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AN INDIAN ORIGIN DOCTOR IN THE TOP 5 HIGH VOLUME ROBOTIC UROLOGICAL SURGEONS IN UK



Dr Nikhil Vasdev, Consultant Urological and Robotic Surgeon at the Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Urological Cancer Centre, Lister Hospital, UK has completed 1000 major Robotic Urological cancer cases as a Consultant and is recognized in the top 5 high volume Robotic Urological surgeons in the UK.

He was also awarded a “Doctor of Science equivalent of a PhD” by the awards committee at the University of Hertfordshire in 2020 for his national and international contribution to Robotic Urological Surgery.

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President Biden names Dr. Ashish Jha as national coordinator of COVID-19 response

Dr. Ashish K. Jha, Dean of the Brown University School of Public Health and an Indian American Physician was appointed as the National Coordinator of COVID-19 response by Hon. President Biden.

Dr. Jha is one of the leading public health experts in America, and a well-known figure to many Americans from his wise and calming public presence.

He is a globally recognized expert on pandemic preparedness and response as well as on health policy research and practice



NO UPPER AGE LIMIT FOR NEET UG

The National Medical Commission has removed the upper age limit for those appearing in NEET-Under Graduate 2022 exam. It has been decided in the 4th NMC meeting that there should not be any fixed upper age limit for appearing in the NEET-UG examination. The age criteria had often been questioned in the Supreme Court and high courts of the country. With the age limit criteria removed, aspirants can now appear in the medical entrance exam as many times and even after taking admission to other courses.

The Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) has welcomed the step, adding that it will give a fair opportunity to maximum candidates willing to pursue MBBS.

GAPIO joined hands with Jan Ashudhi Kendra

Global Health and Education has resumed providing free Sanitary Pads to Middle and High School Girls and paying for medicines to poor and indigent people who could not afford to pay even a small amount in Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan, India.

GAPIO joined hands with Jan Ashudhi Kendra (which is PM Modi's Scheme to provide low cost medicines to poor people) in SWM to provide these Pads and also plan to provide free medicines through this program to those who can not afford to pay even the bare minimum cost. GHE will pay for their medicines.



IACF Holds Glittering Annual Event Focusing On Unity

The Indo-American Community Federation (IACF-USA) hosted an in-person formal gala at the Fremont Downtown Event Center March 11 and was studded with dignitaries and leading lights of the Indian American community in the Bay area.

The 21st annual event was themed around “Unity through Diversity: Democratizing the Digital World – Making Silicon Valley More Equitable.” Fittingly, the keynote speaker was Congressman Ro Khanna (D-CA) who delivered a very succinct speech on making societies pluralistic and harmonious.

The guest of honor, California State Attorney General Rob Bonta echoed his sentiments and commended Jeevan Zutshi, founding member of the Indo-American Community Federation for continuing this effort for the past 28 years. The evening also featured a panel discussion on racial inequity and hate crime. IACF awarded Bay Area Community Health as the healthcare organization of the year. Recognition was given to Dr. Rakesh Sharma for being the first Indian American to get elected to the Ohlone Community College District Board of Trustees



AAPI Announces 40th Annual Convention In San Antonio, TX In June 2022

American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) announced its 40th Annual Convention In San Antonio, TX In June 2022.

Dr. Anupama Gotimukula, President of AAPI made this announcement .

During the 40th American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions scheduled for June 23-26, 2022 in San Antonio, Texas, AAPI delegates will have a multidisciplinary CME conference where world-renowned speakers will discuss gaps between current and best practice of wide-ranging elements of healthcare.

The CME sessions allow specialists and primary care physicians to interact in an academic forum.

This year the Convention is being organized by AAPI's Texas Chapter, headed by Dr. Jayesh Shah, who said the Convention “offers an exciting venue to interact with leading physicians, Healthcare professionals, experts in healthcare, academicians, and scientists of Indian origin.” Some of the many issues which will be discussed at various sessions during the Convention include healthcare equity and ethics, including child

Global Virtual Meet

GAPIO conducted a "Global Virtual Meet" to celebrate 22nd Anniversary of the formal inauguration of the World's First VSAT enabled hospital at Aragonda village in Andhra Pradesh by former President of United States Mr. Bill Clinton. The event was organized by Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) in conjunction with Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation (ATNF) at 7:00 PM IST on Thursday, 24th March 2022.

Dr. Anupam Sibal (President, GAPIO, Group Medical Director -Apollo Hospitals Group) gave the welcome and introduction.

Prof Krishna Ganapathy (Director, Apollo Telemedicine) shed light on the topic "Telehealth in India- Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow", Prof. Pramod Gaur (Adjunct professor, Pace university) gave an expert talk on "Insurance & Telehealth: A Global Perspective", Dr. Ashish Aneja (CIO & Chief Digital Health officer, UC Davis Health, California) guided about "Digital Health-The start of Exponentially better care", Dr. Sangita Reddy (Joint MD, Apollo Hospitals group) delivered a talk on "Digital Health: the Future of Healthcare in India", Prof. Krishnan Ganapathy & Dr. Anjana Samadder conducted Question & Answer session. Dr. Ravi Kolli and Dr. Anjana Samadder were the moderators for this meet.

Global Virtual Meet

24 MAR 2022 THURSDAY

7:00 PM IST
6:30 AM PST
8:30 AM CST

9:30 AM EST
1:30 PM BST (UK)
12:30 AM (Australia)

22nd Anniversary Celebrations of the formal inauguration of the world's first VSAT enabled village hospitals at Aragonda, A.P., India

Join us : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99039723893>

Speaker	Topic	Duration
Dr. Anupam Sibal President GAPIO Group Medical Director, Apollo Hospitals Group	Welcome & Introduction	5 minutes
Prof. Krishna Ganapathy Director, Apollo Telemedicine Networking Foundation & Apollo Tele Health Services	Telehealth in India- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow The Apollo Story	15 minutes
Prof. Pramod Gaur Adjunct Professor, Pace University New York & President, Gaur Associates	Insurance and Telehealth: A Global perspective	15 minutes
Dr. Ashish Aneja CIO & Chief Digital Health Officer, UC Davis Health, California	Digital health: The Start of an Exponentially Better Care	15 minutes
Dr. Sangita Reddy Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Group	Digital health: The Future of Health Care in India	15 minutes
Prof. Krishnan Ganapathy Dr. Anjana Samadder	Q & A Session	10 minutes

MODERATORS
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

LEADERSHIP MANTRAS

Tuesday, 8th March 2022 | 7:00 PM IST

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DR. ALKA MITTAL CHAIRPERSON, OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED (ONGC)	DR. ANUPAMA GOTIMUKULA PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF INDIAN ORIGIN (AAPI)	MS. MARY KOM BOXER, OLYMPIAN, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, RAJYA SABHA
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MODERATOR DR. ANUPAM SIBAL GROUP MEDICAL DIRECTOR, APOLLO HOSPITALS GROUP		

Session on Leadership Mantras

GAPIO conducted a session on "Leadership Mantras", on 8th March 2022 on the occasion of "International Women's Day"

Ms. Suneeta Reddy (Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Group) gave the opening remarks. Dr. Alka Mittal (Chairperson, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)), Ms. Mary Kom, (Boxer, Olympian, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha), Dr. Anupama Gotimukula (President, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI)), Ms. Ekta Kapoor, (Film and Television Producer and Director), Ms. Nimrat Kaur (Actress) were the panellist for the event.

The Global Citizen of India Wrapper

Dr. Shailaja Chaturvedi, Honorary Advisor of GAPIO has published a book titled 'The Global Citizen of India'. She is an experienced and qualified medical practitioner with the background of Eastern and Western culture. She is a published writer both in Hindi and English languages with 3 published books and numerous articles, stories and poetry. Professional writing evolved from her passion for writing from early childhood. She was born in a small town of Uttar Pradesh and mostly lived in the city of Lucknow before moving to Australia over 5 decades ago. She lives in Sydney Australia with her husband, actively involved in social reforms and health services for underprivileged people.

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Children with cancer
(<https://childcancerfoundation.org/>)

One of India's biggest challenges is to improve its global standing by increasing healthcare access and outcome for children with cancer, with inferior survival compared to its Western counterparts.

According to ICMR and National Cancer Institute and Research, in India cancer cases among 15-19 years in 2020, it may rise to 18.7 lakh by 2025.

Every year more than 1 lakh children are diagnosed with cancer all over the world, of which more than 10,000 are in India.

The diagnosis of childhood cancer is the beginning of a traumatic journey, fraught with debilitating clinical, physical, emotional and financial impact on the child and the family in short and long terms.

In conjunction with government's efforts, private enterprise is crucial in delivering optimal cancer care, consistently to its vast and diverse pediatric population, despite existing limitations. With this background a philanthropic foundation Child Cancer Foundation was established in Uttar Pradesh city of Gorakhpur.

The Foundation aims to make substantial changes at the grassroot level through successful partnerships in reducing preventable childhood cancer incidence among poor children. Children are our ambassadors for tomorrow and we must invest in them.

Life offers no greater responsibility, privilege or challenge and yet no greater joy than raising a healthier next generation.

All the proceeds of this book will be donated to Child Cancer Foundation.

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Child Cancer Foundation

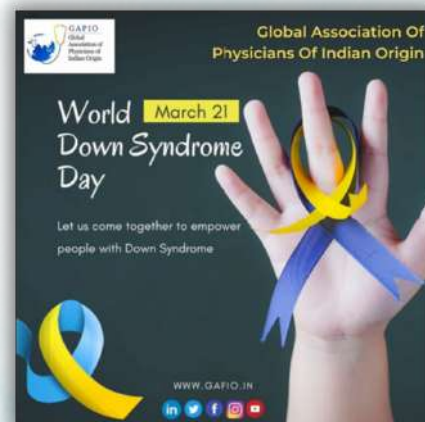


SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE

World Down Syndrome Day

Down syndrome is a genetic disorder caused when abnormal cell division results in an extra full or partial copy of chromosome 21. This extra genetic material causes the developmental changes and physical features of Down syndrome.

On this World Down Syndrome Day, GAPIO appeals to unite to create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down syndrome.



The World Disabled day

The World Disabled day is observed to inculcate a sense of compassion among all human beings.

On this day, GAPIO urges people to promote empowerment, which will help people with disabilities to enhance their own capacities and support themselves in setting their own priorities.

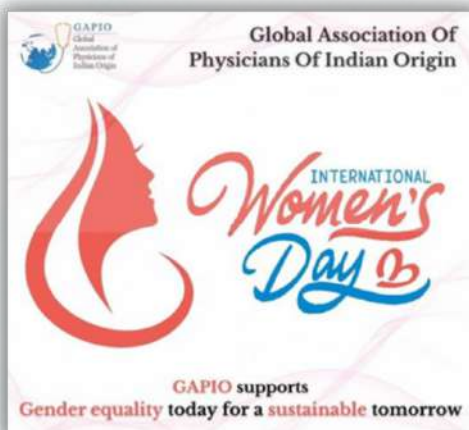
No Smoking Day

Quitting smoking isn't easy, but it is worth it. It will improve your health status and enhance quality of life.

GAPIO appeals to all smokers or chain smokers to get rid of this habit and apply certain methods like Nicotine Replacement Therapy, Prescription Pills and behavioural Therapy in order to quit the smoking.



International Women's Day



Women are the epitome of courage, hope, and life. GAPIO wished all of the women around the world a Happy International Women's Day by sharing the below message:

The International Women's Day marks a call to a gender equal world - free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination and one that is diverse, equitable, inclusive while differences are valued and celebrated. Women are the epitome of courage, hope, and life. Let us take a pledge this Women's Day that we will make the world a much better place for them. We wish all of the women in our community around the world a Happy International Women's Day!

GAPIO Honours' List March 2021

Under the GAPIO initiative of Monthly Honours focusing on GAPIO members' achievements and contributions to healthcare, academia, research, innovation, and community service locally and abroad, published the Honor's list for the month of March as below:



Dr. Arun Prasad, President of Obesity Surgery Society of India (OSSI), 2018-20 and President of International MGB-OAGB Club for Bariatric Surgery has received a certificate of appreciation for his valuable contribution as Learned Speaker for the topic "Current Concepts in Obesity Management" at the Environmental and Occupational Health DigiConnect Webinar held on 4th March 2022.

Dr. Arun Prasad has also been invited as an "Organizing Committee Member" for the prestigious "20th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery (WCES 2024), International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons (IFSES), and the 22nd Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo-surgeons (IAGES)" WCES- IAGES 2024, to be hosted at Kolkata, India.

Dr. Ashish Aneja, Internal Medicine consultant from Kurukshetra, India, has organized Free health check-up camp in association with GAPIO and Max Hospital, Mohali at University Health Centre on 10th March 2022. The facilities provided during the camp are free tests like BMD, Sugar, BP, Spirometry, Free consultation with Orthopaedician and Dietician from Max Hospital.

Dr. Loknath Shandilya, President, Global Health and Education (GHE) has joined hands with Jan Aushadhi Kendra (which is PM Modi's Scheme to provide low-cost medicines to poor people) in Sawaimadhopur, Rajasthan. GHE is providing free sanitary pads to middle and high school girls in Sawaimadhopur area and also planning to provide free medicines through this program to those who cannot afford to pay even the bare minimum cost. GHE will pay for their medicines.

Dr. PN Renjen, Senior Consultant Neurology from New Delhi, Past President - Delhi Neurological Association (DNA) and former Executive Committee Member of European Stroke Conference (ESC) has published the following article:
Chaudhari DM, Renjen PN, Goyal N, et al. Central variant reversible encephalopathy syndrome BMJ Case Rep 2022;15:e245636. doi:10.1136/bcr-2021-245636

Dr. (Prof.) Raju Vaishya, Senior Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon at New Delhi has been appointed as the Chairman of Basic Science and Research of Indian Orthopedic Association for 2022-23.

Dr. Raju has organized an online Research and Publication course of the Journal of Orthopedics on 13th Feb.2022, where more than 1000 registered delegates.

Dr. Raju Vaishya has also published the following articles:

- Jain VK, Iyengar KP, Vaishya R. Current situation with doctors and healthcare workers during COVID-19 pandemic in India. Post Grad Med J. March 2022; 98: e121-e122. doi: 10.1136/postgradmedj-2020-138496
 - Iyengar KP, Jain VK, Ish P, Botchu R, Vaishya R. Influence of the Peltzman effect on the recurrent COVID-19 waves in Europe. Postgrad Med J March 2022; 98: e110-e111; doi:10.1136/postgradmedj-2021-140234
 - Iyengar KP, Vaishya R, Jain VK, Ish P. BAME community hesitancy in UK for COVID-19 vaccine; suggested solutions. Postgrad Med J. March 2022; 98: e134-135. doi:10.1136/postgradmedj-2021-139957
 - Vaishya R, Vaish A. All fields of Research and Publication (including in Diabetes) have shown a healthy rising trend from India in the last decade. Diabetes Met Syndrome: Clinical Research and Reviews 2022; 16: 102423. doi:10.1016/j.dsx.2022.102423
 - Vaishya R, Vaish A, Pawar N, Baweja P. Aggressive Giant Cell Tumor in a young pregnant lady. BMJ Case Reports 2022; doi:10.1136/bcr-2021-246001
 - Vaishya R, Gopinathan P. Growth of Journal of Orthopaedics (JOO). J Orthop 2022; 29: A1-A3. doi:10.1016/j.jor.2021.12.004.
 - Jain VK, Gautam D, Iyengar KP, Vaishya R, Malhotra R. Challenges in Conducting and Completing the Orthopedic Postgraduate Thesis During COVID-19 Pandemic. Indian J Orthop 2022; 56: 492-94. doi:10.1007/s43465-021-00503-5
- Iyengar KP, Jain VK, Vaishya R. Is the English language a barrier to the Non-English-speaking authors in academic publishing? Post Grad Med J 2022; 98: 234-35. doi:10.1136/postgradmedj-2020-139243

Dr. Sanjiv Jasuja, Senior Consultant Nephrology from New Delhi, has published the following article:

Sanjiv Jasuja, Vivekanand Jha, Gaurav Sagar, Anupam Bahl, Shalini Verma, Neharita Jasuja, Jasmeet Kaur; Post vaccination analysis of anti-spike antibody responses in kidney transplant recipients with and without COVID-19 infection in a tertiary care center, India; Clinical Kidney Journal, March 2022.

Dr. Shailja Chaturvedi, consultant Psychiatrist in Sydney, Australia, past President of Australian Indian Medical Graduate Association and member of Core Group of GAPIO Women's Forum, has published a book "The Global Citizen of India".

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