



DR. KEWAL KRISHAN THAKRAL



Dr. Kewal Krishan Thakral is a practicing surgeon based on Ayurvedic principles. He is widely recognized in India for his role in pioneering the Kshar Sutra treatment for fistula in ano and other Kama Vedhan, a small surgical procedure for the treatment of bronchial asthma. This has made Ayurvedic surgery very acceptable to masses.

2. Born on 10th October, 1938, Dr. Thakral received his Bachelor of Ayurveda with Modern Medicine and Surgery degree from the University of Lucknow in 1964 and D.Ay.M. (Shalya Shalakaya) post graduate degree from the Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, in 1968 and topped his class. He worked as House Officer, Resident Medical Officer, Lecturer, Reader, Professor and Head of the Deptt. Shalya Shalakaya in State Ayurvedic Colleges, Uttar Pradesh.

3. Dr. Thakral moved to San Francisco, U.S.A. in 1976 as a research surgeon, Deptt. of Surgery, School of Medicine, at the University of California and invented (1) macrophage angiogenesis factor, (2) Platelett angiogenesis footer and (3) corpus luteum angiogenesis factor. He then joined as Principal, State Ayurvedic Colleges, Uttar Pradesh and was given the responsibility of Dean of the Faculty of Ayurveda, Kanpur University, Kanpur. He then moved on as Director of Ayurveda and Unani Services, Uttar Pradesh with added responsibility of Director of Ayurveda and Unani (Syllabus Evaluation). He was then appointed as the National Gum at the National Academy of Ayurveda, New Delhi. He mentored numerous Ph.D. and M.D. theses.

4. Dr. Thakral was invited to over 80 seminars and conferences to share his knowledge. A few profile conferences he has been part of, are the International Conference (Nepal)-1991), International Conference, Juntendo University (japan-1992), Chief Guest, Japan Ayurved Society (Japan-1992) and Chief Guest, National Conference, Faculty of Ayurveda (I.M.S., B.H.U. Varanasi, 2015). He has served as a moderator at the Publication Division, C.C.I.M., New Delhi, and is an expert member of the Uttarakhand Public Service Commission, Banaras Hindu University and the Public Service Commission, Uttar Pradesh. He also served as a member of Ayurved Advisory Committee, Central Council of Indian Medicine, Education Committee (C.C.I.M.), National Task Force on Kshar Sutra (Department of Ayush: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India), and as the Vice- president of Administrative Council (Kalyanam Karoti-Lucknow). He has served as President, Institutional Ethical Committee (S. Ay. College: Lucknow University) since 2013 and has been nominated by the President of India as his nominee for selection committee for the Faculty of Ayurveda (IMS, BIIU) since 2013.

5. Recognizing this, Dr. Thakral has been awarded with Ayurved Ratnakar - 1991, Ayurved Brihaspati 1992, National Herbal Protection Award - 2010 and Shalya Vigyan Ratna in 2015. Vividh Puraskar- Uttar Pradesh Sanskrit Sansthan, 2014, Lifetime achievement award-International- 2016, Shalya Vibhushan- IMS BHU 2025. He has also been awarded three fellowships: (1) Fellow of International College of Angiology (U.S.A. - 1979), (2) Fellow of Academy of Indian Medicine, B.H.U. - 1997, and (3) Fellow, Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth, New Delhi - 2001.