

IN MEMORIAM  
Jawaharlal Nehru

On the 27th May 1964 we with the whole nation of India were plunged into most profound grief by the passing away of our dearly loved and greatly revered leader and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru ; and all the world shared our sorrow. Such moving terms were expressed in the press all over the world that we could not but feel akin to all.

The good will that Jawaharlal had spread beyond his own country during his lifetime became most evident at his death. His behaviour and speech, his actions and precept, his ways of thought and approach to human feelings left a mark that will not be soon forgotten. His non-cooperation with evil forces, his non-alignment with power blocks, his resistance to dictatorship, his feelings for the humble poor, and his energetic efforts for their uplift by National planning have made his name one to be remembered for all time as the chief architect of Modern India.

He was born as the son of an eminent lawyer, Pandit Matilal Nehru, nearly 75 years ago on the 14th of November 1889 in what may be called the very lap of luxury and had an education of the highest sort available in those days. He had first at home an education under an English Governess, then at the age of 11 under an Irish Tutor and later at 15 abroad the English school, of Harrow and at College, Cambridge, where he obtained second class Honours in the Science Tripos at the age of 21. He then joined the Inner Temple and was called from there to the Bar in 1912.

With such an Education, with such a back ground and with such abilities he could have amassed an immense personal income in the legal profession. But he cared more for the people of India bound under foreign rule. He returned to India in 1912 and gave up his all in movements to attain their political freedom and suffered in consequence several years and terms of imprisonment in Indian jails under foreign administration.

With the achievement of freedom he magnanimously shed all resentment against the past foreign rulers. He associated himself with the Commonwealth, took a leading part in the deliberations and activities of the United Nations. He felt and showed deep sympathy for the down trodden in countries even other than his

own, and lived in fact like a world citizen with a feeling that he had a stake in freedom's cause all the world over.

His health suffered a severe strain shortly after the unexpected, unkindly, heart rending, and trustbreaking military action of the Chinese on the Northern borders of India, and the unfriendly action of our neighbour Pakistan, who did not appear to realise what a friend he was to them.

His dynamic interest in National planning put life and activity into the Engineering profession.

We pray that his soul may rest in peace.