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Professor C.N. Purandare at 63, is a dynamic leader who received training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in India and Ireland. A senior consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at three leading hospitals in Mumbai, he is also the honorary consultant for the Mumbai Police and the Indian Armed Force. Currently, he is the Dean of The Indian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and Emeritus Editor for the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of India. He has been conferred the Fellowship (*Honoris Causa*) by the RCOG (Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists) of the U.K. in 2009, Fellowship (Honorary) by the RCPI (Royal College of Physicians of Ireland) in 2013 and Fellowship (Hon) by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists 2014. Dr. Purandare is an educator par excellence with 37 years of teaching experience in Medical Colleges in India and Ireland. Passionate about Medical education, he rose through the ranks to become Unit Head in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, a position that has given him a thorough knowledge of the policy issues and challenges in achieving academic excellence.

An astute administrator, he has shaped the growth trajectory of the Mumbai Obs/Gyn Society (the largest Obs/Gyn city based society in India) for 9 marathon years from 1995 onwards, having held several leadership positions including that of President in 2003. From leading a city based society he moved to the national scene when he was elected Secretary General of the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) for the years 2004-2008. He later rose to be President (2009-10). At FOGSI he was instrumental in giving the organisation an academic focus, pioneered various national development projects, created self-sustainable systems, and firmed-up financial policies. An asset to FOGSI Professor Purandare sourced funding and cemented national and international partnerships with the Health Department of the Government of India and State Governments, WHO, UNICEF, MacArthur Foundation, AMDD, IPAS, PSI and JHPIEGO. He has also established FIGO, AFOG, SAFOG and RCOG sessions at annual conferences of FOGSI for better interactions between sister organizations. During his years at the helm he not only turned around the fortunes of FOGSI from a loss making organization of Rs. 2 million per year to an organization with a turnover of Rs. 50 million and profit of Rs. 20 million per year, but he was also instrumental in establishing a large corporate office for FOGSI in Mumbai.

Professor Purandare is a member of the Indian Council of Medical Research Core Committee and AFOG Uro-gynaecology Committee. He has regularly taken time off to meet fellow doctors and enhance his knowledge through participation as a delegate and as a faculty member in national and international conferences including FIGO since 1985. He has represented India on FIGO Executive Board. He has more than 80 publications in peer reviewed Journals, has contributed chapters in 23 books and has authored books as Associate Editor for 3 books and Editor for 4 books. A recipient of "Book of the Year Award" from FOGSI for 3 years, he has to his credit over 500 presentations and 20 orations as a guest faculty member in national and international conferences. He has a special interest in Foetal Medicine and High Risk Pregnancy and was the first to perform foetal surgery in India. He has devised the Purandare's Modified Radical Hysterectomy Operation for Carcinoma of the Cervix and successfully performed over 250 such procedures with improved 5 years survival rate.

Owing to his campaign on "Saving Lives" conducted nationwide involving various grassroots programmes to reach out to the under-privileged by adopting villages in India. He provided leadership to the programmes of "maternal death reviews" and "maternal near miss programme" as part of FOGSI - FIGO - LOGIC B&MGF MNH Initiative, he is abreast with the ground realities and challenges faced by families in developing nations. He was elected to the Prestigious position of President Elect of FIGO in Rome in October 2012. His vast experience will allow him to shape FIGO's initiatives and strategies on a larger scale.

Professor Purandare is married to Gita, who is an avid professional piano teacher. They have two children - their daughter Viveka is pursuing a career in economic policy and son Nikhil, is an obstetrician and Gynaecologist adding to the never ending list of Obs/Gyn practitioners in the family for 4 generations.

In the immediate future, Professor Purandare will dedicate his time in prioritizing "Reduction in Maternal Mortality" as an area of continued momentum and plans to build focus on "Population Stabilization" and "Prevention and early detection of genital cancer". Professor Purandare will use his strengths of leadership and

team building, forging partnerships, financial acumen, strong academic knowledge of Obs/Gyn and integrity as the 5 pillars to lead change and make FIGO to be truly recognized as the prime organization for uplifting women's health globally.