

Obituary



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Late Dr. T.N. Dhole, former Professor & Head, Dept. of Microbiology at the SGPGI, Lucknow, who played a major role in establishing an independent department of Microbiology, succumbed to Covid-19 on 22-09-2020 after a brief illness. He was born on 26th November 1953 in Lucknow. He had done his M.B.B.S., from Shivaji University, Kolhapur (Maharashtra) in 1979 and M.D. (Microbiology), from Dr. V. M. Medical College, Solapur (Maharashtra), in 1982. He was associated with Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow from May 1988 till his superannuation in November 2019.

He was distinguished by his 30 years of experience in viral diagnostics, teaching and research. He was instrumental in establishing the virology section, department of Microbiology at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences., Lucknow. He had to his credit 145 publications and presented numerous papers in national & international conferences. He trained many MD and PhD students.

He had worked with WHO since 1998 till his superannuation. He played a major role in eradication of poliomyelitis in Uttar Pradesh & Bihar. His thrust areas of research included studies of different aspects of polio, measles, viral encephalitis in UP, especially Japanese encephalitis, mostly focusing on mechanisms of JE entry across the blood brain barrier and predominance of viral transcription over cellular translation in virus infected cells. He had also worked on new enteroviruses in children suffering from acute viral encephalitis in Gorakhpur and metagenomics studies for many unknown viruses of acute flaccid paralysis where an etiology of encephalitis could be established. He was also a member of the task force of ICMR and helped in creation of

virology laboratories in different medical colleges. He was a member of several academic bodies and advisor to national immunization programme. He had recently received many prestigious awards like the Dr. S.C. Agarwal Oration award in 2011 by Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists, Prof. U.C. Chaturvedi oration by IAMM UP Chapter in 2014 and best researcher Dr. S. R. Naik award for the year 2015 from SGPGI. He was elected President of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists in 2017.

He was a recipient of several prestigious international fellowships like JICA Fellowship at Nagoya University, Japan, WHO Fellowship at CDC, Atlanta, USA, Japanese Society for Infectious Disease Fellowship at Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki, Japan and Bio-risk Management Course of WHO at Geneva, Switzerland. He will be remembered for all his contributions.

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