Obituary

Brahm Prakash
(1937-2004)

An Accolade to a Karamyogi

There are a few exceptionally fortunate inhabitants of this world, who are sanctified with splendor of excellence in respective arena of their existence. That fortune is bestowed upon them by the Almighty and is nurtured with individual’s relentless hard work and dedication. The fragrance they emit is perceived by generations of followers. Hence they never breathe their last and become immortal.

Dr Brahman Prakash was one such standing example. An individual who commanded respect by the galaxy of neurosurgeon he trained in Delhi at G B Pant hospital. He was a very well respected name as a neurosurgeon par excellence. He had an aura of his own which attracted many surgeons to adopt neurosurgery as a specialty in this part of the country. He was very compassionate, kind hearted soul who would remain in the heart, and mind of many neurosurgeons who adore him.

He was born on 15th January, 1937 at village Karghaina District Barieli, Uttar Pradesh. His father Dr C L Saxena and mother Prema were always proud of his achievements from childhood. He did his primary schooling from Govt. high school- Barieli. Later he joined Christian college Lucknow. He did his MBBS, MS from King George Medical College Lucknow. Thereafter he went back to serve in Barieli for 2 years at Mission hospital. From here he was tempted to join Army and was posted for two years at Leh-Laddakh. His fate propelled him to MCh neurosurgery at AIIMS under Prof. P N Tandon. Thereafter ascend of his life was perceptible. He went to Norway from 1969-1971. He also had his training with Dr Christiansen at Ulleval hospital Oslo. From there he went to Zurich to refine himself as immaculate microneurosurgeon. On return to India he initially joined as faculty at AIIMS and soon shifted to G B Pant hospital as head of Neurosurgery in 1981.

Here he started MCh and trained a number of Neurosurgeon at G B Pant hospital. He served GB Pant hospital till 1993, took premature retirement, had a short stint at Friend Medical center Delhi. Later he rejuvenated Loin Hospital Delhi as his last assignment. He left his heavenly abode on midnight 12-13th May 2004.

His keen interest and passion was vascular neurosurgery. He had to his credit the initial use of LASER and CUSA in India. He also started Indo-Europa foundation and invited a number of European Neuroscientist to India. He also hosted NSI annual conference in 1986.

The governments of Kabul, Beirut, Bangladesh, etc, invited him. He was called as a special envoy to attend cricketer Arun Lamba, who sustained severe head injury while playing cricket at Dhaka and later succumbed to it.

In the year 2001 February, Delhi Neurological Association (DNA) coveted upon him the prestigious life time achievements award.

His wife is a very pious, social who along with his son and daughter have encouraged and helped many in various ways.

He was so popular among his patient that some of them had written poems in various languages e.g. Persian, Hindi, English praising him and his services to mankind. That was the exceptional achievement and treasure, which he only earned.

May God rest his soul in peace and give his family the courage to bear the loss.

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