Remembering Prof. Dr. Siddharth N. Shah

Prof. Dr. Siddharth N Shah - an inspirational teacher, a beloved mentor, a jovial friend, a father figure, and a caring family man, left us all on Thursday 25th March 2021 at Mumbai.

Prof. Dr. Siddharth N. Shah was a graduate and post graduate from the prestigious Grant Medical College and Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, where he also served as a faculty from 1974 to 1981. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of UK and a Fellow of American College of Physicians. He later joined Somaiya Medical College as a faculty in the department of Medicine. He served as a Post Graduate teacher later in Diabetology at TN Medical College, All India Institute for Diabetes and SL Raheja Hospital. He was also a faculty at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Mumbai and was actively involved in developing capacity building courses for diabetes (both certificate and diploma). Over the span of last five decades, he served at several leading hospitals in the city including Bhatia Hospital, Sir HN Hospital, SL Raheja Hospital, BR Ambedkar Railway Hospital among many and was actively involved with clinical care and education. He was serving as the Director of the Physicians Research Foundation and API House Committee prior to his untimely demise.

He actively contributed to Association of Physicians of India, Hypertension Society of India, Cardiology Society of India, Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine and was one of the pillars of Diabetes Association of India. He was the backbone of Association of Physicians of India over the last three decades and was responsible for its growth and development. He left a palpable impact on the Hypertension Society of India and an international impact of the society by recently unveiling the Global Logo for Hypertension and the Indian Hypertension Guidelines. He served with distinction as the President of the scientific section of Diabetes Association of India and many other professional medical organisations. He published more than 175 research papers, authored several books including various editions of API Textbook of Medicine. He also founded the Asian Journal of Diabetology and Hypertension India journals.

He has left us all with countless memories of his teachings, his deep love for the field of science, academics, and his persistence in sharing his wisdom with all of us at Associations of Physicians of India (API). Above all his loving nature as a wonderful human being - made countless of us smile whenever we met him or spoke to him. We will miss his presence and his infectious smile - as his loss is irreplaceable to us all. As he would have liked us all to be the torchbearers of science, academics and above all service to the mankind - we shall continue to celebrate his legacy with various endeavours at API in his memory.

We pray to the almighty to give strength to his wife Geetaben (Obstetrician and Gynaecologist), his sons Yash (Ophthalmologist and Squint expert) and Ashiesh (Architect), along with his entire family to bear this irreparable loss and pray for sadgati and shanti.