

Letter to Editor

PADMA AWARD TO PROF. MAHDI HASAN: ACHIEVMENTS OF NON-CLINICIANS OF INDIA

Dear Editor,

Every anatomist of India is feeling proud for Padma award to Prof. Mahdi Hasan. He is the first anatomist of our country to receive this prestigious award of Government of India. I am glad that, at least now, the government has recognized the services of a non-clinical teacher / scientist belonging to the subject of anatomy.

In past, government has neglected all our distinguished anatomists for this award. In fact, not only anatomist, but all other distinguished non-clinicians are also neglected for this coveted award in spite of their tall stature. On the other hand, years after years, clinicians are making the list of Padma awardees from the medical field. Why? Reasons are quite obvious:

- Non clinical subjects are considered less important as compared to clinical subjects.
- Most of the policy making committees/agencies of government are dominated by clinicians.
- Clinicians are close to public and thus their services become easily visible / noticed.
- Clinicians are close to politicians / administrators, as many of these clinicians treat them and their family members.

All these factors mask the achievements of non-clinical teachers/scientists and thus they are constantly being sidelined.

When this scenario will change? In my opinion this will never change and non-clinical teachers / scientists would be constantly discriminated. Then what shall we neglected teachers and scientists do? In my opinion, the only solution of this discrimination is to raise our own stature by doing outstanding work in all the various fields i.e., teaching, research and publication of good standard textbooks. If we are able to raise our stature similar to that of Prof. Mahadi Hasan, probably it would be difficult for the government to neglect us.

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