

## Obituary



**Dr. K. K. Menon**

Nearly a year ago, on a casual meeting at National Hospital, Kozhikode, Dr. K. K. Menon told me that he gets breathing difficulty in closed rooms occasionally and that he is having mild interstitial lung disease. I took it lightly and never expected that he will leave us so early.

My association with Dr. Menon began in December 1987 when I joined Calicut Medical College as tutor in PMR. I had been lucky to continue this association till 2000 in the same department and afterwards in National Hospital after my retirement in 2009. In the Medical College, we, his colleagues used to see him always meticulously dressed with neck tie and shoes, one of the most well dressed professors in the institution. He was a good teacher, efficient administrator, experienced physiatrist, expert organiser and a talented singer.

Dr. Menon joined the PMR department in Trivandrum Medical College in 1974 after his MS in Orthopaedics from Moulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. Later he joined Calicut Medical College in December 1975 and had been there as head of the department till his retirement in 2000 except for 2 years from 1982 when he went to UK for his fellowship in PMR. He had been instrumental in developing the PMR department in Calicut to one of the most advanced centres in the state with its own separate building housing OP, IP, therapy and limb centre. He started the DPMR course in Calicut in 1992 with 4 seats per year. Later, he moved all necessary papers to start MD course, though he had to retire before the MCI gave its approval for the same.

After retirement from Government service, he was Principal in KMCT Medical College, Kozhikode till 2011 and later in Kerala Medical College, Palakkad till January 2016.

Professor Menon was an active member of IAPMR for many years and was its National President during 1999-2001. He was examiner for MD and DNB in various institutions for many years.

He inspired me to start The Psychiatrists' Society in Calicut in 2001 as an academic platform for our members. Later he was one of my strong supporters to relaunch the Kerala Chapter of IAPMR in 2006.

Dr. Menon was a good organiser and I still remember the successful national conference he organised in Calicut in 1987 and many other local and South Indian Conferences. He was a talented singer and used to entertain the delegates during these conferences with his sweet Malayalam and Hindi songs.

Dr. Menon was admitted in the hospital during the second week of August with respiratory infection which got worsened because of his preexisting problem and left us to his heavenly abode on August 22, 2016 at the age of 70.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

With his demise, we lost one of the seniormost members of our specialty. May God bless his soul.

**Dr. George Joseph**