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DR. SUDHAKAR JONNALAGADDA CONFERRED WITH "PRAVASI BHARATIYA SAMMAN AWARD (PBSA)" AND INTERVIEWED BY NRI PULSE

Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda, President of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), in 2021 was conferred the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) during the 16th edition of the annual Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention, held virtually on January 9th, 2021. Dr. Jonnalagadda was chosen for the prestigious award by the government of India in the field of medicine and for his great leadership of AAPI, the largest Indian medical organization in the US, particularly during the pandemic.

Consul General of India, Atlanta Dr. Swati Kulkarni also felicitated Dr. Jonnalagadda with presentation of his award in a formal ceremony on December 5, 2021.

A Board-Certified Gastroenterologist/Transplant Hepatologist, working in Douglas, GA, Dr. Jonnalagadda is a former Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Georgia.

In an exclusive with NRI Pulse, Dr. Jonnalagadda shared his views.

Watch out full video at : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPtWReebdE8>

[Source: NRI Pulse, 15th December 21

Link : <https://nrpulse.com/in-recognizing-me-india-has-recognized-every-physician-around-the-globe-dr-sudhakar-jonnalagadda/>]

GAPIO MEMBER DR. J. K. SHARMA CONFERRED WITH HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Dr. J. K. Sharma has been conferred with Honorary Doctor of Science D. Sc. (Honoris Causa) by HNBU Medical Education University, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) in the Convocation Ceremony held on 6th December 2021 at Dehradun by Chief Guest H. E. The Governor of Uttarakhand Lt. Gen. Gurmeet Singh (Retd.) in the presence of Health Minister, Secretary M&H, Uttarakhand and Vice Chancellor of University Prof. (Dr.) Hem Chandra.

[Source : India Education Diary , 3rd October 2021

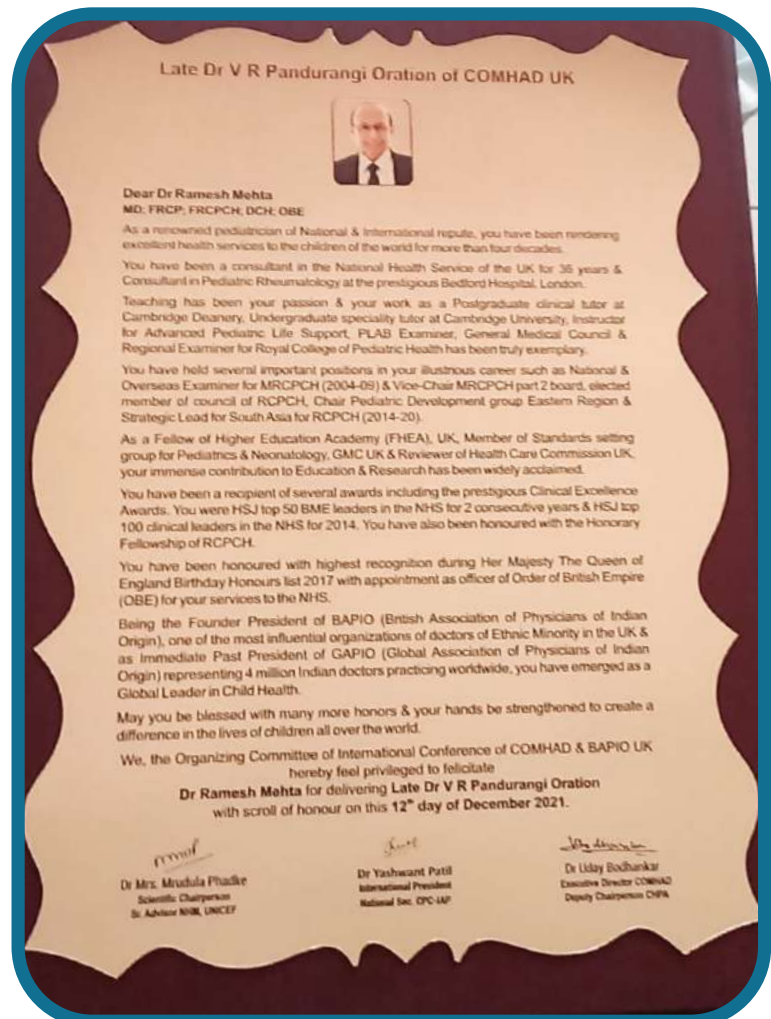
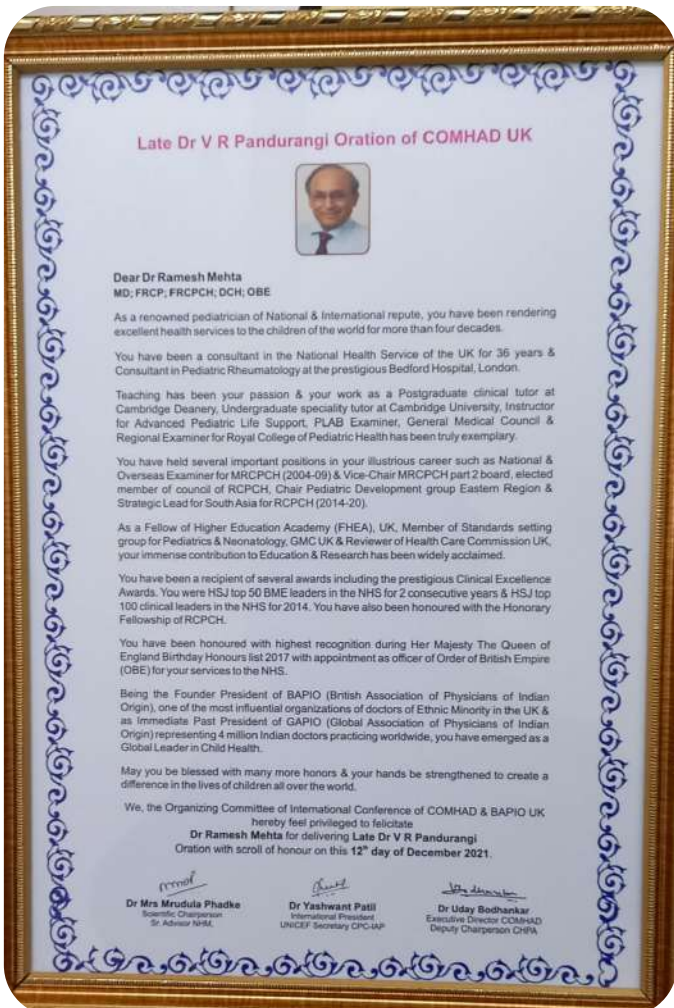
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DR. RAMESH MEHTA : MAKING INDIA PROUD AGAIN

Dr. Ramesh Mehta, UK, OBE, a renowned pediatrician of National and International repute, Fellow of RCPCCH, Founder President of the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO) and immediate past President of the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO), has been felicitated by Organizing Committee of International Conference of COMHAD and BAPIO UK for delivering Late Dr. VR Pandurangi oration with scroll of honour on 12th December 2021.



**DR. SUDHIR PARIKH AWARDED WITH
“HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD”**

Padma Shri Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, Chairman of the Center for Asthma & Allergy Associates of Murray Hill, Chairman & Publisher-Parikh World Wide Media, ITV Gold (24/7 TV Channel) and Life Global, Patron Trustee and Senior Advisor of AAPI Charitable Foundation, Awardee - Pravasi Bharatiya Samman and Secretary General of Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO), has been honoured with “Human Rights Leader of the Year Award” by New York City Administration and President of Manhattan Borough on 10th December 2021

[Source: Press Release, Arts4All Foundation, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer



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CELEBRATION & AWARDS CEREMONY**

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NEW YORK ELECTED OFFICIALS, ARTS4ALL FOUNDATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS CELEBRATE HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

NEW YORK, NY - On Friday, December 10, 2021, the Arts4All Foundation, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and the United Nations held a Human Rights Day Celebration and Awards Ceremony celebrating Human Rights Day, the day in which the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

Dr. Sumita SenGupta, the Founder of Arts4All Foundation said, "Seventy three years ago, after the world united against the oppression, genocide and atrocities of the Second World War, we reaffirm our committed to preserving and upholding the universal rights of all people. From Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to the human rights activists today, on Human Rights Day we honor all of the brave individuals who during the global pandemic risked their lives to continue to support one another in preserving freedom, justice, liberty, equality, common dignity and advancing human rights for all."

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer said, "Whether it is welcoming refugees from totalitarian regimes, promoting economic and racial justice, celebrating diversity, LGBTQ rights, religious freedom and gender equality or condemning violence, New Yorkers have a long history of defending human rights and fighting against oppression. Today, I am proud to honor our fellow New Yorkers on Human Rights Day who dedicate their lives to laying the foundation of peace, justice and freedom through their advocacy."

New York State Senator Cordell Cleare, who prior to being elected was a leading human rights advocate as the Co-chair of the New York City Coalition to End Lead Poisoning said, "It was a 16 year fight to eliminate childhood lead poisoning, a condition that is untreatable but easily preventable. While it was an uphill battle, when we come together for a common cause for the greater good of all that is when we progress as a society. Every day we grow stronger because of the honorees in this room who are leading by example to make the world a more equitable place."

This year's celebration was organized by Arts4All Foundation, a human rights organization that preserves the arts while also providing innovative and humanitarian-based programs and services that improves the lives of individuals and communities locally in New York and globally. The theme of the Human Rights Day Celebration and Awards Ceremony was "Inspire Good", transformative leadership for a better future and world. The event celebrated the advancement of human rights, honoring the legacy and achievements of New Yorkers including holocaust and genocide survivors, human rights activists, distinguished leaders, educators, prominent health, law, business, arts and innovative professionals who are committed to building a better future for humanity and improving the quality of life for all.

Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, Chairman of the Center for Asthma & Allergy Associates of Murray Hill, Chairman & Publisher-Parikh World Wide Media, ITV Gold (24/7 TV Channel) and Life Global, Patron Trustee and Senior Advisor of AAPI Charitable Foundation was the recipient of the Human Rights Leader of the Year Award. Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh said, "Growing up in the world's largest democracy, the country that has inspired non-violent movements around the world, shaped how we view the value of human life, equality and peace, I continue to build upon the legacy of India through my work as a physician, philanthropist and community leader around the world. With high honor and great privilege, I am proud to accept this award for Human Rights Leader of the Year from Arts4All Foundation and the elected officials present."

The other Indian Americans that were honored at the event include: Dr. Arvin Ghosh, Author and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Economics, Finance, and Global Business at William Paterson University, Dr. Sumita Jaisly, Director of Outreach of the Art of Living Foundation, Dr. Babu Jaisly, Board Member of Vidyarthi Vignyan Manthan, Dr. Umimesh Arya, National President of the Association for Indian Americans and Dr. Dhananjay C. Saha, Director of the Office of Grant Support and Research Professor of Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

DR ARUN PRASAD : AN INVITED FACULTY

Dr. Arun Prasad, President of Obesity Surgery Society of India (OSSI), 2018-20 and President of International MGB-OAGB Club for Bariatric Surgery was invited as a Faculty for the FALS Bariatric 2021 Conference held at Kolkata from 3rd to 5th December 2021. He has also been invited to be part of the examining team for MRCS Part B OSCE - Delhi Hybrid - 17 January 2022.

[Source: Newsindiatimes, 30th December 2021

[Link: https://www.newsindiatimes.com/global-association-of-physicians-of-indian-origin-gapio-honors-high-achieving-members/](https://www.newsindiatimes.com/global-association-of-physicians-of-indian-origin-gapio-honors-high-achieving-members/)



DR IMTIAZ SOOLIMAN - WINNING PRESTIGIOUS SOUTH AFRICAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Dr Imtiaz Sooliman , an Indian-origin philanthropist and founder of disaster relief group 'Gift Of The Givers' has won the prestigious South African of the Year Award run by the Daily Maverick newspaper. 'Gift of the Givers' is a charitable and relief organisation that has undertaken relief work in more than 44 countries after natural disasters such as earthquakes as well as assisting people in war-torn countries. Dr Sooliman has also received National Orders, South Africa's highest civilian honour, and earlier this year was named Social Justice Champion by the University of Stellenbosch in Western Cape province

[Source : ndtv , 25th December 2021

[Link : https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/indian-origin-philanthropist-dr-imtiaz-sooliman-named-south-african-of-the-year-2671217](https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/indian-origin-philanthropist-dr-imtiaz-sooliman-named-south-african-of-the-year-2671217)

INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTOR, DR. ANIL MENON ENTERS NASA

Dr. Anil Menon, an Indian-origin doctor has been selected along with nine others to be astronauts for National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s future space missions. He is one of 10 astronauts chosen from over 12,000 applicants to represent U.S. as part of NASA's cutting-edge missions to further understanding of space. He is a lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force and emergency medicine physician.

[Source: medicaldialogues, 8th December 2021

[Link : https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/indian-origin-doctor-chosen-as-astronaut-by-nasa-for-moon-mission-85575/](https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/indian-origin-doctor-chosen-as-astronaut-by-nasa-for-moon-mission-85575/)





INDIAN ORIGIN DOCTOR, DR VENKATA KIRAN WHO HEALS WITH MUSIC THERAPY IN ABU DHABI

Dr Venkata Kiran UAE based orthopaedic surgeon from India, is a mellifluous singer, and uses music therapy to help his patients face daunting treatments and procedures. He advocates the healing power of music, with a fully populated channel on YouTube. Singing and medicine are certainly an unusual combination, but Dr Kiran has been combining them for nearly two decades. And he certainly has some interesting tales about the effectiveness of music therapy. He values patient-doctor bond very much, and says it helps his patients recover quicker. He is associated with Abu Dhabi's Bareen International Hospital.

[Source: *gulfnews*, 1th December 2021

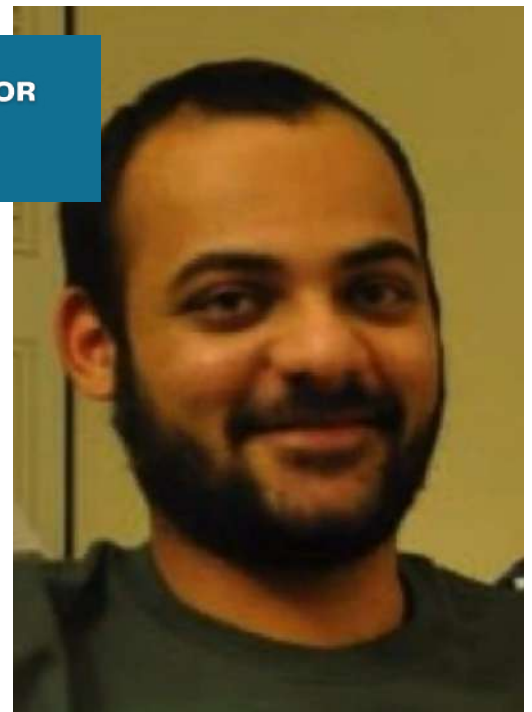
Link : <https://gulfnews.com/uae/health/abu-dhabi-based-indian-doctor-sings-his-way-into-patients-hearts-and-helps-them-heal-1.84209209>]

INDIAN AMERICAN SCIENTIST - A PRIMARY CONTRIBUTOR TO INVENTION OF MODERNA'S COVID VACCINE

Mihir Metkar an Indian origin Scientist was named as the 'first named inventor' by Moderna in patent filing for the path-breaking RNA technique used for its COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine by Moderna belongs to a new type called the mRNA (messenger RNA). Unlike the conventional vaccines that use either part or complete dead virus or a modified version of a different virus, mRNA vaccines use genetically engineered messenger RNA particles to activate the body's antibody response. He is also listed as one of the inventors in two other Covid-19 vaccine patent applications by Moderna to the US Patent Office.

[Source: *free press journal*, 11th November 2021

Link : <https://www.freepressjournal.in/world/indian-origin-scientist-mihir-metkar-identified-primary-contributor-to-invention-of-modernas-covid-19-vaccine>



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