



**Dr. Zulekha Daud**

Chairperson

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Dr. Zulekha Daud moved to the UAE from Nagpur, India in 1964 to pursue her dream of serving people in need and offer affordable medical facilities to all.

From a young age, Dr. Zulekha Daud's parents were her biggest role models, constantly encouraging her to take up new challenges, this eventually lead to her to receiving a medical degree from Government Medical College in Nagpur.

Following her move to the UAE, Dr. Zulekha Daud began working at Kuwaiti Mission Hospital in Sharjah. The region suffered from a shortage of female doctors and it wasn't long before she captured the hearts of patients with her dedicated service. She is the first female Indian medical professional and entrepreneur in the UAE who has diligently worked for the welfare of UAE nationals and expats at a time when access to healthcare was very limited.

Since arriving in the UAE five decades ago, Dr. Zulekha Daud has revolutionised the development of healthcare by following her dream of making world-class medical facilities available to families at affordable costs.

In 1992, Dr. Zulekha Daud established Zulekha Hospital in Sharjah, followed by a medical centre in Dhaid. Just over a decade later, she established a second hospital in Dubai. She now heads the Zulekha Healthcare Group which runs two multi-specialty hospitals, three medical centres and a pharmacy network.

Taking her brand of care to a place where people are bereft of basic medical amenities, Zulekha Group established Alexis Hospital in Nagpur to meet the medical needs of the local communities.