



Obituary

This year in corona pandemic, we have lost many stalwarts and one among them was a senior member from KGMU, UP, Prof. Raj Mehrotra.

'Raj' as he was well known in pathologist community has been an active member in local and provincial circles, as well as, was socially active amongst all.

Dr. Raj was born in year 1950 to a pioneering pathologist family of late Prof. R.M.L. Mehrotra, who was one of the great pathologist of that time and acted as President of Indian Association of Pathologist and microbiologists besides serving as head of combined Department of Pathology and Bacteriology, KGMU.

Prof. Raj did his MBBS from GSVM medical College Kanpur in 1973 and there after trained in pathology in KG Medical College, Lucknow for postgraduation leading to award of MD in pathology and Bacteriology in 1977. He was well known internationally in eighties for his work with hepatitis viruses, both in medical practice as well as experimental and for his studies on Indian Childhood Cirrhosis (ICC).

He joined the department as lecturer in 1978 and rose to the post of Head of Upgraded Dept. of Pathology, KGMU. During his tenure, the department showed much expansion. Special histopathology techniques like IHC were developed. He encouraged development of hematology as a separate branch and state of the art Electron microscopy units. His tenure also witnessed great expansion of Hospital laboratory services with repertoire of almost full range of investigations under PPP model. He also worked as Dean, of famous King George's Medical College in Lucknow.

He retired in 2015; but remained very much active in local pathology circles and groups.

Due to his sudden demise the loss is great and the void shall be felt in pathology community of UP and India.

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