Obituary

Des Raj Gulati

Professor Des Raj Gulati joined the Postgraduate Institute for Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh, in 1962 as an Assistant Professor. He had the unique distinction of starting both the departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery at this prestigious Institute and bringing them to national eminence. After 1969, he dedicated himself exclusively to the department of Neurological Surgery. An Alumnus of the McGill University, Montreal Institute of Neurology, Canada, he had the privilege of being trained under heavy weights like Professors Penfield, Rasmussen and Cone. His pioneering work on brain edema with Professor Pappius has been extensively quoted. A graduate from the Lahore Medical College, Prof Gulati did his Masters in Surgery from Amritsar and was on the panel of the board of several leading academic organizations of the country, including I.C.M.R., National Medical Academy, etc. He was elected President of the Neurological Society of India in 1980. He was the Dean of PGIMER from 1980 to 1983 and also served as Acting Director of PGIMER. An academician to the core, he was a rigorous taskmaster with capability of scrutinizing the most minor patient details with ease. He was both adored and loved by his juniors and students alike. A multifaceted personality, Dr Gulati was a man with a large heart, a broad warm smile and gentle, soft speech. Several of his juniors and his students occupy and head departments of international repute, both within and outside the country. We have lost the father of neurosciences of this region.

We pray that his soul may rest in peace.

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