



Prof. Gouri Shankar Acharya

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Born in a well known family of ayurvedic physicians at Cuttack city in the year 1937, Dr. Acharya had a successful academic career. He passed his board examination in 1953 from the prestigious Ravenshaw Collegiate School, Cuttack and was felicitated as “Chhatra Gourav” in 2014 from his almamater.

He did MBBS from Utkal University in 1960 and MD in Pathology from Bihar University in 1965. He joined as lecturer in SCB Medical College, Cuttack and worked in various capacities in different medical colleges of Odisha. In 1977, he went to London for training in cytology for one year. After returning, started cytology examination (particularly FNAC) in Odisha. He was one among the few to start cytodiagnosis in India and tried whole heartedly to establish cytology as a diagnostic procedure. For his persistent endeavour to develop and establish cytology, he was felicitated by Chief minister of Odisha in the All India cytology conference ‘CYTOCON 2012’. He joined AHRCC (at present AHPGI) as Associate Professor and retired as Prof. & Head of Oncopathology from same institute in 1995. For last two years of his professional career, he served as Director of AHTCC, Cuttack. Even after retirement also, at the age of 85 before his death, he was able to help the patients with cytological diagnosis. He has outstanding contribution towards medical literature and has published many articles in indexed journals. He was elected as chairperson of Odisha chapter for the year 2013 and singlehandedly organised the successful state conference at Puri that year. He was chairperson of IAPM HQ Advisory Committee for the period from 2020 to 2022. For his dynamic career and extraordinary achievements, he was felicitated by various organisations with awards like “Baristha nagarika”, “Adarsha chikistaka” etc.

Prof. Acharya was not only very brilliant and successful, he was an outstanding teacher and leader, well behaved, good natured and affectionate personality. He used to give small parties at his residence to the pathologists and other medical faculties. He was doing lot of social services till his death and was deeply involved with Rotary international and various other philanthropic organisations. He had a very healthy life and left for heavenly abode without much suffering. He has left his wife, son and daughter behind him. The pathologists of Odisha and neighbouring states are in a deep shock due to his sudden death.

Praying Lord Jagannath to give enough strength to his family members to bear the irreparable loss.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.