OBITUARY

Dr. Siddharth N. Shah
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“The boundaries which divide life from death are at best shadowy and vague. Who shall say where the one ends, and where the other begins?”
—Edgar Allan Poe

Dr. Siddharth N. Shah, born on 3rd November 1946, left for his heavenly abode on 25th March 2021.

Dr. Siddharth was a distinguished Post graduate Teacher in Diabetes and Medicine. He was working as Consulting Physician & Diabetologist at the Saifee Hospital, SL Raheja Hospital, Bhatia Hospital, Reliance Sir H. N. Hospital, Mumbai and was Visiting Consultant to Central Railway Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai.

Not only was he a great clinician & teacher the cause of the physicians was also very close to his heart. He worked tirelessly for the same and reached the helm of affairs of the Association of Physicians of India (API) in various distinguished capacities viz. Director of Physicians Research Foundation 2019-2021 and President of API (2000-2001). He had also been the President of other prestigious societies viz. Hypertension Society of India and Diabetic Association of India, and Chairman of the ISCCM Mumbai Branch from 2004 - 2006. He has been the Executive Chairman of Hypertension Society of India. He was Editor-in-Chief of the 7th and 8th editions of the prestigious API textbook of Medicine, Journal of API (2009 – 2014), and Hypertension India Journal (1996 – 2007). He also served as Executive Editor of API Text Book of Medicine 11th Edition, JAPI and Journal of Diabetic Association of India. He contributed more than 175 articles in peer reviewed journals, textbooks and monograms.

It’s a very painful exercise to reminisce and write about my dear friend who is no more. He had all the qualities which a good doctor and human being his moto in life was serve, love, give, purify meditate relies be good do good be compassionate. These two lines depict his character. A god fearing man & was an ardent follower of the preachings of Shivani. I feel blessed to have known him from close quarters and had an over two decades of association with him. I worked with him at the API for over 2 decades. He was an exceptional individual it was so pleasant to work with him. Always in a good mood, positive and very professional. He really had a way with people. Everyone loved him and idolized him at various fora. He was laughing all the time. Thinking of him i immediately see his beautiful smile. He was both a valued colleague and a true friend. There are some people that make work worth it on the dreariest of occasions that was him. My heartfelt condolences to Mrs Shah may god give her and the family the strength and courage to deal with this irreparable loss.

Dr. Siddharth N. Shah was a delightful personality and contributed immensely not only in the scientific field but community at large. He will be sorely missed by all of us!!

So let’s all pledge to continue the good work he started
Long Live Siddharth!!! Long Live API!!!

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