

OBITUARY

Prof. Lata Kumar



(1940-2020)

Professor Lata Kumar, who was born in Jaipur, did her initial education from MGD College. Later she graduated from SMS Medical College Jaipur in 1963 and did her postgraduation in Pediatrics from AIIMS in 1966.

Then she went to Denver, Colorado (USA) for Fulbright Scholarship for training in Allergy. She was associated with Professor Ishizaka (the discoverer of IgE). She joined PGIMER Chandigarh in 1971 and laid the foundation of Allergy and Asthma Clinic. Her contribution to this field is invaluable. She was a mentor to several internationally renowned pediatricians and super-specialists in Pediatrics. Her motherly attitude and guidance went a long way in shaping the career of her students.

She was the President of the Indian College of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. She was married to Prof. Vijay Kumar who is the founder of Department of Community Medicine in PGIMER, Chandigarh and is a renowned public health expert. Her demise has been a great loss to the Pediatric fraternity.

She passed away on 24th January, 2020 in the presence of her loving family. She will always remain in our hearts not just for her vast knowledge, administrative skills, and passion for teaching, but also for her calming and pleasant personality.