Dr. P. P. Karnik

Your Image is always in our heart

Some people are born to determine the quality of the Earth's future. They attract and unite people not through violence but through love. Being the example themselves they teach the others to love as well. Prof. P. P. Karnik of Mumbai was undoubtedly such a person. Unfortunately for us he breathed his last on 19.7.98. The vacuum which his death has created will be hard to fill. But we believe that though he is no longer physically present with us, he will always continue to live in our hearts through the ideals which he has inculcated. Inspired by his ideals, many other teachers and persons like him will be born in India. We pray for him today so that his soul may attain eternal peace. We extend our heartfelt sympathy towards all his family members and relatives.

Editorial

(Santanu Banerjee)

Calcutta

Born 1.8.1926

Died 19.7.1998

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Early Days of Golden Carrier

Dr. P. P. Karnik after extensive residency training in various disciplines of surgery such as General Surgery, Orthopaedics and E.N.T. at Seth G.S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital, Bombay, passed his M.S. examination from Bombay University in the year 1954 brilliantly with Distinction in the speciality of Otorhinolaryngology. He was appointed as an Hon. Asstt. Professor of E.N.T. Diseases at the same institution. He became Hon. Consultant at Dr. Balabhai Nanavati Hospital and Municipal E.N.T. Hospital in Bombay and Visiting Consultant at Wadia Hospital at Sholapur.

Famous Teacher and Orator

He was invited as a Visiting Professor at Postgraduate Institute of Medical Research and Education, Chandigarh, R.N.T. Medical College of Udaipur and Karnatak University at Hubli. He was invited as a Guest Speaker at number of State Branches of the Association at their respective annual conferences. He was invited to deliver Dr. Surjit Singh Memorial Lecture at Udaipur and Dr. Tule Memorial Annual Oration at Hyderabad. He was undergraduate and postgraduate teacher at Bombay University in speciality of Otorhinolaryngology. He was examiner at the various universities for postgraduate degree and was associated with the National

Academy of Medical Sciences as the faculty member and as an examiner at National Board in Otorhinolaryngology. He was a nominated member of faculty of Medicine at the Shivaji University at Kolhapur.

Educationist

Dr. Karnik was deeply Continuing Medical Education Programme by his participation at various conferences. He was instrumental in arranging various advance courses in Surgical Techniques in his speciality as the Chief Course Director at K.E.M. Hospital. He was also invited as a Guest Faculty at the various courses arranged by Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, B.Y.L. Nair Hospital and J. J. Group of Hospitals, Bombay and All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

Active Leader of AOI and Other Organisations

Dr. Karnik was the Hony. Treasurer, Hony Secretary and past president of the Association of Otolaryngologists of India, Past President of the International College of Surgeons (Indian Section) and International Vice-President of I.C.S., Chicago. He attended many national and international conferences and chaired many Symposia and Panel discussions. He had presented many papers.

Regarding International College of Surgeons which a multispeciality Association, he was accepted as a fellow in 1967. He was the Honorary Secretary of the Indian Section for about 8 years and was the President for 2 years. He was also Member of International Executive council for 4 years and Vice-President for 2 years. During his tenure the Indian Section which had a Membership of about 160 was raised to about 1000 Fellows which made the Indian Section as second highest in the International College of Surgeons. He was the organising Secretary of the Asian Federation Congress of ICS which was held in Bombay in 1973 which was acclaimed as the most successful one.

Philanthropist

Dr. Karnik was deeply involved in Social and Community service by organising various Deafness Surgery Camps.

Other Activities

He participated on Radio and Television talks and wrote articles for lay public. He was nominated as a Special Executive Magistrate by Government of Maharashtra. He had a number of publications to his credit.

He was appointed as Emeritus Professor E.N.T. He retired as honorary Professor and Head of Otorhinolaryngology from Seth G.S. Medical College and KEM Hospital Bombay.