

Sometimes things happen in life which you arent prepared for. The 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2021 was one such day when we lost our beloved Dr. (Col).Nikhil Moorchung to Covid.

Dr.(Col) Nikhil Moorchung- Born In New Delhi on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1969, completed his MBBS and MD (Pathology) from Armed Forces Medical College, Pune and DNB in 2000. He was conferred PhD in 2007 (Molecular Biology) from King George

Medical University, Lucknow and went on to acquire Fellowship of the Indian College of Pathologists- 2013 and International Fellowship of the Indian Council of Medical Research in 2014. He was a Member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences. With a rich experience of being associated with the Indian army for over a decade he had served as medical officer in Ladakh, Kashmir and Punjab under extreme conditions. He was the Recipient of Dr K C Basu Mallick Award 2006 and won National Awards for Best Research Papers for over 3 times under the IAPM. With over 60 original articles published in reputed national and international journals he authored a book 'Molecular Medicine Demystified'. He had served several academic posts including the cadre of HOD- Pathology at AFMC Pune and had worked as Senior Consultant – Surgical Pathology and Molecular Diagnostics in Anand Diagnostic Laboratory Bengaluru, had designed his own primers and standardised several molecular diagnostic tests.

An avid reader and an excellent writer, his middles were published regularly in Deccan Herald and Bangalore Mirror. He led a simple life with limited needs and was ever approachable when needed. Sir is survived by his wife Mrs.Mamta Moorchung and sons Udbhav and Siddharth.

My interaction with Sir was when he joined us as Head of Department in an upcoming Medical Institute during the latter half of 2020. Though with us for a few months, he has created memories for many of us to last for a lifetime

Dear Nikhil Sir, You will be remembered and missed beyond measure......

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