

GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS



CALIFORNIA'S SURGEON GENERAL : AN INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTOR

*Doctor of Indian origin, **Devika Bhushan** was appointed California's Surgeon General in February 2022.*

She has written policy analyses on various topics including gun violence, lead toxicity and foster care legal implementation. She has completed her undergraduate studies from Columbia, MD from Harvard Medical School, and general pediatrics residency from the Johns Hopkins Hospital Bloomberg Children's Centre.

[Source: The Week, 4th February 22

Link : <https://www.theweek.in/news/world/2022/02/04/indian-origin-doctor-devika-bhushan-appointed-californias-surgeon-general.html>

ONE DOCTOR AMONGST FOUR INDIAN AMERICANS ON PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICANS

***Dr. Kamal Kalsi**, an Indian origin doctor has been sworn in as members of President Joe Biden's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.*

He is an emergency medicine physician from New Jersey who has served in the Army for 20 years and was awarded a Bronze Star medal for his work taking care of hundreds of combat casualties on the front lines in Afghanistan.

[Source: The American Bazaar February 5, 2022

Link :

<https://www.americanbazaaronline.com/2022/02/04/four-indian-americans-on-presidential-commission-on-asian-americans-448570/>



DELHI SURGEONS REMOVE 3 LIVE BOTFLIES FROM AMERICAN WOMAN'S EYE AFTER US DOCTORS FAIL TO DO SO



A 32-year-old US national had approached the doctors at Fortis Hospital, Vasant Kunj (New Delhi) presented with symptoms of swelling, redness, and tenderness in her right upper eyelid for the last 4-6 weeks, and was successfully diagnosed and treated for a case of Myiasis (human botflies).

Dr. Mohammad Nadeem (Consultant and Head Emergency Fortis Hospital), ER physician **Dr. Dheeraj** and **Dr. Narola Yangar** (surgery department) successfully

removed 3 live Myiasis (Botfly) from the 32-year-old patient's body. The patient, a US national, is now saved from what could have progressed into extensive erosion of nose, face, and orbit; or even possibly meningitis and death.

[Source: Times now News Feb 22, 2022

Link : <https://www.timesnownews.com/health/article/delhi-surgeons-remove-3-live-botflies-from-american-woman-s-eye-after-us-doctors-fail-to-do-so/861018>]

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION UNDER LEADERSHIP OF PADMA SHRI RECIPIENT DR. SUDHIR PARIKH

Under the leadership of Padma Shri recipient **Dr. Sudhir Parikh**, chairman of 'Life' Global USA, Project 'Life' in Gujarat, working to provide excellence in education since 2001 for rural children, laid the foundation for a milestone 100th school.

Project 'Life', has been striving since 2001 to promote education in the rural Gujarat by building new infrastructures of primary schools with an aim to achieve excellence in education with holistic development of rural children. Their target is to build 108 schools.

[Source: News India Times February 27, 2022

Link : <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/excellence-in-education-under-leadership-of-chairman-life-global-usa-dr-sudhir-parikh-and-team-project-life-gujarat/>





DR. PALLAVI GOWDA – AN INDIAN AMERICAN DOCTOR TO RECEIVE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Three Indian-Americans received Lifetime Achievement Awards, from President Joe Biden, for their lifelong commitment aimed at building a strong nation through volunteer service. One of them was Dr. Pallavi Gowda. These awardees received individual letters signed by the President.

Dr. Gowda is a physician and a veteran of the U.S. Army. She's the founder and CEO of Premier health LLC, and also serves as the acting president and president-elect for the Rotary Club of Potomac, Maryland. She leads her humanitarian efforts through her involvement with the American Diversity Group and the Rotary club.

The volunteer alliance of medical professionals, organizations, and community members have dedicated themselves to providing free primary care and quality healthcare services to uninsured families and individuals with limited ability to pay for medical care.

[Source: newsindia-times.com, 4th March 2022

Link : http://epaper.newsindia-times.com/2022_03_04/6/

INDIAN ORIGIN PHYSICIAN SCIENTIST AWARDED \$8 MILLION GRANT FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

Dr Shom Goel, a breast cancer specialist at the University of Melbourne and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre has been awarded one of three \$8 million grants from the Snow Medical Research Foundation.

He has received the grant for his research on why some cancer cells don't die in response to common treatments.

He will use the Snow Fellowship to study therapy-induced senescence and examine why some cancers, mainly breast cancer, relapse years after being cured.

[Source: SBS October 26, 2021

Link

: <https://www.sbs.com.au/language/english/audio/melbourne-physician-scientist-awarded-8-million-grant-for-breast-cancer-research>]



2 DOCTORS OUT OF FIVE INDIAN-ORIGIN/SOUTH ASIAN RESEARCHERS TO WIN 2022 SLOAN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Five scientists of Indian and other South Asian origin have been selected for the prestigious Sloan fellowship awarded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

In the field of Neuroscience, Aparna Bhaduri (Assistant professor in biological chemistry at UCLA) and Prerna Shrestha (Assistant professor at the Department of neurobiology and Behavior, Brooklyn University in New York) were the recipients of the Fellowship.

Dr. Bhaduri did her doctoral work in Cancer Biology at Stanford University working with Dr. Paul Khavari where she studied epidermal differentiation and epithelial cancers. While she was a graduate student, she developed her bioinformatic skill

set as well as an appreciation for the inverse roles of development and cancer. As a postdoc, she used single-cell RNA-sequencing to characterize the developing human brain and to compare these developmental time points to cortical organoid models of development and glioblastoma brain tumours. She has received several awards including the 2022 Allen Institute Next Generation Leaders Advisory Council membership; For Women in Science Fellowship, L'Oreal and AAAS; and the 2019 K99/ ROO transition to Independence award.

Dr. Shrestha has received her B.S. in Biological Chemistry Magna cum laude from Bates College and her Ph.D. in Life Sciences from The Rockefeller University. She has done original research in the study of the prefrontal cortex and behavior among mice. During her postdoctoral fellowship with Eric Klann at New York University, she developed genetically encoded cell-type specific protein synthesis inhibitors and studied the role of de novo protein synthesis in specific neuronal populations in amygdala during consolidation of emotional memories. Her laboratory is focused on studying the dynamics of protein synthesis regulation in memory systems. She received the NARSAD Young Investigator award in 2017.

[Source: Newsindia-times, 25th February 2022

Link : http://epaper.newsindia-times.com/2022_02_25/10/]



Dr. Aparna Bhaduri



Dr. Prerna Shrestha

AN INDIAN-AMERICAN PROFESSOR TO LEAD STUDY FUNDED WITH \$8.4 MILLION NIH GRANT

Dr. Manish Butte (UCLA's E. Richard Stiehm Professor of Pediatric Allergy, Immunology) has received a grant of \$8.4 million from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Butte and his team will looking into the question – Why some people infected with Valley fever develop a potentially fatal form of the disease that ravages their body while most experience only mild symptoms or none at all? Infectious Diseases will also study other questions related to genetic risk factors and immune responses to the disease

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