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Academic background: Khan has Master's degree in Veterinary Microbiology (1968) and Ph.D in Microbiology (1976) by the University of Delhi. He served as Professor of Medical Mycology, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI), University of Delhi, Delhi and thereafter in Kuwait University where he is still serving.

Research Contributions: Khan's significant research contribution pertains to epidemiology, laboratory diagnosis and therapy of systemic mycoses and hypersensitivity lung disorders. He has over 160 original publications, including citations in textbooks of Clinical Mycology and Microbiology. He discovered several microbial taxa, e.g., *Cryptococcus randhawaii*, *Actinomucor elegans* var. *kuwaitiensis* and *Nocardia coubleae*. His epidemiologic work established that allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis and Farmer's lung disease are prevalent in India but often misdiagnosed as tuberculosis. He demonstrated for the first time the occurrence of *Blastomyces dermatitidis* in the viscera of insectivorous bats and isolated it from a patient, which provided unequivocal evidence for endemicity of blastomycosis in India.

Teaching and research guidance: Khan has over three decades of experience of teaching/training postgraduates in Medical Mycology, including guidance for Ph.D students. He was closely associated with Prof. H. S. Randhawa in establishing the National Reference Center for Respiratory Mycoses at VPCI, University of Delhi. He has organized many workshops and symposia on fungal infections in Kuwait.

Awards/ Honors: Khan was recipient of the coveted research fellowships of the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi, the Royal Society, London, U.K., (1983) and Fulbright Fellowship, USA (1984). He is an elected Fellow of the National College of Chest Physicians (India) and the Indian College of Allergy and Applied Immunology who bestowed on him, the Von Pirquet research award. He is a Member, Editorial Board of *Medical Mycology*.