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**TO WHOSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

I am glad to write about Dr. M. A. Shah, Senior Associate Professor, Department of Physics, National Institute of Technology, Srinagar.

Dr. Shah had a distinguished academic career and remarkable professional experience. He obtained his Masters from University of Kashmir (A<sup>++</sup>) and Ph. D. from the Jamaia Millia Islamia, New Dehli. He had joined National Institute of Technology Srinagar as an Assistant Professor in Physics and has risen to the present position of a Senior Associate Professor there.

Dr. Shah has been an active researcher and has made notable contributions during the last two decades. He has successfully completed many R&D projects including one funded by the World Bank, and has established a research centre, which caters to the scientific needs of the whole region. Dr. Shah has grown some of the technologically important oxide nanocrystals. He has published a book on Experimental Physics and another one on "Nanotechnology, Science of Small" by Wiley Ltd is under publication. He has developed considerable expertise to operate independently sophisticated equipment like Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope, FESEM, TEM and XRD. He had developed a new and unique technique for synthesis of nanomaterials, which appeared in many scientific magazines and have been reproduced by world media. More than 100 research papers in international journals are to his credit and most of them are as single authors. He has participated in several national and international conferences and presented his research findings including as a key note speaker. Dr. Shah had successfully organized around 10 INSPIRE Internship Programs for the students of his region. In addition, he is the co-chairperson of a series of International Conferences on, "Nanotechnology for Better Living" with IIT Kanpur.

I have had several interactions with him during the last ten years or so and keenly observed his aptitude for research. He is a sincere and dedicated teacher as well as researcher. I strongly recommend him for the any teaching/research position.

I wish him all the best in his career.

Krishan Lal

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