

Obituary

Dr Laxman Dutt

It takes education and knowledge to become a good psychiatrist and to be clinically sound to become a good and successful medical practitioner. But to be a pioneer and leading frontman in a field which in the 1980s was a stigma is a life time achievement only few would be worthy of acquiring. Dr Lakshman Dutt, a brilliant psychiatrist, a passionate teacher and a warm human being is no more with us. It is difficult to swallow such a fact especially because of the fact that not only he was an eminent fraternity member but also a very close friend.



He was the most loved and adored Emeritus Associate Professor of NHL Municipal Medical College, V S Hospital, Ahmedabad under whom more than 25 students took their strides to become successful psychiatrists. Every student had a common opinion that he was an ever-encouraging examiner in university exams and a patient teacher who brought the best out of every student.

Dr Dutt was my close friend since undergraduate days. Over and above having our Psychiatric Nursing Homes within one km radius of the Ashram Road, Ahmedabad, we jointly established Gujarat Private Psychiatrist Nursing Home Association in 1998 to fight against problems of private nursing homes. The success of our joint fight ultimately resulted in establishing Gujarat State Branch of Indian Association of Private Psychiatry in 2001. I was the founder President and Dr Dutt was Founder Vice President. We jointly organized five CMEs of IAPP Gujarat Branch. Dr Dutt then took over as President of IAPP Gujarat State Branch from 2006 till his sad demise. He organized Psychiatric Updates regularly every year for 15 years. Dr Dutt also successfully organized 13th Annual Conference of IAPP at Ahmedabad in 2013.

Today after his demise, psychiatry is experiencing a big void at the loss of a legendary figure but if you ask me personally I am observing a painful loss of a dear friend, the very very Special Dr Lakshman Dutt.

I pray the almighty to give strength and courage to his wife Nishaben and two daughters to face this calamity on the family.

May his Soul Rest in peace!

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