Hindi 1987 Padma Prakashan, Varanasi
- 14 *Essentials of Āyurvēda* English 1993 Motilal Banarasidass Publishers Private Limited, Delhi

***Āyurvēda Darśana (Philosophy of Āyurvēda): 2***

- 15 *Dōṣa-Kāraṇatva-Mīmāṃsā* (Sanskrit text and Hindi Translation) Sanskrit -Hindi 1978, 2nd edition Chowkhambha Sanskrit Sansthan, Varanasi

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| 16                                               | <i>Āyurvēda-Darśanam</i>                                                               | Sanskrit, Hindi & English | 1994                   | Chaukhambha<br>Viswabharati,<br>Varanasi           |
| <b>Āyurvēda Itihāsa (History of Āyurvēda): 5</b> |                                                                                        |                           |                        |                                                    |
| 17                                               | <i>Vāgbhaṭa-Vivēcana</i><br>(A Comprehensive<br>critical study of<br><i>Vāgbhaṭa</i> ) | Hindi                     | 1968                   | Chaukhambha<br>Vidyabhavan,<br>Varanasi            |
| 18                                               | <i>Caraka-Cintana</i><br>(A Historical study of<br><i>Caraka-saṁhitā</i> )             | Hindi                     | 1970                   | Chaukhambha<br>Vidyabhavan,<br>Varanasi            |
| 19                                               | Indian Medicine in the<br>Classical Age                                                | English                   | 1972                   | Chowkhambha<br>Sanskrit Series<br>Office, Varanasi |
| 20                                               | <i>Āyurvēda Kā<br/>Vaijñānika Itihāsa</i>                                              | Hindi                     | 1975                   | Chaukhambha<br>Orientalia, Varanasi                |
| 21                                               | History of Medicine in<br>India (From Antiquity<br>to 1000 A.D.)                       | English                   | 1992                   | Indian National<br>Science Academy,<br>New Delhi   |
| 22                                               | <i>Caraka-Saṁkṣā</i>                                                                   | Hindi                     | <i>Saṁvat</i><br>-2026 | Chowkhambha<br>Sanskrit Series<br>Office, Varanasi |

**Critical Study and Translation of Ayurvedic Treatises: 8**

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| 23 | <i>Caraka-saṁhitā</i> -<br>Sanskrit text with<br>English Translation<br>(Vols. I-II)<br><i>Caraka-saṁhitā</i> -<br>Critical Notes<br>(Incorporating the | Sanskrit & English | I - 1981<br>II - 1983<br>III - 1985<br>IV - 1994 | Chaukhambha<br>Orientalia, Varanasi |
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- commentaries of  
*Jējjāta, Cakrapāṇi,*  
*Gaṅgādhara* and  
*Yōgīndranātha*)  
(Vols. III-IV)
- 24 *Caraka Samajñā* Sanskrit 1996 Chaukhambha  
Publishers, Varanasi
- 25 *Suśruta-Saṁhitā-* Sanskrit 1999-  
With English translation & 2001 Chaukhambha  
of text and *Ḍalhaṇa's* English Visvabharati,  
Commentary alongwith Varanasi  
critical notes (Vols. I-III)
- 26 *Cikitsā-Kalikā* of Hindi 1987 Chaukhamba  
*Tiṣaṭācārya*, edited Surbharati Prakashan,  
with Hindi commentary Varanasi
- 27 *Cikitsā-Kalikā* of English 1987 Chaukhamba  
*Tiṣaṭācārya* with Surbharati Prakashan,  
*Candraṭā's* Sanskrit Varanasi  
commentary edited with  
English commentary and  
explanatory notes
- 28 *Cakradatta* Sanskrit English 1994 Chaukhambha  
text with English Publishers, Varanasi  
Translation
- 29 *Suśrutasaṁhitā-* Hindi 2002 Rashtriya Ayurveda  
*Saptādhyāyī Mēm* Vidyapeeth,  
*Vanaspatiyām Aura* New Delhi  
*Anyā Dravya* (with  
Dr. Sanjay R. Talamale)

30	<i>Caraka Ki Dravya-Saptādhyāyī : Samikṣātmaka Adhyayana</i> (with Dr. Mohan Lal)	Hindi	-	Unpublished
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**Research on Āyurvēda : 2**

31	<i>Āyurvēda Kī Kucha Prācīna Pustakēṁ</i> (A description of Ayurvedic research Literature)	Hindi	1962	Chaukhambha Bharati Academy, Varanasi
32	<i>Āyurvēdīya Anusandhāna-Paddhati</i> (Methodology of Research in Āyurvēda)	Hindi	1976	Chaukhambha Orientalia, Varanasi

**Poetry: 3**

1	<i>Madhudūtī</i>	Hindi	1938	Mustafapur
2	<i>Śrīrāmāvatāracaritam</i>	Sanskrit	1948	Bhagalpur
3	<i>Vasantaśatakam</i>	Sanskrit	1968	Varanasi

**(4) Articles Published**

*Ācārya Priyavrata Śarma* had published about 500 Articles on different subjects of *Āyurvēda*. The book *Āyurvēda Kē Chaḥ Daśaka* (Six decades of Ayurveda) (1941-2000) enlisted the titles of 395 articles and compiled 121 full articles.

**(5) As a Member or Chairman in Different Committees<sup>2</sup>**

He was associated with several committees on *Āyurvēda* at National level. He served as a member in the following committees.

1. Ayurvedic and Unani Drugs Technical Advisory Board, Govt. of India.
2. Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee, Govt. of India
3. Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi.

4. Governing Body and Scientific Advisory Committee of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS), New Delhi.
5. Advisory Committee, National Commission for Compilation of History of Sciences, New Delhi.
6. Scientific Advisory Board, Gujarat Ayurveda University, Jamanagar.
7. Hindi Advisory Board, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Govt. of India.
8. Chairman, Single Drugs Sub-committee, A.P.C., Govt. of India.

#### (6) Conferences Attended<sup>2</sup>

He participated in several National and International conferences held in India and abroad and chaired for several conferences. The following is the list of International conferences he attended.

1. International Orientalist's Conference, Paris in 1973. (Presided over one session)
2. International Congress of Human Sciences, Mexico City in 1976.
3. International Conference on Traditional Asian Medicine, Surabaya (Indonesia) in 1984.
4. World Sanskrit Conference, Leiden (Netherlands) in 1987.
5. World Sanskrit Conference, Vienna in 1990.

#### (7) Awards and Honors<sup>2</sup>

*Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* devoted his entire life for the propagation of *Āyurvēda*. For the valuable contributions to the science of *Āyurvēda*, he was honored with the following awards and honors.

1. Award of Rs. 1,00,000 from *Rāma Nārāyaṇa Vaidya Āyurvēda* Research Trust.
2. A number of Awards from different State Govts. on his published works
3. Honorary Fellow, French Society of Ethnopharmacology.
4. Fellow, Society of Ethnobotanists, India.
5. Fellow, National Academy of Ayurveda, India.

#### Conclusion

*Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* will be remembered by Ayurvedic fraternity as face of *Āyurvēda* in the 20<sup>th</sup> century for the contributions he made to the science of *Āyurvēda*.

He made historic revolution in writing on Ayurvedic subjects; he wrote text books according to the Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) syllabus of *Āyurvēdācārya* (Graduate degree in *Āyurvēda*) and *Āyurvēdavācaspati* (Postgraduate degree in *Āyurvēda*). He followed the style which suits the current curriculum and other needs of scholars by incorporating relevant scientific and technological inputs viz. Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology and Phytochemistry along with *Āyurvēda*. These books are quite popular among generations of students and teachers of *Āyurvēda*. Another set of works by him in the form of Hindi and English translations of Ayurvedic treatises are quite lucid and handy for research scholars. He brought into light several Ayurvedic manuscripts by editing them.

He is a polymath whose erudition expands to various knowledge spheres like Sanskrit literature, History, Manuscriptology and *Āyurvēda*. His dedication, hard work, conceptual thinking, simplicity, dutifulness and discipline made him unique and incomparable. The legendary personality left this material world on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2007. The Life history and contributions of *Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* will be the source of inspiration and guiding light for the budding scientists of *Āyurvēda* forever.

#### ***Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā: Epitome of Āpta of present era***

The *Āptōpadēśa* is one of the four means of getting true knowledge and *Ācārya Caraka* has defined *Āpta* as follows: The *Āpta* (authorities) are the personalities who have freed themselves from passion (*Rajas*) and ignorance (*Tamas*) by means of spiritual endeavor and knowledge, whose understanding embracing the past, present and future (*Trikāla*), is pure (*Amala*) and at all times, unclouded (*Avyāhata*). It is these that are authoritative, the learned (*Śiṣṭa*), the enlightened (*Vibuddha*) and their word is unimpeachable (*Asaṁśaya*) and true (*Satya*). *Ācārya Priyavrata Śarmā* is one of such *Āpta* or Authority in the present era who enlightened the community of *Āyurvēda* with his indispensable scientific, humanitarian and universal spirit.

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## सारांश

### आचार्य प्रियव्रत शर्मा की जीवनी एवं आयुर्वेद में उनका योगदान

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आचार्य प्रियव्रत शर्मा आयुर्वेद के क्षेत्र में अपने अमूल्य योगदान के लिए प्रसिद्ध है। वह एक महान् लेखक, वक्ता, अध्यापक, अनुसन्धाता, मार्गदर्शक एवं इन सबसे ऊपर एक उत्तम मनुष्य के रूप में तथा २०वीं सदी में आयुर्वेद के प्रतीक के रूप में रहे हैं।

दिनांक १ नवम्बर १९२० को बिहार राज्य के पटना जिले में खगोल के पास मुस्तफापुर नामक एक छोटे से ग्राम में एक पारम्परिक वैद्य परिवार में उनका जन्म हुआ। उनके पिताजी पण्डित रामावतार मिश्र वैद्यभूषण एवं माताजी श्रीमति प्रेमदुलारी थे। वह आयुर्वेद के साथ-साथ संस्कृत एवं हिन्दी में निष्णात थे। आयुर्वेद में शैक्षणिक और प्रशासनिक क्षेत्रों में वह उच्चतम पदों पर आसीन हुए।

आचार्य प्रियव्रत शर्मा ने लगभग ३५ पुस्तकों के लेखन, १४ पाण्डुलिपियों और ३ पुस्तकों के सम्पादन का कार्य करने के साथ-साथ लगभग ५०० लेख लिखने का कार्य भी किया। उन्होंने अनेक राष्ट्रीय एवं अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सम्भाषापरिषदों में भाग लिया तथा वह राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर अनेक आयुर्वेद समितियों से सम्बद्ध रहे। अतः इस लेख में गहरी श्रद्धा के साथ आचार्य प्रियव्रत शर्मा की जीवनी सम्बन्धी जानकारी एवं आयुर्वेद में उनके योगदान को प्रस्तुत किया जा रहा है।