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Dr. Keki Turel was formerly Professor of Neurosurgery at Government run J. J. Hospital, and later a Professor of Neurosurgery at Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences and headed the Department from 1993 to 2011; now Professor Emeritus. The earliest pioneer of micro neurosurgery in India (late seventies) he was awarded Hon. FRCS from Edinburgh without examination. Dr. Turel is credited with the successful removal of two of the world's largest brain tumours, in 1982 and 1996, both meningiomas, each weighing over half a kilo. Dr. Turel was the first Indian surgeon to operate on the first two AIDS patients in late eighties. He has described some original X-ray signs, and has innovated surgical techniques, and also designed and patented a few surgical instruments. He helped set up Neurosurgical facilities/ Departments in several countries. He is the founder of Neurosurgery in Oman and Sharjah and has earned numerous awards and accolades in India and abroad. He is a member of over 30 national and International organisations. He is past President of: Asian Oceanian Society of Skull Base Surgery, Academia Eurasiana Neurochirurgica, Neurological Society of India (NSI), Bombay Neurosciences Association (BNA), and Mid-West Congress of Neurological Surgeons. He organised a landmark International and National Conferences in Mumbai. He has been the member of several subcommittees of World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) over the years and is one of the longest serving members of Education & Training Committees. Dr. Turel is Chairman of the specially and newly formed WFNS Committee on 'Complications in Neurosurgery'. In September 2021 WFNS Foundation bestowed upon him the honour of "Master of Neurosurgery".