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Candidate for Executive Committee Member

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Professional profile

Professor of Neurology at IMS–BHU with more than 25 years of teaching experience and two terms as Head of Department. His work combines clinical neurology, postgraduate education, institutional administration and community service. As Organising Secretary of IANCON 2025 Kashi, he worked closely with the Academy and the organising team to host its 32nd Annual Conference. His academic interests include amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and neurolathyrism, with more than 80 research publications and four books.

Service to the Indian Academy of Neurology

Organising Secretary, IANCON 2025 Kashi. Worked with the Organising Chairperson, Treasurer and IAN Executive on the national conference in Varanasi. Responsibilities included coordination of the scientific programme, faculty and delegate arrangements, registration, accommodation, industry partnerships and cultural activities.

The meeting brought together national and international faculty, with pre-conference workshops, oral and poster presentations, and opportunities for professional exchange. An IAN Life Member since 2005, he brings direct experience of working with the Academy and coordinating a major national academic meeting.

Academic and institutional leadership

Professor of Neurology, IMS–BHU | 2013–present. Head of Department, December 2013–December 2015 and December 2021–2024.

Medical Superintendent, Sir Sundarlal Hospital, BHU | July 2018–February 2019. Experience in hospital administration alongside academic and clinical responsibilities.

Chairman, Gymkhana, IMS–BHU (since November 2017); Student Advisor, Faculty of Medicine (since July 2019); Proctor, BHU Proctorial Board (2013–2014); Invited Member, BHU Court (2019). Adjunct Faculty, ISLS, Institute of Sciences, BHU, since 2017.

Earlier appointments include Assistant Professor and Associate Professor at IHBAS, Delhi (2005–2011); Associate Professor at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong (December 2007–August 2008); and Consultant at Fortis Hospital, Noida (July–November 2004). At IHBAS, he also held administrative responsibilities for purchase, radiology and security, and served as an Enquiry Officer for the Government of NCT of Delhi.

Medical education and professional standards

Assessor for NAAC and NMC; inspector for DM Neurology courses under MCI/NMC. Served on faculty selection and expert committees for universities and institutions, including Sher-e-Kashmir University, RIMS Ranchi, UGC and NBRC Manesar. Member, Academic Council, Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Handicapped University, Chitrakoot (2019–2022); Advisory Board member, Sadguru Janki Kund Hospital, and Special Advisor to the Super Speciality Development Programme, JKC, Chitrakoot.

Community neurology and public awareness

Organised 812 rural health camps for stroke and epilepsy since 1998 across Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi. Since 2013, organised 73 epilepsy awareness camps under Baigini Banaras, using screenings of Ek Naya Din to support public education.

Directed the epilepsy awareness film Ek Naya Din, recognised in The Lancet Neurology in March 2014, and produced The Dying Man and His Dying City, an awareness feature film on motor neurodegenerative disease, released digitally worldwide. Other outreach activities include epilepsy and stroke education, headache consultancy through www.kapardard.com, and brain health programmes in schools.

Qualifications and academic contributions

DM Neurology, SGPGIMS, Lucknow, 2004

MD Medicine, Banaras Hindu University, 1997

MBBS, Banaras Hindu University, 1993

More than 80 research publications. Books include Textbook on Epilepsy, Textbook of Brain Stroke Terminology, Textbook of Care Giving in Neurological Patients, and Dandapani Cha Bhairavam.

Invited guest lecturer at Karlstad University, Sweden (2018). Presented at international conferences since 1994 in Stockholm, Berlin, Copenhagen, Kathmandu, Abu Dhabi, Singapore, Sydney, Hong Kong and Bangkok.

Organising Secretary, Institute Day (2014–2017), and member of the organising committee for JHANKI during the IMS centenary celebrations (2013–2019).

Selected awards and honours

Research Publication Awards (2024 and 2025); Mahamana Madan Mohan Malviya Award, Mahamana Malviya Mission, New Delhi (2018); Man with a Mission, Village Health Mission (2015); Certificate of Excellence, ECE, Stockholm (2014); Vigyan Gaurav Award, Science Academy, Allahabad (2013); and Medical Excellence Award, South Asia Foundation, New Delhi.

Professional associations

Indian Academy of Neurology; Delhi Neurological Association; Indian Epilepsy Association; Association of Physicians of India; Indian Medical Association; Movement Disorder Society of India; American Academy of Neurology; and Red Cross Society of India. Executive Member, Village Health Mission, New Delhi.

Priorities as an Executive Committee member

If elected, I would work with fellow members to strengthen the Academy's academic programmes and support its scientific and administrative work. My priorities would be to:

- Make continuing neurological education more accessible to colleagues practising in remote areas through effective use of digital platforms.
- Encourage young neurologists to participate more actively in the Academy and build lasting professional connections.
- Expand public awareness of neurological disorders, drawing on experience in rural health camps and community education.

I would bring to this responsibility my experience in teaching, institutional leadership, national conference organisation and community neurology.