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Obituary and Tributes to Dr Prem Prakash Gupta



Dr Prem Prakash Gupta
(16th July, 1941 – 16th August, 2026)

With profound grief and deep sorrow, the Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists (IAVP) and Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists (ICVP) mourns the sad demise of **Dr Prem Prakash Gupta**, one of the most distinguished, eminent and highly decorated Veterinary Pathologists of his generation, who **passed away on 16th August 2026**, leaving behind a rich and enduring legacy in Veterinary Pathology, veterinary education and scientific research.

Born on 16th July, 1941 at Moradabad, India, Dr Gupta pursued an outstanding academic career, obtaining his B.Sc., B.V.Sc. & A.H., M.V.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from premier institutions in India, including Meerut College, the U.P. College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Mathura, and the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He further enriched his professional expertise through advanced training at the Royal College of Veterinary Science, Uppsala, Sweden, where he was awarded the F.R.V.C.S.

Dr Gupta served the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, as a Research Officer before joining Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, where he served with distinction as Associate Professor and Professor of Veterinary Pathology. He subsequently served as Head, Department of Veterinary Pathology, and Additional Director of Research (Veterinary and Animal Sciences). He retired from university service in July 2001 after an illustrious academic career spanning several decades.

As a scientist, Dr P.P. Gupta made seminal contributions to the understanding of cardiovascular, respiratory, genital, mycoplasmal and mycotic diseases in animals. His research significantly enriched veterinary disease pathology and contributed to the advancement of veterinary science in India. As a teacher, he inspired generations of veterinary students and postgraduate scholars through his profound knowledge, clarity of thought and commitment to academic excellence.

His exceptional contributions were recognised through numerous prestigious national and international awards and honours, including the Science Pioneer Prize of the Egyptian Veterinary Association, ICAR Team Research Award, ICAR Best Teacher Award, Smt. Pushpa Sriramachari Award of ICMR,

Meritorious Teacher Award of PAU, ICAR Outstanding Teacher Award, Drs N.C. Jain and J.L. Vegad Award, ICAR Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award, IAVP Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr P. Bhattacharya Memorial Award, Distinguished Service Awards, and the Glory of India Award. He was also elected Fellow of the National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (India) and Fellow of several professional and academic organisations.

Beyond his scientific accomplishments, Dr Gupta was admired for his warm, generous, jovial and ever-helpful personality. He was a mentor in the truest sense of the word and extended his guidance and encouragement generously to students, young scientists and colleagues. His presence at meetings and conferences of the Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists was always marked by warmth, affection, camaraderie and intellectual inspiration. To many members of the veterinary fraternity, he was not only a respected senior scientist but also a cherished teacher, mentor and friend.

Dr Gupta was also a visionary founder member of the Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists (ICVP), established in 2008. His foresight and commitment played an important role in shaping professional standards, training and board certification in Veterinary Pathology in India. His contribution to the development and professionalisation of Veterinary Pathology will remain an important part of the history of the discipline in the country.

In recognition of his monumental contributions to Veterinary Pathology and his enduring legacy, the Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists established the prestigious “Dr P.P. Gupta Oration Award” in his honour. This distinction stands as a lasting tribute to his exceptional contributions to the profession and will continue to inspire future generations of Veterinary Pathologists.

Dr Prem Prakash Gupta was a teacher by heart, a researcher by passion, a mentor by nature and a friend to many. His remarkable legacy extends far beyond his publications, awards and academic positions. It lives on in the students he taught, the researchers he guided, the colleagues he inspired and the institutions and professional organisations he helped strengthen.

His passing is an irreparable loss to the veterinary fraternity, the academic and scientific community, and to all those who had the privilege of knowing and learning from him. His contributions to Punjab Agricultural University, the Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists, the Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists, the National Academy of Veterinary Sciences and the broader veterinary profession shall be remembered with immense respect, gratitude and affection.

On behalf of the Indian Association of Veterinary Pathologists (IAVP) and Indian College of Veterinary Pathologists (ICVP), we convey our heartfelt and deepest condolences to the bereaved family, relatives, colleagues, students, disciples and countless admirers of Dr Prem Prakash Gupta. At this hour of profound grief, we pray that his family and loved ones may find strength and solace in the remarkable life, achievements and lasting legacy he leaves behind.

May the Departed Noble Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.

OM Shanti.

With Deepest Respect, Gratitude and Reverence:

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