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Professor P.K. Dalal is former head of the department of psychiatry at King George's Medical University and consultant psychiatrist at Gandhi Memorial and Associated Hospitals in Lucknow, India. He is also immediate past president of the Indian Psychiatric Society, the largest psychiatric society in the country, with over 7,500 members. Besides his interest in adult psychiatry, he is also interested in addiction psychiatry. Professor Dalal established the Addiction Psychiatry Clinic in the department in 1999 and ran it successfully until his superannuation from the department in January 2021. He was also section head of Addiction Psychiatry in the Indian Psychiatric Society and co-edited three books on substance use disorders under the aegis of the Indian Psychiatric Society. He is the founding Executive Council Member of the recently formed Addition Psychiatry Society of India. During his chairmanship of the department, he also established two new courses, namely M.Phil in Clinical Psychology and Post Basic Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing. He played a pivotal role in expanding the District Mental Health Programme in the State of Uttar Pradesh, the largest state of India. He is keenly interested in the teaching and training of undergraduate medical students, and under his leadership as president of Indian Psychiatric Society, the National Medical Council's Curriculum Based Medical Education in psychiatry is being developed.