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Dr. Gourie-Devi after obtaining DM degree in Neurology in 1968 from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, received advanced training in Neuromuscular disorders at Regional Neurological Centre, New Castle upon Tyne under the tutelage of Sir John Walton and Prof PK Thomas at Royal Free Hospital London. She joined NIMHANS in 1977 and served as Faculty for 25 years and also as Director-Vice Chancellor. She has made notable contributions in motor neuron diseases in the domains of both clinical and experimental aspects, original description of Monomelic Amyotrophy and elaborated the clinical and genetic features of Madras Motor neuron disease. Her other areas of research interest include Japanese encephalitis, Neuromuscular disorders, Leprous neuropathy and Neurotuberculosis. The pioneering work in Neuroepidemiology has been acclaimed at the National and International forums and has been a bench mark for similar studies in India. During her tenure as Director-Vice Chancellor of NIMHANS from 1997 to 2002, she introduced novel training programmes and catalysed research in clinical and basic neurosciences and behavioural sciences. The institute made rapid strides in establishment of state of art facilities and initiation of collaboration with prestigious National and International institutes. Prof. Gourie-Devi has been conferred many prestigious awards and distinctions, notable among them are : i) "Basanti Devi Amir Chand Prize" Indian Council of Medical Research in recognition of contributions to the field of Neurology (1997), ii) "Om Prakash Bhasin Award" for outstanding contributions in the field of Health and Medical Sciences (1998), iii) Dr.B.C.Roy Award in the Highest category of Eminent Medical Person, Medical Council of India (2001) and iv) DSc (Honoris Causa) conferred by NTR University of Health Sciences, Andhra Pradesh (2002).

She has delivered 40 orations and had been Visiting Professor at 70 universities in India and abroad. She is a Fellow of National Academy of Medical Sciences, Andhra Pradesh Akademi of Sciences, Indian Academy of Neurology and National Academy of Sciences, India. She has played an important role in nurturing neurosciences in the country as Member of National organisations including Department of Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology, Indian Council of Medical Research and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). She is also Member of International bodies such as World Federation of Neurology, Expert Advisory Panel on Neurosciences of World Health Organisation and Fogarty International Brain Disorders Committee, National Institute of Health, USA and currently she continues to function in many of these National and International organisations. She is presently Honorary Advisor for Neurological Research of the Indian Medical Council of Medical Research.

Dr. Gourie-Devi was the Founder Editor of the journal, Annals of Indian Academy of Neurology and was a Member of Editorial Board of many International and National journals including Lancet Neurology, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Neuroepidemiology, Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology. She has many publications in National and International journals and contributed chapters in books.