

# Dr. Jasbir Singh Bajaj

A Visionary Scientist in Agricultural Biotechnology



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Dr. Jasbir Singh Bajaj was a renowned Indian physician and diabetologist whose contributions to medical science and healthcare policy were profound. He was honored with all three Padma awards: Padma Shri (1981), Padma Bhushan (1982), and Padma Vibhushan (2009), making him one of the few individuals to achieve this distinction.

- **Medical Contributions:** He specialized in endocrinology and metabolic medicine.
- He conducted extensive research on diabetes management, particularly in understanding the metabolic and hormonal changes associated with the disease. His work helped improve treatment protocols for diabetic patients.
- Dr. Bajaj explored various aspects of endocrine disorders, contributing to advancements in diagnosing and managing conditions like thyroid dysfunctions and adrenal disorders.

- **Academic Leadership:** Dr. Bajaj served as a professor and head of medicine at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, and was instrumental in shaping medical education. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London and Edinburgh, as well as a Fellow of the National Academy of Medical Sciences.
- **Government Roles:** He served as Honorary Physician to the President of India (1977-1982, 1987-1992) and Consultant Physician to the Prime Minister (1991-1996).
- **Policy Contributions:** As a member of the Planning Commission of India (1991-1998), he played a key role in health policy planning and improving healthcare delivery systems.
- **International Recognition:** Dr. Bajaj was conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Medicine by the prestigious Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, in 1985. He was the first scientist from outside Europe and the USA to be elected President of the International Diabetes Federation (1985-1988). After his term, he was honored as the Federation's Honorary President for life.

Dr. Bajaj's work has had a lasting impact on the field of medicine, particularly in diabetes and endocrinology. He advanced medical research and healthcare in India. His career was filled with numerous achievements and contributions that left a lasting impact on medicine and healthcare.