

OBITUARY



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8th January, 2019

“Professor JS Bajaj passed away on 8th January, 2019. With that, an era of academic giants at AIIMS is coming to an end. He was an exceptionally gifted scholar and statesman, who sailed academic seas with equal ease in India and abroad. He was among the first to have widespread Global recognition. He was equally adept in internal medicine, diabetes, pathology, anatomy, pharmacology and any other branch of medicine (I remember his impromptu discourse on arthrogryposis multiplex congenita at 10 PM in ward D2). Interestingly he mastered finance and economics in about two weeks time when he joined planning commission, and subsequently engaged in discussion with top economists in India. Once he was giving lecture in Sweden, and his bag (with plastic slides at that time) had not arrived, he gave his oration for 60 minutes on two remaining slides that he had, and received a standing ovation.

I and many other colleagues of mine have been fortunate to be taught by him. I have been mentored by him. I am, what I am today, is largely because of him.

This is my appreciation for a larger than life personality. A taller man who walked among many tall men/women”

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