

Dr MS Khuroo delivers special lecture on ‘Hepatitis-E’ at KU

Srinagar, March 26: A one -day special lecture on ‘Hepatitis-E, from bench to bed side, my personal journey’, was delivered by eminent surgeon Dr MS Khuroo, at University of Kashmir on Tuesday.

The lecture was organized by Alama Iqbal Library, KU and was presided over by Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof Talat Ahmad.

He thanked Dr Khuroo for accepting the invitation of the varsity and appreciated contributions of Dr Khuroo in the field of medical sciences.

Dr Khuroo who was the Chief Guest on the occasion discussed his journey about the discovery Hepatitis-E.

He shared his struggles and challenges in the process. “My friends, parents and family were always beside me through my journey. I believe in building the trust of patients and then using the same to relieve their pain.”

He said that as a medico he believes in three principles, “patient care, education and research.”

He shared the question which shaped the discovery of Hepatitis-E, “An extreme belief that epidemics of jaundice and resultant mortality in pregnant women in our community had a hidden saga,” Dr Khuroo added.

He further said that one-third of the population of the developing countries suffer from the virus.

He spoke about the ingenious field study that he conducted over a period of fourteen years in which he mentioned the Kashmir epidemics from 1979-1993.

Dr Khuroo talked about how he broke the news about his discovery after fourteen years of tiring research in the medical fraternity and how it was received.

“There was much skepticism that I faced from people who were wary of my discovery and tried to dilute my discovery. To make them believe I had to transport the samples of the virus to Chicago,” said Dr Khuroo.

Delivering the welcome address Librarian (KU) Prof GM Peerzada while praising Dr Khuroo said, “DrKhuroo is a legend in medical science who needs no introduction and it’s a matter of great honour for me to welcome him.”

The lecture was attended by Registrar (KU) Dr Nisar A Mir, Prof Abdul Waheed and other eminent personalities, students and academicians.