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## **OBITUARY**

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Our beloved, Dr. Panna Choudhury breathed his last on September 1, 2015 at New Delhi. Born on April 1, 1947 at Assam, he obtained MBBS (1968) and Diploma in Child Health (1971) from Dibrugarh University, and then completed his MD (Pediatrics) from Delhi University in 1974. He worked in various capacities at Lok Nayak Hospital, Delhi; Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi; and JIPMER, Pondicherry; before finally superannuating as Consultant Pediatrician from Lok Nayak Hospital, New Delhi in 2009.

Dr. Panna Choudhury, an accomplished academician, had devoted his most productive life span in the service of Indian Academy of Pediatrics. After serving the Editorial Board of Indian Pediatrics in various capacities for two

decades, he assumed charge as Editor-in-Chief (2002 to 2007). During his tenure, the journal scaled greater heights including getting indexed in Science Citation Index Expanded, which paved the way for obtaining its first Impact factor. He was elected as the Secretary and President of IAP (Delhi), and subsequently became the National President of IAP in 2009. Even later, he continued to guide the Academy in various positions including as Chairman of IAP Committee on Immunization (2008-2011), Chairperson of the national Newborn Resuscitation Program (NRP) under IAP (since 2009; aimed at improving child survival), and IAP National President's Special Representative. Other noteworthy assignments included National Convener of Indian Academy of Pediatrics 'Under 5 Child Survival Intervention Program' (2007), Chairperson and Secretary of Nutrition subchapter of Indian Academy of Pediatrics, Editor of the Bulletin of the Nutrition subchapter 'Nutrisearch', and Convener of IAP Task Force for framing Guidelines for Management of Diarrhea and IAP Task Force for Hospital Management of Severely Malnourished Children.

Dr. Panna Choudhury was a founder member and the Vice-Chairman of Child Health Foundation an organization established for the promotion of child survival, child health and child development. He served as an Advisor/Expert/Investigator for many organizations including WHO, UNICEF, INCLEN, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association, Emory University, ICMR, Journal of Pediatrics, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Government of India. He was a certified Master Trainer for 'Helping Babies Breathe' course by American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Choudhury was visiting Faculty at John Hopkins School of Public Health, Children's Hospital of Michigan, and St. Mary's Hospital, London. He had about 100 publications in reputed journals and co-edited many popular books notably 'Principles of Pediatric and Neonatal Emergencies', 'Nutrition in Children: Developing Country Concerns', Frontiers in Pediatrics', Pediatric Drug Companion, IAP Text Book of Pediatrics and Guidebook of IAP Committee on Immunization. Dr. Panna Choudhury had been conferred with fellowships of IAP, National Academy of Medical Sciences, and Royal College of Tropical Medicine and Child Health. Dr. Choudhury was an astute clinician. Above all, his humane qualities were noteworthy - he had a smiling and a gentle disposition, was ever ready to help those in need, and could settle disputes when no ready solutions were in sight. He always kept national interest in the forefront while advocating and working for the survival and betterment of the children of the country. Dr. Choudhury is survived by his wife (Prof. Monisha Choudhury), two daughters (Pallavi, Surabhi), and three grandchildren. He has left behind a void, which would be difficult to fill. May his soul rest in peace.

## BY: Dr. Dheeraj Shah, Dr. Piyush Gupta and Dr. HPS Sachdev

## Dr. S. S. Kamath & Dr. Pravin Mehta

## A True IAPian!

We salute one of the great stalwarts of IAP - Dr. Panna Choudhury. He was a highly accomplished academician with a very high clinical acumen who gave a large part of his most productive life span in the service of Indian Academy of Pediatrics.

He made a very humble beginning in IAP by joining as an Ordinary Member in the year 1976 and gradually scaled the highest and most coveted post of becoming the President in the year 2009. A small glimpse of his journey in IAP is given below.

Dr. Panna Choudhury joined IAP as an Ordinary Member in the year 1976. He progressed to become a Life Member in the year 1986 subsequently followed by becoming a Fellow Member in the year 1993. He was an Executive Board Member in the years 1989, 1993, 1995 and 1996. He became the Vice President in the year 1998 and finally held the highest post of IAP President in the year 2009. He was also the Editor-in-chief for our publication Indian Pediatrics from the year 2002 to 2007 during which he ensured that the journal got the recognition it deserved and scaled much higher heights. He was also the Executive Director in the year 2013 and the President's Representative in the years 2014 as well as 2015. Dr. Panna also held the posts of Co-Chairperson (2007 and 2008), Chairman (2009 and 2011), Ex-officio member (2012) and Rapporteur (2013 and 2014) in IAP's Committee On Immunization. He was the Immediate past chairman of the NRP FGM Project module. He was a contributor in IAP Textbook of Pediatrics (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> as well as 5<sup>th</sup> editions) and was also the Senior Editor for the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Dr. Panna was the National Advisor for the Child India Team and served as a Vice-Chairman for the Child Health Foundation for 3 consecutive years (2010-2013).

This shows his dedication and seriousness towards IAP. Not just IAP, he has many international accolades as well. He was an Advisor/Expert/Investigator for many organizations including WHO, UNICEF, INCLEN, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association, Emory University, ICMR, Journal of Pediatrics, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Government of India. He was also a certified Master Trainer for 'Helping Babies Breathe' course by American Academy of Pediatrics. He was visiting Faculty at John Hopkins School of Public Health, Children's Hospital of Michigan, and St. Mary's Hospital, London. In spite of having so many achievements under his belt, he was one of the most humble and down-to-earth person. He was always ready to help anybody who needed help with an ever smiling face.

Dr. Panna Choudhury – A name which has touched hearts in every small field that IAP has, a name that has given birth to quite a number of successful programs as well as ensured that the others scale greater heights during his tenure, a name which is UNFORGETTABLE and will always remain truly IMMORTAL, in our hearts!! IAP truly mourns losing one of its biggest assets and an amazing human being, and salutes the spirit of Dr. Panna Choudhury – A TRUE IAPian at heart!!

Dr. S. S. Kamath	Dr. Pravin Mehta
President, IAP	Hon. Sec. Gen., IAP

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Aug'15 at Hyderabad.Now we are shockd to earn that we will be missing you forever.

How ever your loveable nature, dedicated service to IAPand everlasting guidance to IP and your love and affection for me will remain evergreen in our memory.

May God give your famiy members enough strength to yr Family Membes to bear your sudden departure to the Heavenly Abode!

P erfection was thy name!

A dorable affection to colleagues was your trade mark!

N eutrality was thy grea tasset!

N ovel ides were inborn in you!

A ctive particiation in Public Private Partnership is a satuding example for all of us!

C reditable were your achivements!

H umiliy was your great virtue!

O utstanding Contribution to IP & IAP wereyour assets!

U nity is strength was your slogan!

D istinguished community servivce was always close to your Heart!

H umane was your approach to Problems in IAP!

U nique were your qualities as a true Humanbeing!

R are to have aperson like you in near future!

Y esterday you were with us physicaly and today and always in our everlasting Memories!

In deep grief and mourning.

Dr. Swati Bhave sybhave@gmail.com

Yes very sad and shocking untimely death

very good memories of working with him

Dr.T.U. Sukumaran tusukumaran@gmail.com

I know Dr. Panna Choudhury for the last 20 years .He was a good friend ,philosopher and adviser to me.He was one of the outstanding national president of I.A.P and started a number of novel programes during his presidentship. He is the godfather of NRP, a program for improving neonatal survival. He was one of the best editors of Indian Pediatrics. IAP has lost one of its illustrious sons and his loss is irreperable. Let us pray for his soul rest in peace.

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It was shock out of blue! I could never imagine in my wildest dreams that Leukemia will take him away from us within a month of its diagnosis. Pannaji has proved the age old saying that God indeed needs finest of fine people in the heaven.

I have had very nostalgic memories with him, since I had privilege to work very closely with him for many yrs in IAP. He was the President of IAP and I was fortunate to be HSG during his presidency. As I known him,dr Pannaji was a rare breed of those human beings who are born once in centuries. He was a personifide combination of a simple,polite, sauve,affectionate,ever smiling,pleasing personality but equally brilliant with academic acumen and meticulous editing capabilities. In fact I tasted the power of presidency when I was HSG under him, since he vested all the powers of decisions and their executions with me but ofcourse under his supervision and consultation. He was not only friend,guide and boss to me but the Big Brother, who always corrected me very politely whenever I erred. He nurtured me in to an admin and mentored in making president out of me.

Though in his sixties, he was child at heart who use to live and enjoy life. It is difficult to believe that barely 3 months back he flew in to Mumbai to physically, he is very much with us- within all of us thru his sweet memories b'coz his soul is Immortal...

## Dr YC Mathur, Hyderabad yc.mathur@gmail.com

Very sad to know the death of dear Panna.A very good academician .Worked as editor Indian pediatrics and elected IAP President.Most deserving.Always smiling and a loveable person.We will certainly miss him

Dr. Vijay N. Yewale vnyewale@gmail.com

It's difficult to accept that Dr Panna Chaudhary is no more with us. It's been a very untimely and sudden jolt to all of us and we have lost a hardcore IAPian, a noble soul. I had the opportunity to work with him in different administrative capacities, as an EB member, then AAA but what brought us very close was during my tenure as the IAP Immunization Committee convener under his chairmanship. It was a great learning opportunity for me and I will treasure the rich pearls of editorial wisdom that I received from him. My tenure as the IAP President 2014 wouldn't have been complete without his guidance, especially whenever I ran into crisis. He had an unmatched capacity to maintain cool and think rationally even during difficult situations. He was a true friend

I pray for peace in heaven to his soul and may God give enough courage and strength to the family to bear with his physical absence from among all of us.

Long live Panna da.



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यसपि मृत्यु एक शाश्वत सत्य हैं, किन्तू किसी 'सुजन- रचजन का इस तरार अच्चनक रूठ कर बले जाना हृदय को विदीर्ण करने थाला है। अभी ठेव माठ पहले की ही तो बात हैं. 25 जुलाई 15 को मेरे बेटे के विवाह में शामिल होने आदरणीय भामी जी सहित ग्वालियर आये थे। बीढे अस्वरच्य लग रहे वे हल्का ज्वर था। दिल्ली लौटकर जाये कराने पर बीमारी की गमीरता का पण चला।

28 अगरत 2015 को मामी जी से अनुमति लेकर सुबह करोब एक घंटे उनसे मुलाकात की थी। निर्देश था कि मजदीक न आजे, संक्रमण का भय था, घाहाकर भी समुधि की छाया को संजोकर न रख सका।

यह जनका भाषनात्मक लगाव ही था कि 2002 में जब में भारतीय शाल अजादमी की केन्द्रीय कार्यकारिणों का प्रथम यार सदस्य बना, आपने प्रमुख संपादक के अधिकार से मुझे 'इंठियन पीडियाट्रिका' की राष्ट्रीय सलातकार समिति में शामिल कर लिया। अपने 8 थर्षों के कार्यकाल में वे सदैव मेरे रचनात्मक सुझावी पर सहदयता से विचार कर उन्हें प्राथमिकता देते रहे।

भारतीय बाल अकादनी के मेरे राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्षीय कार्यकाल 2013 में उन्होंने मुझे स्वच्ध सलाह दी थी, ठौंठ सी. पी. एक बात प्यान एखना मा बा. अ. का दित सर्वापरि हैं। व्यक्तिगत हित और संबंध उसये स्टमने गोण है। मे उनकी प्रबंधन क्षमता और रूपरेखा तैयार करने के उनके कौजल का हमेशा कायल रहा है।

भारतीय बाल अवगवनी में वे सही मायने में "अजातकड्रा" थे। हाल में उनके कुछ विरोधी पैदा भी हुए तो वे पत्ना जी के मेरे प्रति जनुराग और मुझ पर जनके विशेष अनुग्रह के हतरण थे। व्यक्तिगत रूप से वे सभी के आदणीय थे।

उनका यूं असमय जाना भारतीय बाल अकादमी के लिए एक अपूर्णीय कवि है। उन्होंने अपने निष्ठका प्रेम एवं मार्गदर्शन से मुझे सदेय उपकृत किया है, जिससे मैं स्वयं को कमी मी उन्द्राण नहीं कर सकता।

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## **Dear Doctor**

The Jharkhand IAP members collectively feel the deepest sorrow and sense of loss and firmly stand by the family of Late Dr Panna Choudhury.

We remember him as a keen teacher, an able researcher, an accomplished doctor, and a kindred soul. Above all, he was a thorough gentleman. As the editor of Indian Pediatrics he lit a bright candle in the field of pediatric research in India. he has left an indelible mark. As a teacher we fondly remember his many CME lectures, where he ignited the light of knowledge in many a heart.

He visited Jharkhand more than once, and many of our senior members had close friendship with him. We mourn his loss and yet, recollect the many guest lectures he delivered here. An extremely amiable person, he was ready to explain a difficult point even to his junior most colleague with immense patience.

Jharkhand IAP has lost a true friend and a great teacher. Yet, we pledge to take forward the good work he had started.

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Dr.Panna choudary one of the best Academician at national and international level. Sincere, polite and co operative IAPian. He is close to so many pediatricians all over India. As a editor of IP he made so many changes. Unfortunately we IAPians lost best pediatrician. IAP lost one of its great worker. My heartful condolences to Dr.Panna Choudary.I pray to god to give strength and courage to his family members. His soul may rest in peace.

Dr. Sanwar Agrawal drsanwar50@gmail.com

In these trying moments our hearts go out to the family, when we as professional colleagues feel the enormity of the loss it is not beyond us to realize how the family must be feeling.

We pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul and also for the strength to bear the irreparable loss

## Dr H Paramesh drhparamesh@gmail.com

Dr Panna Choudhary is an academician with wider vision of IAP. I place on record the positive attitude on progress of science, when starting IAP chapter of Allergyand immunology chapter when we failed on 3 occasions getting clearance from central office I raised this issue with him he readily accepted it and assured to help to start the chapter and sure we started our allergy chapter in 2010 in Hyderabad .On behalf of our chapter and myself I pray God that my friends soul rest in peace and give courage to his family courage to face the calamity.

Dr. Smita Tewari smita tewari2000@yahoo.co.in

I m sorry to learn about the sad demise of one of our senior faculty member.may his soul rest in peace.may God give his family the strength to bear the loss....

Dr. Ajay Kalra drajaykalra@yahoo.com

Dr. Panna Choudhury was a doyen in the field of Pediatrics. Always smiling, calm and quiet, he had an inner strength which allowed him to take firm decisions, yet remain so unruffled in appearance. He was repository of knowledge and information. He remained a friend even to those who would disagree with him. The Academy, his friends and colleagues will miss him greatly.

Dr. Gour Mandal dr.gour@gmail.com

Dr. Chowdhury was a perfect genleman besides his academic and leadership activities .May his departed soul rest in peace

Dr. S. D. Limbad limbadsd@yahoo.co.in

My sincere condolence to the bereaved family. May God rest his soul in peace. And family members the courage for the loss.

Dr. Jeeson Unni. jeeson1955@gmail.com

Dear fellow IAP ians,

All I want to say about our humble crusader Dr Panna Choudhury is through this lovely hymn called 'Be Thou Humble'

Be thou humble in thy weakness, and the Lord thy God shall lead thee, Shall lead thee by the hand and give thee answer to thy prayers. Be thou humble in thy pleading, and the Lord thy God shall bless thee, Shall bless thee with a sweet and calm assurance that he cares.

Be thou humble in thy calling, and the Lord thy God shall teach thee To serve his children gladly with a pure and gentle love. Be thou humble in thy longing, and the Lord thy God shall take thee, Shall take thee home at last to ever dwell with him above.

May God bless his soul. IAP has to be eternally thankful for having such 'gentlemen' in its folds. Everyone associated with him, even for couple of minutes, will remember him for his his kind, soft and gentle disposition. Those who have benefited from his thoughtful guidance and help will miss him whenever they face a problem in future.

Dr Yashwant Patil dryashwantpatil@gmail.com

Very sorry to know sad demise of our beloved friend.

It is a great loss to our Academy as he being the active member till last minute. May God rest his soul in peace and give enough strength to the family members to bear the great loss. Dr. Shashi N. Vani shashinyani@googlemail.com

I am very sad to note that Dr. Panna Choudhary is no more with us physically. It is very hard to believe. Just last month I met him with his wife in a wedding at Gwalior and shared so many of our good experiences together in different spheres of IAP and NNF activities and even talked about some future activities!

He had been a very sincere, knowledgeable and dedicated worker in the multiple assignments with which he was involved over past two or three decades including those of IAP. He took our journal and IAP to higher standards and continued his academic pursuits till the end.

Kindly convey my personal condolences and prayers to his wife and the family members to bear this great loss. We pray the Almighty to rest the departed holy soul in peace.

Dr. Rakesh Bhardwaj bhardwajrc@yahoo.co.in

Dear pallavi madam,

we are shocked to know about demise of our leader, friend , philospher and guide, a true iapian .we pray from almighty to place his noble soul near him in heaven and to provide strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss. I on my personal behalf and on behalf of all members of iap kurukshetra send our heart felt sorrow and condolence.

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our heartfelt condolences to the family.

Dr Mahaveer P. Jain drmpjainggn@gmail.com

Sudden demise of Dr Panna CHAUDHARY has created a academic vaccum in IAP. He will always be remembered as a good human being, able administrator, academician, and an editor of international repute. Physically he is no more with us but he will always remain alive in our hearts. I met him number of times but he was always very kind and a guiding force to us youngsters. We pray for the eternal peace for the departed noble soul. Dr Jayashree Firodia , Pune jfirodia@yahoo.com

It was shocking to learn about the demise of Dr Panna Choudhury . I had met him few times in Delhi and at conferences . He was a good paediatrician , a scholar and an honourable person . My heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family

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Condolence Message ( Late Dr. Panna Choudhary) Every being Every one has a final destination disappearance We, all are slave of the same Mercy: of super God Head.

So as, we all have lost a good soul, true dedicated IAPian- a good friend of mine. I express my deep condolence and share to all family member in this saddest moment.

Dr. Atul Kumar Sinha aksinha nutan@yahoo.com

Its shocking to hear that Dr Panna Choudhary has left us so early for the heavenly abode. i have spent many close moments during conferrences and training sessions.he was a jovial & jubilant person and a dedicated IAP member among us.God give him peace and stength to his family to bear this loss.

## Dr Dinesh Tomar drdineshtomar\_in@yahoo.co.in

**Respected sir**,

i am deeply saddened by the untimely demise of our beloved teacher, mentor and an excellent human benig.

Dr Panna was my teacher at Maulana Azad Medical college and from that very time we have enormous respected for him as a teacher.

He was soft spoken, Very intelligent and delivered his lectures in very simple fashion. When i was state secretary of IAP Haryana, I invited him for the first IAPNRP TOT at Rohtak in 2011. He was the Father of NRP revolution in India.

Last year i shared the same seat on flight from Hyderabed in march 2014. During conversation in that flight, he gave me many tips about NRP which were not know to me even after conducting 100 NRP programs in my state.

Panna sir will always live in my memories and i shall always remain in debt for his teachings and guidance.

## Raj Warrier rwarri@gmail.com

My heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and the IAP family on this loss. He was a pillar of strength in the academic activities of IAP. We will miss his scholarly, professorial and yet down to earth words, advice and talks . I hope the academy and the journal will set up something to immortalize his place in our academy . May his soul rest in peace.

Dr Mohammed Ashraf aashraf05@gmail.com

I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Dr Panna Choudhury. He was absolutely the best guide I ever had. I was fortunate to publish my first case report in Indian Pediatrics when he was Editor-in-Chief. I met him in 2009 at I. P. Hospital. New Delhi at IAP Writing workshop: a personality with focused passion to teach was matched only by his compassion for students. He was eminently fair, honest to the point of bluntness, and ever helpful to all who came in his way.

May Allah bless him and rest his soul in peace, as we mourn your loss Dr. Panna sir will always hold a special place in my heart. I offer my deep sympathies to his family members and all nears and dears to bear this loss.

## Dr. Alok Hemal dralokhemal@yahoo.com

**Respected Madam and Daughters,** 

I was associated with Sir for long time.We were in the same unit at MAMC. He was my teacher and senior colleague. I had attended cremation of sir parents few years back, when i was in MAMC.

so, it was very traumatic for me that day when i attended sir cremation. i will be in shimla on 20 september in himachal pradesh IAP conference. therefore, i am unable to attend the prayer meeting.

i prey to god to give your family members strength to bear the loss.

## Dr.C M Chhaje <u>c\_chhajer@yahoo.co.in</u>

Om Arham. Mate Dada last time during marriage of our Dr.Satvik at Gwalior -24 th 25 th July,never ever thought it will be our last meet. Truly a soft spoken colleague and IAP president. ane chale jate hai kahan'' God grant peace in heaven. Om Shanti. Dr.Niranjan Shendurnikar drniranjan@rediffmail.com

The sad demise of Dr. Panna Choudhury leaves behind a void for IAP and his numerous fellow IAPians. He would always be remembered for his undying commitment to the cause of IAP and Child Health and his ever pleasant countenance and attitude would be cherished for a long time to come. IAP has not only lost a leader but a gentle and kind friend and a guide.too.

Dr. DHANANJAY R. SHAH dhananjay1953@gmail.com

Dear Choudhury family members,

In the sudden demise of our beloved Dr. Panna Choudhury, two families have lost a solid pillar of support and affection. The first jolt indeed comes to your family and only time can help all of you to bear this grief and desperation.

The larger loss has also come to a bigger family called IAP, which has lost an integral and vital unit called PANNAJI. Having served INDIAN PEDIATRICS in an Editorial capacity and thereafter served IAP as its glorious President, he had a unique flair and grace in his actions. He outclassed his contempararies by his mannerisms, soft-spokenness and his honesty.

Family Benefit Society, the new welfare wing of IAP, has also lost, for ever, its National Adviser and a pillar of moral support to this new noble initiative. We aspire to start a new set of Achievement Awards in FBS in the name of Dr. Pannaji, to keep his fond memories intact for ever.

May the Almighty bless the divine soul of Dr. Panna Choudhury and may it rest in eternal peace.

Dr Vasant Patel drpatel.v@rediffmail.com

Dear Dr Choudhury. RIP. I remember your quiet presence from my PG days.

Dr H K Borah borah hk@yahoo.com

Dear Members of the family of Late Dr Panna Choudhury,

As his friends and contemporaries in Assam, we are saddened to hear about his sudden passing away on the 1st September, 2015. Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

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Sorry & shocked to hear about sudden demise of our great Leader & excellent human being Dr.Panna Chaudhary.

May god give him peace and strength to his family to bear this irreparable loss. This also a great loss to IAP. He was an asset and trouble shooter in IAP .During his tenure only Biggest child health program NRP of IAP too real shape and implemented.

Dhananjay Shah, Gujarat dhananjay1953@gmail.com

That was indeed a shock of high voltage for IAPians, never expected. IAP will be an unwilling loser due to his untimely demise. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Dr Ashok Rai drashokrai@gmail.com

Very much shocked to hear this sad news I pray to almighty to give enough strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss.

Dr. Karunakara BP bpkaruns@gmail.com

Dear all,

its really been a very shocking news and an irreparable loss to the IAP. May God Bless him with eternal peace! RIP. may God give strength to his family to withstand & overcome this huge loss. Dr.K.NEDUNCHELIAN drknedunchelian@gmail.com

It is a shocking NEWS MY heart felt condolences to the bereaved family and I pray the almighty to rest his soul in peace .

Dr. Digant D. Shastri drdigant@hotmail.com

It is indeed very shocking news and IAP has lost a great grass root level leader. May God Bless the departed soul with eternal peace and place in heaven & give strength to his family to withstand this huge loss. Om Shanti.

Dr. Ramesh Kumar Goyal goyal dr@hotmail.com

I pray to Almighty God to provide strength to grieved family members to bear the losses and peace for the departed soul.

Dr Suresh Sharma dr\_suresh\_sharma@yahoo.co.in

Dear friends.

It is bolt from blue to know about sudden demise of our beloved past president Panna Choudhary sb, affectionately known as 'PANNA'. He was indeed precious PANNA. He has contributed immensely for IAP as trendsetter editor of Indian Paediatrics and later on as IAP PRESIDENT 2009 , having mass appeal. His contributions as advisor and helping hand to several IAP Presidents & IAP will be remembered in coming years individually & collectively. Such humble persons rarely come on earth & after finishing their mission of life, go backs to God's home, their final destination. This reminds me a old sentimental song.... '' kabhi kabhi is duniya Mein yaaro, eise fariste bhee aaye Hein! Sabhi ko dekar sab kuch apnaa Khali hat chale jaate hain''. We all are very sad.

We pray to God to keep our beloved Panna Choudhary' soul with him in peace. We will be remembering Pannaji in coming years also.

We are going to request central IAP to start some lecture and programme in memory of legendary IAP'en Panna Choudhary SIR.

Dr Subramanya N K subramanya.nk@gmail.com

May God give strength to the family members and IAP to bear the shock Let's pray to rest his soul in peace.

Dr Sanjay <u>sanjaysrirampur@yahoo.com</u>

It is a shocking news. We lost our great friend, a true academician & true IAPian. May his soul rest in peace. Dr. Remesh kumar R. drremesh2006@yahoo.com;remeshkumardr@gmail.com

Dear all,

the sudden demise of Dr Panna Chowdhary has come as a shock to one and all in IAP. Even the grassroot level Pediatrician has words of admiration only for him. a man of vision & who sought advocacy for children's welfare in all platforms, he will be remembered only with utmost reverence in years to come.

Pray his soul rest in peace.

Dr Harish Pemde harishpemde@gmail.com

This is a real loss of an ardent IAPian. May God bless his soul. IAP should establish some award or oration in his memory. I suggest an award on his name for most cited article published in IP in past 3 years or something like this.

Dr Abhay K. Shah drabhaykshah@yahoo.com

Very shocking and unbelievable. Ever smiling, simple hearted ardent IAPian is no more with us. May his soul rest in peace.

Dr Shabina Ahmed shabinaloveschildren@gmail.com

Dr Panna Choudhury endeared himself to others because of his gentle demeanour, artful speech and humble nature. His excellence in academics was reflected in his contribution primarily in his role as Editor-in-Chief of the Indian Pediatrics, and will be remembered for having our journal in a digital format. As a President he highlighted the importance of the Web as a tool for sharing of knowledge and we are grateful for the immense contributions he has made in educating us through his various textbooks and publications. The children of India will miss his presence as much as the pediatric fraternity. Rest in Peace, Panna da.

## Dr Rekha Udani rekha.udani@gmail.com

It was very hard to believe that Dr P Choudhury is no more.

We were contemporary during MD Pediatrics 1972-1974; he was in maulana Azad & I was in LHMC, we used to have common teaching program.

I had met him last during my visit to Maulana Azad for inspection. We exchanged our old memories.

I just pray to God to give him eternal peace and give strength to his family members to bear this loss.

64/09/2015

Condonence Message We, on behalf of the Department of Pedianics, Assam Medical College and the Dibrugarh City Branch of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics, extend our deepest condolences on the sudden demise of Dr. Panna Choudhury, who was an eminent clinician and academician of national repute. He was a source of strength and inspiration to many, and his pioneering work in the field of pediatrics will go a loog way in benefitting future generations. His departure is indeed a great loss for the Pediatric community in the country.

We pray to the Almighty to give his bereaved family the strength and courage to cope with this difficult period of grief.

May the departed soul rest in eternal peace.

President. IAP Dibrugarh City Branch.

Sincerely, A. Line And Faculty members, Department of Performers, Assam Medical College & Hospital And Members, Indian Academy of Pediarrics, Dibrugarh City Branch.



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Founder FBS-IAP, President-IAP2011

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## Condolence Message from FBS-IAP, Hyderabad.

To,

Ms Pallavi,

Dr Ajoy Kumar

Dr Arup Roy

Vice Chairman E Zone

Hon, Secretory

Delhi.

The news of untimely and sudden demise of Dr Panna Choudhury, our National Advisor has shocked us at Family Benefit Society – Indian Academy of Pediatrics, and it is very sad to know that he is no more with us.

On behalf of the Chairman and the Managing Committee of "Family Benefit Society" - Indian Academy of Pediatrics, Hyderabad, we express our deep condolence and grief to the family members and pray to God to give Dr.Panna Choudhury's family members strength to cope with this irreplaceable loss.

He was very active advisor to the Family Benefit Society of Indian Academy of Pediatrics attending most of its meetings. We will miss his "wise suggestions" in this first welfare society of the IAP members from all over the country.

May his soul rest in peace.

Dlahah

Dr Dhananjay Shah Chairman, FBS-IAP

Dr Ajoy Kumar Honorary Secretary, FBS-IAP

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President IAP, Dr. Panna Chouchury at HCPA Workshop



Panna Choudhury MD, incoming president of the Indian Academy of Pediatric (IAP) and Rennee R. Jankins, MD, FAAP, AAP president, ciscussed the importance of collaboration between the IAP and AAP in promoting the issue of Children's health.



