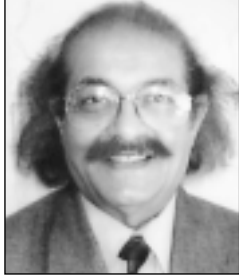


## Obituary



I was shocked to hear from Dr. Hishkar that Dr. Sharad Panday was no more on 8th November 2004.

I recall the three decades I spent with him. Dr. Sharad Panday insisted that he should be called by his full name and was specific about almost everything, his decisions in life, on surgical precision including etc. He had a flair for his dress, car, computer and other things. As a resident in 1975 I had doubts about continuing. The stress and strains and the mortality was frightening. Having decided to quit I went to see Dr. Sharad Panday and told him of my decision. He was very sympathetic and reassuring and told me simply that you have to struggle to exist in cardiac surgery just as he had done.

Dr. Sharad Panday's ability to forge ahead and perform surgery was legendary. On a rainy day he waded his way through flooded roads for 5kms so that no surgery was postponed. He was resourceful and if the water supply failed he would take a half inch tubing and connect to the garden tap so everybody could scrub. When nurses were absent he set the trolley himself and went ahead and did the surgery. A similar situation permitted him to innovate resulting in the Panday shunt, from the right subclavian artery to left carotid artery for aortic arch replacement.

Born on 22nd October, 1934 he had his schooling at Don Bosco High School and graduated from Seth GS Medical College. Dr. PK Sen found him suitable for his department which made history with the first heart transplant in India.

Dr. Panday's contributions are numerous such as bloodless open heart surgery, Panday's shunt, introduction of stent mounted aortic homograft for mitral valve replacement. Dr. Panday had a special relationship with his colleagues. Although aggressive he had an uncanny ability to persuade. He respected his colleagues both in and outside the hospital.

Dr. Panday has been endowed with many prestigious orations and awards. He served the association as its President in 1992. Dr. Panday had several other interests as well, particularly in the area of photography. His slides were the most outstanding slides in any conference. An artist he painted for his friends and an avid gardener he showed the same love for his plants as for his patients. He was a committed, hardworking and dedicated teacher. Even as a professor and chief of unit he did not hesitate to stay back in the hospital to care for his patients. His commitment to patient care was extraordinary.

Dr. Sharad Panday trained with Dr. Bigelow who said "*cardiac surgeons must have the courage and adventure of a pirate, the compassion and morals of a priest and the supreme confidence of a prima donna.*" Dr. Sharad Panday lived upto that. We have lost a good friend, artist and eminent teacher.

**Jayant Kharbase**

The President, the Secretary, the members of the executive committee and the members of the Indian Association of Cardio-Vascular and Thoracic Surgery deeply mourn the sad and sudden demise of Dr. Sharad R Panday on 8th November 2004.