

Homage

Homage to Dr Arvind Pandey: A Valuable and Dear Colleague



On 2nd June 2024, we lost Dr Arvind Pandey, a distinguished colleague. Dr Pandey was directly associated with Indian Journal of Leprosy (IJL). He served as a member of Editorial Board of IJL for nearly 16 years from 2008 to till his death in 2024. Prof Arvind Pandey passed away rather prematurely at the age of 69 years and 5 months (02 January 1955 – 02 June 2024).

Prof Pandey was an internationally acclaimed biostatistician, epidemiologist and population scientist. He did his bachelor's and master's degrees in science from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He also earned his PhD from BHU. After completing his education, he served at International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) in Mumbai, Maharashtra. During those years he also worked with several well-known personalities abroad.

Prof. Pandey moved to New Delhi in the year, 2000 as Director of ICMR's Institute for Research

in Medical Statistics which was renamed as NIMS- National Institute for Medical Statistics. From that time onwards we started knowing each other and also worked together in different capacities. He made several important contributions to health research including leprosy. His contributions on application of inverse sampling technique to national sample survey for the assessment of load of leprosy cases across country will always be remembered. His more than 300 publications speak for his competence and insight regarding the application of statistics to biomedical research for solving a variety of health issues.

As a member of editorial board of IJL we were immensely benefitted by his advice. He served as a mentor to many. To sum-up, Dr Pandey was a lovable, simple and kind hearted colleague. As a professional and administrator, he was loved and admired by all.

Indian Journal of Leprosy pays homage to Professor Arvind Pandey, a great scientist and wonderful human being – Editor.