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Obituary

Dr. Inderbir Singh – A stalwart of anatomy



MBBS, MS, PhD, MAMS, FAMS (1929-2014)

Professor Inderbir Singh was born on 29th August 1929 in a small town called Maymyo in Burma. The family migrated to Sialkot (now in Pakistan) in1942. He joined King Edward Medical College in Lahore but soon migrated to Amritsar due to partition and obtained MBBS degree in 1952 from Govt Medical College there. He got his Master's degree in 1959 from Govt Medical College, Patiala. He obtained PhD degree in 1965. He was awarded MAMS in 1964 & FAMS in 1974. He was also awarded WHO fellowship for one year at University of Cambridge, England in 1961–62. He joined PGIMS Rohtak in 1963 as Assistant Professor. He was promoted as Professor in 1970 and retired in 1989 as Professor & Head of Anatomy Department but continued to contribute towards Anatomy as Professor Emeritus. His commendable contribution in developing Anatomy Museums in Medical Colleges at Amritsar, Patiala and Rohtak cannot be forgotten.

Apart from teaching Anatomy, his main occupation was research. His research work has been quoted in several text books with more than hundred publications in National and International journals of repute. Staining methods developed by him at Rohtak have been widely used in other countries like Italy, Germany & USA.

He wrote his first book on Human Embryology in 1974 which was an instant success. This was followed by publication of more books covering all aspects of Anatomy which are also very popular amongst students as well as teachers. He was fairly advanced user of computers.

He has been General Secretary of Anatomical Society of India. In recognition of his great contributions to Anatomy, he was the First Anatomist to be conferred Professor Indarjit Dewan — Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012 at PGI, Chandigarh by North States chapter of Anatomical Society of India.

Besides Anatomy he had keen interest in painting and music. Above all he was a great human being, humility personified. He was honoured with Living Legend Award during North Zone Conference of IMA College of General Practitioners at Patiala in 2002.

He left for his Heavenly abode on March 3, 2014. His demise is a great loss to the entire Anatomy fraternity.

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