

DR. JITTENDRA KUMAR SINGH

Dr Jitendra Kumar Singh is the Director of Mahavir Cancer Sansthan, Phulwarisharif, Patna, Bihar. As a Cancer Specialist, he is the moving spirit behind not only the Mahavir Cancer Sansthan but also the campaign against the dreaded disease in Bihar and entire eastern region. Dr. Singh has been playing a pioneering role in teaching and research in the field of cancer. By dint of his untiring efforts and managerial skill Dr. Singh has made not only the Mahavir Cancer Sansthan a unique cancer hospital and research centre in Bihar and Jharkhand but also in whole eastern region. Now the people suffering from this dreaded disease are not required to move outside for quality and accurate treatment. Rather Dr. Singh's efforts have made cancer treatment less costly and affordable even for the poor. He is the main person for campaigning about the cancer awareness, education & Tobacco Cessation Programme in Eastern India.

The son of a freedom-fighter, respected teacher and academician, Dr. Singh was born in village Majhauni in 1952 in Bihar's Banka district. He passed higher secondary examinations from SMP, School, Jethour in Banka district. He did MBBS degree from Prince of Wales Medical College (now Patna Medical College) Patna University in 1975 and MD in Radiotherapy in 1980. A brilliant student J. K. Singh prosecuted his medical education with national merit scholarship from 1968-75. In 1985-86 Dr. Singh completed advance training in the Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. He received Fellowship of Indian college radiation oncology (FICRO) award in 1995.

Dr. J. K. Singh worked at the radium institute of Patna Medical College and Hospital for 14 years as a senior faculty member. He also worked as additional professor at Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital. He joined Mahavir Cancer Sansthan as Director in 2001 and continuing till date. He served as an examiner in the Diplomat of National Board of Examinations, and supervises post-graduate courses at several medical colleges.

He has been National President of two major associations of cancer management in the country, Indian Brachytherapy Society and Indian Association of Hyperthermic Oncology & Medicine. He the National Secretary of two largest association of cancer specialist of this country Indian Society of Oncology & Breast Cancer Foundation-India. He is also the National Vice-president of two major association of this country Cancer Care India & Association of Gynaecological Oncologist of India. He authored 81 articles, all published in national and international journals, and has also served as the principal investigator in 25 national and international clinical trials of cancer medicines and incharge of 12 major projects sanctioned by Department of Science and Technology and the Indian Council of Medical Research, Government of India. His tremendous work in the Palliative Care of cancer patients has been highly appreciated throughout in many countries.

Dr. Singh's scroll of honours has been quite long. He has been decorated with 'Pratibha Samman' in 2009 for being the best doctor with his excellent medical contribution in Bihar. He got the RGCI's 'Gunilla Bental Oration Award in 2010 for being the best oncologist of the country. For his managerial skill in shaping up the Mahavir Cancer Sansthan into a state of art hospital Dr. Singh was given honorary MBA Degree from IIBM, Patna in 2010. He was granted fellowship of Indian College of Radiation Oncology (FICRO) in 1995. The Govt. of India conferred on him "PADMA SHRI" in 2012.