

**Dhananjay Kelkar**, son of Pramila and Kesheo Kelkar, well known Marathi author and Television personality, was born on 16th June 1954 in Nagpur. His mother was a science teacher. He was brought up from his childhood in Mumbai. He married Saida Kazi in 1981. He is survived by his wife, his son, Mihir and daughter in law Chinmayee, and second son Akhil. He was the younger brother of Dr Sanjeev Kelkar ex President of DFSI  
Mr Kelkar was pioneer in developing first time in India neuropathy evaluation equipment as import substitution even before all bigger companies came into the field. He also developed his own footwear manufacturing unit in Mumbai. His neuropathy assessment equipment is still being used across India.

Dhananjay Kelkar has been a R & D Engineer since 1977. His initial work was with Laxsons Pvt Ltd & Alpha Electricals, as Officer-In-charge of Jhaverbhai Patel Research Centre, founded and supported by ORWO India, all in Mumbai. He developed Audio-Visual Education Aids for rural education, in 1979.

Later he worked as a Consultant for Electronics for Industries like Aeronautics (Air India), Laser technology, Diamond manufacturing, Air pollution, Mass communication, and Feature film industry.

His core competency was in evolving product concepts as per various Industrial needs, optimizing its specifications, designing, and manufacturing some of these. They were geared for maintenance, monitoring and modification of working of High-tech systems, like the Large Engine Test House of Air India, or the money minting machines.

Working with the renowned ENT surgeon Dr. Milind Kirtane, he had developed medical instruments for assessing sensory neural functions, of human body, like Opto-Kinetic stimulator, Caloric Irrigator and cranio corpography apparatus for neuro-otological studies, Speech Spectrographic Display for speech therapy / education of the deaf.

Before getting into developing various useful measuring instruments in the area of Diabetic foot, now widely acknowledged, he has developed more than 400 medical and several new industrial instruments addressing specialized functions and needs. These include more than 25 Import substitute instruments.

DFSI has lost a pioneering instrument engineer who contributed significantly to growth of DFSI in its initial period of operations

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