

With deep regret we wish to inform you about the sad demise of Dr. S.K. Sama, Vice President, DAVCMC and Chairman of our school. DLDAV family mourns the loss of this inspirational leader.

Dr. S.K. Sama was an iconic figure in the field of medicine. Known for his expertise in endocrinology and diabetology, he was considered by many as the Father of Gastroenterology in India. His researches have been documented by over 45 articles, published in peer reviewed national and international journals. The Government of India awarded him the civilian honor of the Padma Shri in 2004 for his pioneering research on liver diseases including Non-cirrhotic portal fibrosis and Hepatitis B. Dr. Sama also received the highest Indian medical honour of Dr. B. C. Roy Award in 2004. The International Association for Preventive Cardiology honored him with their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. He was also a recipient of several other awards such as Punjab Rattan Award, DMA Ratna Award, Bharat Jyoti Award, Bhaskar Award, Human Care Award and Delhi Rattan Award. He was a life member of the Indian Society of Study of Liver Disease, Indian Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, American Gastroenterology Association and Association of Physicians of India and was the president of the New Delhi chapter of the Indian Medical Association. He was a part of the Board of Advisors of the American Hospital Management Company and served as the personal physician to the President of India in 2001. In 1976, he joined Sir Ganga Ram Hospital as an honorary physician of gastroenterology and served the charitable hospital for 36 years, including as its chairman from 1995 to 2006. During this period, he founded the Gastroenterology department there which has now grown to become a centre of excellence. He was also the vice president of the Managing Committee of DAV College.

DLDAV Shalimar Bagh fraternity also had the privilege of knowing Dr. Sama not just as a professional but as a great philosopher and a sensitive and compassionate human being. He inspired the students to dream and think positively and step beyond the text books to explore undiscovered realms like the relationship between Science and philosophy. His peaceful demeanor and sensible advice motivated the faculty to meet all challenges head on.

In him we found a father, guide and mentor...He has left a vacuum that will be hard to fill. Adieu Sir! DLDAV Shalimar Bagh Fraternity will miss you. May your soul rest in peace!