

BRIEF RESUME OF DR. SHANTILAL C. SHETH ORATION

Dr. Shantilal C. Sheth was one of the pioneers in pediatrics and established a Department of Pediatrics in Nair Hospital and Topiwala National Medical College. He developed the department to great heights with the help of his pediatric colleagues. Dr. Sheth was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Annual Conference of Indian Pediatric Society held in Bombay in 1959. He was one of the members of the joint committee of Association of Pediatricians of India and Indian Pediatric Society by whose efforts the Association of Pediatricians of India started by Dr. Coelho in Bombay in 1950 and Indian Pediatric Society started in Calcutta in 1933 by late Dr. K. C. Choudhury liquidated these two organizations so that the present Indian Academy of Pediatrics was established in 1963-64. He was the Honorary Secretary of the IAP in 1964-65 and became third President of National Conference of IAP in 1966 held in Amritsar. However, the greatest contribution of Dr. Sheth was in the field of medical education as he was the President of the Indian Medical Council for a period of 10 years, President of Indian Medical Association and other National bodies. He was also the Dean of the faculty of Medicine, University of Bombay and was one of the pioneers in establishment of College of Physicians and Surgeons in Bombay. It was because of his status in medical field in general and pediatrics in particular that Dr. Sheth Oration was started by the Academy in 1967.