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DEDICATED TO DR. V. N. PURANDARE

With great pride and admiration the Editorial Board is dedicating this Editorial to our illustrious retired Editor Dr. V.N. Purandare. His contribution to the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and to the organisational work of FOGSI and JOGSI in India is immense, and the Editorial Board acknowledges it with great reverence.

Dr. Vithal N. Purandare was born on the 26th April, 1925 in Bombay. His father was the illustrious and famous Dr. N.A. Purandare, one of the founder father of the Bombay



Dr. V. N. Purandare

Obstetric and Gynaecological Society and the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India.

Dr. Vithal N. Purandare was a student of the Seth G.S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital Bombay and graduated with flying colours with the MBBS degree from, University of Bombay in 1948.

In 1951, he passed the MD (OBS. & GYN.) examination from the University of Bombay and then went to the United Kingdom for further studies. He passed FRCS from Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh in 1955 and returned back to his country and his Alma Mater the same year to be appointed as Hon. Asst. Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the K.E.M. Hospital and the Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity Hospital and Hon. Asst. Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Seth G.S. Medical College from 1955-1960. He was promoted as Hon. Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and Hon. Professor in the same institutions from 1960-1969 and donned the chair of the Head of the Department of OBS. & Gyn. at the Seth G.S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital from 1970-1983. From 1983 onwards, he was appointed as Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at these Institutions.

He is an Honorary Consultant at the Nowrosjee Wadia Maternity Hospital to date.

He was the W.H.O. Consultant for Mother and Child Health Research from 1970-1983 and the Past Secretary and past President of Bombay Obstetric & Gynaecological Society.

He was the Hon. Treasurer of FOGSI from 1961 to 1973.

Dr. V.N.Purandare was the FOGSI President at the XXVth AICOG at Calcutta in Dec. 1981 exactly forty years after his late father had assumed the same office in the same city in 1941.

He was the Associate Editor for the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of India for ten years and subsequently the Editor of the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of India for the past Nine years (1988 to 1996).

He was invited at several Foreign Universities, in Japan, Stockholm, Cambridge, New York, New Jersey, Kenya to demonstrate gynaecological surgical operations and for Orator Lectures.

Dr. V. N. Purandare was an excellent and popular teacher. His ever popular weekly classes on Thursdays on OBS/GYN Pathology and Saturdays on Clinical cases were legendary. His exemplary skill at vaginal and abdominal surgery has won him laurels in India and abroad. His innovative and adaptive qualities made him pick up the newer

skills of Electronic Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring, Endoscopic Surgery, Ultrasonography and Fetal Medicine with great ease and prowess.

Dr. V.N. Purandare always has encouraged young talent and has appreciated their work, and stimulated them to present their material and continued to do so even after his retirement from active teaching.

Dr. V.N. Purandare is one of a kind. His qualities of greatness and humility, success of sharing, forthrightness and fairness, generosity and simplicity, make him stand out as a dazzling comet amongst countless stars.

He has been a keen photographer and an accomplished black and white portrait photographer even from the days fifty years ago when equipment was primitive. His operative photography has produced some wonderful illustrations of surgical technique.

He is also extremely fond of music.

Dr. V. N. Purandare was the pillar of strength to the Journal and a shining example of genuineness, commitment and honesty.

We wish Dr. V. N. Purandare a very long and happy retired life.

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