

Previously the concept was to collect 24 hour sputum specimen. We found that the results were good enough if the specimen collection was made on the spot. However, the sputum collector has a special responsibility. The patient's posture while standing must be that he should place his arms on his hips while coughing to bring out the sputum. The collection must be done in shade and the sputum collector must have wind blowing away from him. I feel that the work done in the NTI laboratory is of high quality. For e.g., to prepare media, we do not buy eggs from the local market. A vehicle will go to Hesaraghatta, 26 miles away, where only fresh eggs are procured and brought for use in the media. The facilities are very good, as befitting a national laboratory.

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On 31.1.1995, Mr Simeon Ratnadurai retired from services. Here is what the head of section spoke of him at the felicitation function:

I feel honoured to work along with Mr Simeon Ratnadurai; so dignified he was; so unassuming. He never demanded anything for extra work or special tasks done... He knew all the machines in the laboratory and maintained them so well. There are some even now in running condition, some 30 years after commissioning! The machines will not forget him.

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३१ जनवरी सन् १९९५ को श्री. सिमियन रत्ना दुराई सेवा निवृत्त हुए । उनके विदाई समारोह में उनके विभागाध्यक्ष ने कहा, मैं सम्मान का अनुभव करती हूँ कि मैंने दुराई के साथ कार्य किया । श्री. दुराई अत्यन्त सम्माननीय व्यक्तित्व के थे जिन्होंने कभी भी अतिरिक्त कार्य के लिए कोई अतिरिक्त धन की मांग नहीं की । वह प्रयोगशाला की सभी मशीनों से भली भाँति परिचित थे तथा उसका अच्छा रख रखाव भी करते थे , इसलिए ३० वर्ष बाद भी मशीनों में से कुछ कार्य करने योग्य हैं । मशीनें उन्हें कभी भी नहीं भूलेंगी ।