

*On a personal note*

**Prof AK Banerjee** was one of the First Generation Neuropathologists of India. I was introduced to him by my husband who belongs to PGI alumni. I used to listen to the stories of CPCs and the neuropathology work done by him. Though I knew him for about 40 years, I had limited interaction with him then. I used to be in awe of his distinguished personality and knowledge and always looked up to him with reverence.

In 2014 in the annual conference of Neurological Society of India, Prof Banerjee received Lifetime Achievement Award. On that day evening (6<sup>th</sup> December 2014), seven of us including Prof Sarala Das, Prof AK Banerjee and others formed a group to start the Neuropathology Society of India. Since the inception of NPSI and in the years that followed, he guided the society with his expert advice and wisdom. I had an opportunity to interact with him more closely during the NPSI conference held at PGI in 2019. Following my Presidential Oration in 2021 NPSI, what touched me most was his personal call to congratulate me. I treasure those moments forever.

Great men move on leaving their foot prints in the sands of time. I pay my respects to him. He will be remembered forever for his great contributions and kindness.

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