Diptiman—Not There?

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I represent my colleagues and staff of Department of Radiology including Cath. Laboratory, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital (KDAH), and all the well-wishers of Dr. Diptiman Roy.

He was the son of Smt. Savitri and, reputed teacher of physics, late Prof. Dinanath Roy. As a child, Diptiman was a brilliant student and a gifted batsman. With his bright nature, it was natural for him to take up science. He went on to do his medical education from B.J. Medical College, Pune, followed by radiology and interventional radiology at the prestigious Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. In 2010, he joined us at KDAH as a junior interventional radiologist (IR) and soon advanced to become a consultant IR.

His skill to perfectly direct a needle, his passion for work, and attitude of being available during any difficult situation made him the “Most Wanted and Dependable Doctor” in the hospital. Nobody in the hospital ever heard the phrase “Diptiman is Not There,” as he was always available. On August 12, 2021, he collapsed in the gymnasium and could not be revived. Bitterly, it is finally true “Diptiman is NOT There.”

Next time if you see a young, intelligent, and skilled child with good hand–eye coordination, handsome, and quiet, it is likely God has sent our beloved Diptiman back to fill up the void.

His ashes were immersed in Ganga, Patna, Bihar, India. I think the next best IR will come from East, since Ganga flows to the East.

What some of the seniors and colleagues had to say about Dr. Diptiman:

- Dr. Ravi Ramakantan—“Dipti you are Arjun today, I want to see you as Dronacharya.”
- Dr. Santosh Shetty, COO KDAH—“Diptiman was an amazing blend of extra-ordinary technical skill combined with a down to earth attitude.”
- Dr. Rajesh Mistry—HOD Cancer Surgery—“Don’t know if he knew how many of us completely depended on him.”
- Dr. Manish Srivatsav—Diptiman’s colleague—“We have learnt a lot from him - the art of practising ethical medicine selflessly.”
- Dr. Suyash Kulkarni—Diptiman’s mentor—“Most dependable IR.”
- Dr. Vasav Nakshiwal—Radiology student, KDAH—“Diptiman sir was a saint in white coat.”
- Sis Ashwini Vardhan—Nursing staff—“One of my Best Doctors with zero attitude.”

May his soul rest in peace.

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