

## **Dr. C.S. Bhaskaran**

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Prof. C.S. Bhaskaran was a renowned Microbiologist and a Medical Educationist. Born on December 9, 1932, he graduated from Medicine from Madras University, and took M.D. (Bact & Path) from Andhra University. He had advanced training in Microbiology in London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London. He served as Professor of Microbiology for over 2 decades and worked as Additional Director and Director of Medical Education, Director, Institute of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Laboratory Services and Vice Chancellor of N.T.R. University of Health Sciences in Andhra Pradesh. He was an outstanding teacher, excellent research worker and an able administrator. He had trained several generations of postgraduate students and published research papers in journals of high impact.

He was the recipient of Fellowships of the Royal College of Pathologists, London; National Academy of Medical Sciences (India); Association of Basic Medical Sciences of India; Indian College of Pathologists; and A.P. Academy of Sciences. He was conferred Honorary Doctorate in Science (DSc. h.c), N.T.R. University of Health Sciences. He also received Dr. B.C. Roy National Award in the Category of Eminent Medical Teacher (MCI), Dr. H.I. Jhala Award, Dr. Siva Reddy Award, Dr. Shankar Benerjee Memorial Award.

He delivered Dr. Govinda Reddy Oration (NTR UHS), Dr. V.R. Khanolkar Oration (1999-2000) & Dr. B.K. Anand Oration (2009-10) of the NAMS and Dr. Lalitha Kameswaran Oration (Dr. MGR Tamil Nadu Medical University).

He was associated with several National and International Organizations such as MCI, ICMR, NBE, Planning Commission and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India and WHO. As a recognition of his professional excellence and leadership, he was elected as the President of the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists.

Dr. C.S. Bhaskaran had been associated with National Academy of Medical Sciences since his election as a Fellow in 1972 and was elected as Emeritus Professor of the Academy in recognition of proven track record of professional excellence and subject expertise of a high order. He had served the Academy with distinction and was Council Member (2006-09, 2009-12) and Vice-President of the Academy (2002-03, 2010-2012). He was elected and installed as President of the Academy in October 2012, and presided over Annual General Body meetings held in October 2013 at Jodhpur and October 2014 at Rishikesh.

With his qualities of equanimity, academic eminence, and professional excellence, Prof. C.S. Bhaskaran was a source of inspiration to the Academy, providing high quality of leadership. He was awarded Life Time Achievement Award in 2014 but he insisted that he will receive the award on the completion of his term in 2015.

His death in the early hours of July 6, 2015 left an irreplaceable void. We pay homage and pray to bestow peace on the departed soul and give strength to Mrs. Dr. Bhaskaran to bear this profound loss.



(Prof. J.S. Bajaj)