



## Obituary

### **Professor Dr. Firdous Ara J. Janan**

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FRCP (Edin.), FACP (USA)

#### **Professor of Medicine and Ex. Head**

Department of Medicine, Sir Salimullah Medical College and  
Dhaka Medical College and Professor of Bangabandhu Sheikh  
Mujib Medical University. She was born in Satkhira on 28th  
December 1945. She passed way on 15th October 2023.

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Professor Dr. Firdous Ara J. Janan, a Pioneer Professor of Medicine in Bangladesh, was the first female professor at Dhaka Medical College. She was well known for her dominant personality and was ahead of her time, especially as a female professor of Medicine in our country. She was a Stubborn, resilient and headstrong mentor, leaving many of her disciples and admirers through the teaching of Medicine. She could touch the lives of countless people by curing and caring. She loved her family equally, besides her duties and responsibilities.

Firdous Ara Julaikha-Tul Janan was her full name, and she was the daughter of SHB Monsur Ahmed and Rahila Banoo of the renowned Muslim family of Satkhira. She passed the matriculation examination in 1960 from Kamrunessa Govt. Girls High School, Tikatuli, Dhaka. She was admitted to Dhaka Medical College in the 1962-63 session and completed MBBS in February 1968. She started her career as a house physician at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1968 and became a Medical Officer in the Paediatric Department of the same hospital. She became a Resident Medical Officer at the Institute of Postgraduate Medical Research (IPGMR). She passed FCPS in Medicine (Fellow ID: 61) in July 1975 and became an Assistant Professor of Medicine at IPGMR on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1977. She worked as a faculty member of Medicine at different levels and was a professor and head of the Department of Medicine at Sir-Salimullah Medical College. She retired from her government job as a professor and head of the Department of Medicine of Dhaka Medical College. Then, she joined Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) as a Professor of Medicine (2003 to 2005).

She played a significant role in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education and mentored many students in Medicine, emphasizing clinical examination and bedside learning. She was also a keen researcher and had many publications in both national and international journals. She was particularly interested in tropical diseases like tuberculosis, leptospirosis, etc. She was the founding life member of the Bangladesh Society of Medicine (Life member serial No: 4) and profoundly loved the society.

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