Obituary

Professor Dr. B.N. Srivastava, former Head of the Department of Medicine and Dean NSCB Medical College, Jabalpur, MP, passed away on 22nd May, 2015 at 6.00 p.m. He was 85.

Professor Srivastava was born in Gwalior on 10th August, 1930. He had a meritorious academic career (9 Honours/Distinction in MBBS - 1951). He was awarded MD from Agra University. Also he received research fellowship in Cardiology (twice) 1956-Rockefeller & 1979-WHO and was trained at Washington, New York, London and Edinburgh.

Professor Srivastava was a medical teacher for more than 59 years (25 years as Professor). He retired as Dean, Medical College, Jabalpur in August 1990.

He was an excellent teacher. His lectures were interspersed with poems which was highly appreciated. His enumeration of various syndromes and quotes from history of medicine were very educative and impressive. Students used to get absorbed. Also he was a master clinician. His bedside skills were par excellence. He was often described as a walking encyclopaedia of Medicine.

Professor Srivastava was an academician to his core. He was passionate towards research. Publications of research papers and their presentation in conferences both in India and abroad was a regular feature. He has more than 200 papers and more than 250 publications to his credit. He also contributed chapters in various textbooks of Medicine viz API text book of Medicine, Advances in Medicine, Tropical Medicine. Prof Srivastava held several academic assignments viz. Member of Editorial board of JAPI, Indian Heart Journal, Journal of Diabetic Association.

Professor Srivastava had strong and long association with Association of Physicians of India and Indian College of Physicians. He actively participated in APICON regularly since 1957. He was member of Governing body (1972-73, 1989-90) Vice President (1988-89) in API. He was founder Fellow of Indian College of Physicians. He also founded the Jabalpur chapter of API in 1975 and was actively involved till the last day of his life. He organized the APICON - 1990 at Jabalpur. He was also President of Diabetic of Association of India (1988), Founder Member of Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSDDI), Vice President of CSI (1974) and Founder Fellow of Geriatric Society of India (GSI) and Vice President GSI (2000).

Professor Srivastava was well known for his oratory skills. He had good command on English, Urdu, Hindi and Sanskrit. He delivered many orations API (1986), IMA (1979, 1984) Diabetic Association of India (2003). To enhance education and research he started Orations. (API Oration, Jabalpur Chapter and Dr. B.N. Srivastava and Late Sarandulari Srivastava Award for RSSDI). Professor Srivastava was a great philanthropic. He donated Rs. 15 Lakhs for the construction of MICU and a Mini Auditorium in Department of Medicine at Medical College, Jabalpur, constructed rooms for pilgrims at Haridwar and banks of river Narmada at Jabalpur. He formed a charitable trust of all his property and donated his bungalow for the office of Jabalpur Chapter of API, Geriatric clinic and Yoga classes.

Prof Srivastava often used to say “BN MAY COME AND BN MAY GO BUT MEDICINE WILL GO ON FOREVER”. He will be remembered for Service, Dedication, Academics and Research.

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