

# **British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin**



### \*\*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\*\*

# **BAPIO** mourns the demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



BAPIO offers our heartfelt condolences to the royal family on the sad demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty's sudden passing away on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 has filled our membership with great sadness, and as we mourn her death we also recognise the bond she had cultivated between the United Kingdom and India.

The Queen made three state visits to India, in 1961, 1983 and 1997. She cherished her visits, remarking "The warmth and hospitality of the Indian people, and the richness and diversity of India itself have been an inspiration to all of us." She won over the hearts of millions of Indians in the United Kingdom as well as in India.

Queen Elizabeth II was the embodiment of kindness, resilience, warmth and loyalty. She was the paragon of strength, with smiles and humour that will forever live in our hearts.

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Dr Ramesh Mehta, President of BAPIO said "I had the honour of meeting Her Majesty the Queen, three times over the years. Her politeness, kindness, and gentle nature have left an enduring impression. May her soul rest in peace".

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#### **Notes for Editors**

British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO) is a non-political, national, voluntary medical organisation that supports members and other healthcare professionals through education, training, policy making, and advocacy work. Since its inception in 1996, BAPIO has actively promoted the principles of diversity and equality. Over the years the Association has grown in stature and influence. It is represented through active Divisions covering all the English Regions as well as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is now one of the largest organisations of its type in the country. BAPIO is committed to ensuring that the NHS provides the best patient outcomes. By promoting professional excellence and leadership, BAPIO adds value by enhancing the skills of the medical workforce. BAPIO also contributes to the cause of promoting access to better health care globally and responds to humanitarian crises by aiding victims of natural disasters across the world.

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