

# Obituary

In Memoriam

## **Padmashree Prof. Dr. Mahdi Hasan - A Stalwart of Anatomy**

MBBS, MS (Hons), PhD, DSc, FAMS, FICS, FRMS, FNASc, FNA

(1936–2013)



Professor Mahdi Hasan was born in 1936. He did his MBBS from King George's Medical College, Lucknow in 1958 and MS (Hons) from the same institution in 1962. After serving this institution in the capacity of Demonstrator and Lecturer, he moved to Aligarh as Reader in Anatomy at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh. He served there for a long duration in different capacities, such as Reader; Professor and Chairman, Department of Anatomy; Dean, Principal and Chief Medical Superintendent. After retirement, he went back to his Alma-Mater King George's Medical College, Lucknow, and served the Department of Anatomy as Emeritus Professor for the rest of his life.

He has more than a hundred research publications in National and International journals of repute, besides this he has been awarded several Fellowships from National and International academies; and delivered many Orations. He has been advisor to WHO (1983–85) and served as Visiting Professor to a number of Universities, including University of Göttingen (Germany) 1972, Benghazi, Libya (1983–86), Tehran 1993–94, Nanchang, China (June–July 2005).

In recognition for his contributions to the Anatomical Society of India, Professor Mahdi Hasan was conferred the Society's highest honor—**Professor Inderjit Diwan-Lifetime Achievement Award**. He was an internationally renowned anatomist, a medical educationist and a pioneering brain researcher. He was a recipient of the prestigious **Dr. B.C. Roy National Award** in the category of '**Eminent Medical Teacher**' (1991–92), **Hari Om Ashram Alembic Award** of Medical Council of India (1979), **Dr. S.S. Misra Medal** of National Academy of Medical Sciences (India), **Dr. Dharam Narayan Gold Medal** of the Anatomical Society of India (1977), **Ati Vishisht Chikitsa Medal** of College of Chest Physicians of India (1995), **Sushruta Award** of World Academy of Integrated Medicine (WAIM) 2002, **Dr. Bachhawat Life-Time Achievement Award** of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (2004) and **Dr. Tirumurti Award** of Indian National Science Academy (2010). In the year 2012 he was awarded the coveted '**Padma Shri**' Award for his distinguished contribution in the development of Science in India.

His demise is a great loss to all fellow members and office bearers of Anatomical Society of India.

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An eminent Anatomist & beloved student of Prof. M. Hasan