



DR. H. V. HANDE



Dr. H. V. Hande is an Indian medical practitioner and a politician. He started his medical practice in June 1950, in Shenoy Nagar, Chennai. Ever since then, he has been regularly practicing, helping the poor and down trodden. He never stopped his medical practice even when he was M.L.C., M.L.A., and Health Minister. At his 99th year, even to-day his medical practice continues. Dr. Hande who is in his 99th year is still continuing medical practice – mainly attending to the poor section of society.

2. Born on 28th November, 1927, in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu Shri Hande completed his medical education in Integrated medicine (Modern Medicine & Ayurved) in the Kilpuka College of Integrated Medicine – now converted into Kilpuka Medical College – in 1950. During his study in Intermediate (before graduation) in the Government College Mangaluru, he participated in the 1942 Quit India Movement and tasted the British lathi charge as a 13 year old student.

3. As Tamil Nadu Health Minister for nearly 7 years, between 1980–86, in late MGR's Cabinet, Dr. Hande played a crucial part, in tandem with the Rotary Clubs, in practically wiping out Poliomyelitis and Measles from Tamil Nadu. He also initiated a massive campaign – Pulse Polio (Polio drops to all children on a Sunday once every year). This is continuing even to-day.

4. While Dr. Hande was the Health Minister of Tamil Nadu (between 1980–1986), he brought the state into the 1st slot, consecutively for 3yrs, in reducing the Infant Mortality Rate (I.M.R) and Maternal Mortality Rate (M.M.R), in drastically reducing the incidence of leprosy and other communicable diseases. Consequently, he received the prestigious Dr. B.C. Roy award, a rare honour for a Minister.

5. Dr. Hande translated the entire Kamba Ramayanam (Tamil) into English Prose. This book was published by the prestigious Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. 2 copies are placed in the library attached to the newly constructed Shri Rama Temple in Ayodhya. He wrote biography of the 1st Indian Governor General Shri Rajaji in Tamil. He has authored several literary works: Distortions Done to Our Constitution by Smt. Indira Gandhi during Emergency – released by the then Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee; Ambedkar & The Making of the Indian Constitution published by the prestigious MacMillan Co – released in 2000 by Shri L.K. Advani, the then Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition. Translations of his book in Hindi, Tamil & Kannada were released with a 'Sandesh' from Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi, when he was Gujarat Chief Minister in 2013; Critical Years of an Immortal Legend MGR in English & Tamil – published in 2010; Rise & Fall of Article 370 – with encomiums from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in May 27, 2021.