



This award was instituted in 1987 by the students and colleagues of late Prof. B.C.Srivastava, Head of the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, KG Medical College, Lucknow. It is awarded to a scientist for work in the field of Community Medicine carried out in medical colleges/recognized institutions. The Award for the year 2006 is being presented to Dr. Vinod Joseph Abraham, Associate Professor, Community Health Department, Christian Medical

College, Vellore for his work on "Community based geriatrics".

The generation of community based data on mortality by Dr. Abraham lead to the identification of suicide as a major cause of death in the elderly population. Suicide was found to have a bimodal distribution, with deaths in the adolescent and in the elderly age groups. Dr. Abraham investigated the risk factors such as neglect of family members of elderly, non-productive individuals, who then developed low self-esteem and depression. Based on these findings, Dr. Abraham has shown remarkable initiative and innovation in establishing community day care centres for the elderly in rural areas in Vellore District and also assessed the impact of providing community based day care on the quality of their life.