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More honors for pioneer cardiologist Dr. Navin Nanda



Dr. Navin C. Nanda - A distinguished Professor of Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease at the University of Alabama at Birmingham continues to receive more honors for his pioneering work in the field of echocardiography, a subspecialty of cardiology.

A recent one is from the Bangladesh Cardiac Society as the "Father of Modern Echocardiography and a legend who has contributed enormously to the development of Echocardiography in Bangladesh, more than any other outside physician."

Another is the Dr. Navin Nanda Echocardiographic and Vascular Training Academy named after him in the Philippines.

Dr. Nanda is recognized by many prestigious Institutions around the world for his pioneering work and innovations in echocardiography and cardiology over the past 5 decades.

Dr. Nanda has authored/co-authored more than 1,000 publications including 530 original peer-reviewed pioneering papers, 17 textbooks, and many video texts and CDs dealing with this subject.

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11th India Day Parade celebrates ancestral homeland's 75th birthday in Hicksville, N.Y.









The landmark 75th anniversary of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) was celebrated at the 11th India Day Parade of Long Island on August 7, 2022, as a large crowd assembled at the Hicksville Community Center, the starting point of the parade. It was organized by IDP USA, currently led by President Vimal Goyal and Vice Chair Mukesh Modi, the parade featured several floats and marching groups.

Patriotic songs along with slogans of 'Bharat Mata ki Jai and 'Jai Hind' rang out in the air, as people waved India's flag. The parade culminated near the Hicksville Post Office, where an entertainment stage and 30 booths welcomed India lovers with various products and activities.

India's Deputy Consul General in New York, Dr. Varun Jeph, was the Grand Marshal. He urged people to display the Tricolor in their homes.

Film and sports star Prachi Tehlan, the Celebrity Grand Marshal, said she was impressed by the love of India shown by people here which surpassed that at home. Well-known playback singer Shibani Kashyap, Hollywood/ Bollywood actor, and writer Prashant Guptha, born and brought up in New York, as well as Naveen Shah of Navika Capital Group, were Guests of Honor.

Indian Consulate NY, Embassy, and community celebrate India's 75th anniversary

Hundreds of Indians and Indian-Americans attended the August 15th, 2022 ceremony at the Indian Consulate in New York, and celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The Consulate of India in New York observed India's 75th anniversary of independence which was presided over by Consul General Randhir Jaiswal, who hoisted the flag and read out the speech of the President of India going by tradition. At Times Square, members of the Indian community and leaders of various organizations like the Federation of Indian Associations' President Kenny Desai and Chairman Ankur Vaidya, Parikh Worldwide Media chairman, and Padma Shri recipient Dr. Sudhir Parikh, among many others, gathered to celebrate India's independence.







Indian-American Physicians To Boost Collaboration In India's TB Notifications Campaign

According to the World Health Organization, tuberculosis is the 13th leading cause of death globally and the 2nd leading infectious killer after COVID-19, (more than HIV/AIDS). In 2020, 1.5 million people died of TB, and 10 million people fell ill worldwide that year. But TB is curable and preventable.

India is the leading country among the top 8 countries which account for two-thirds of the total. There is no instant solution for India's myriad problems. But by collaborating with the governments both nationally and at state levels, and working with the government and NGOs, physicians of Indian origin can make a huge difference said Dr. Ravi Kolli, president, of AAPI.

Dr. Kolli was part of the recent closing ceremony of BOOSTING THE TB NOTIFICATION (BTN) CAMPAIGN, a training and certification program of DTO (District TB Officers) in India attended by almost 370 DTOS and STO (State TB Officer), organized by Drs. Manoj Jain and Salil Bhargava, co-founders of CETI (Collaboration to Eliminate TB in Indians), supported by USAID, Emory University and U.S. Centers for Disease Control, etc.

According to Dr. Jain, DTOs in India have initiated a TB Notification Campaign using the PDSA quality improvement process guided by CETI (Collaboration to Eliminate TB among Indians) and Emory University.

The objectives are to increase notification for TB by 10% over the course of a year by implementing the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) -Quality Improvement Initiative (QII); Engage more than 500 DTOs covering all the districts in a virtual 8 week session for 1.5 hours each week; and, provide certificates of completion from Emory University, Central TB Division, WHO, IIPH and CETI to successful DTOs.

Session on 'Pott's Spine- Consensus and Controversies'

GAPIO in collaboration with the Association of Spine Surgeons of India (ASSI) organized a session on "Pott's Spine- Consensus and Controversies" which was scheduled live at 7:00 PM IST on Saturday, 20th August 2022 on a digital platform.

Reputed well-known speakers Prof. Anil K Jain, Editor-in-Chief – Indian Spine Journal, Professor and Head, Santosh Medical College, India delivered a talk on 'When to stop AKT in Spinal Tuberculosis: Consensus and Controversies' and Dr. S K Srivastava, Professor in Orthopaedics, K J Somaiya Medical College and Research Institute, Mumbai, India delivered a talk on 'Surgical Management in Spinal Tuberculosis – When, Where and How?'.

Dr. Shankar Acharya, President – of ASSI moderated the session. Dr. Aditendraditya Singh Bhati, Consultant, Neuro Surgery, Apollo Hospitals, Delhi was the Chairperson during the session.





Session on 'New Robots on the Block - Early Experience'

GAPIO in collaboration with the Association of Robotic & Innovative Surgeons (ARIS) organized a session on "New Robots on the Block - Early Experience" which was scheduled live at 7:00 PM IST on Saturday, 13th August 2022 on a digital platform.

Reputed well-known speakers - Dr. Raj Palaniappan, Director and Lead Bariatric Surgeon at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai, India delivered a talk on 'Medtronic Hugo (USA)', Dr. Rajesh Shrivastava, consultant in General Surgery at HN Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai, India delivered a talk on 'CMR Versius (UK)' and Dr. Sudhir Rawal, Medical Director & Chief of Uro-Genito Oncology Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre, Delhi, India delivered a talk on 'SSI Mantra'.

Dr. Anupam Sibal, President, GAPIO and Group Medical Director, Apollo Hospitals, delivered the opening remarks. Dr. Arun Prasad, Vice President-ARIS was the moderator and Dr. C Selvasekar from the UK was the Chairperson during the session.

The session was followed by 10 minutes question and answer session.

GAPIO-Nursing International Lecture Series: A Session on Transforming care at the bedside

GAPIO in collaboration with Global Nursing Community, organized the third session of 'GAPIO – Nursing International Lecture Series' at 3:30 PM IST on Saturday, 6th August 2022 on a digital platform. The theme of the session was "Transforming Care at the Bedside".

Reputed well-known speaker Dr. Shani. S. D. Senior Nursing officer, from Kerala, discussed on topic 'Excellence in care-Neuroscience Nursing', and Dr. Manju Dhandapani, secretary of Neuroscience Nurses from Chandigarh, shed light on the topic 'Promoting evidence-based innovative nursing Practices: Role as specialized nurses. Dr. Manju C. Pallam, a senior lecturer, from the UK, discussed the topic 'Emotional Intelligence for care at the bedside. Ms. Felicia Kwaku, RGN, OBE, Associate Director of Nursing, from England discussed the topic 'AN inspirational Talk'. Dr. P. N. Renjen, senior consultant Neurologist, New Delhi set the contest of the session. Ms. Shreedevi Balchandran, Lecturer College of Nursing Muscat was the chairperson. Dr. Sneha Vaidya Regional Nursing Head, Mumbai & Dr. Rita Lakhani Principal, Jupiter College of nursing, Thane were the moderator for the session.

Capt. Dr. Usha Banerjee, Group Director, Apollo Hospital group, Maj. Gen. Elizabeth John, Former additional director general military nursing service, Ms. Lalita Iyer Goel, Advanced nurse practitioner & partner, ARU, UK, Dr. Rita Lakhani Principal, Jupiter College of Nursing, Dr. Manju Pallam, Senior lecturer Manchester University, UK, Dr. Agnes Therady, senior vice president, Indiana, USA, Ms. Shreedevi Balchandran, Lecturer College of Nursing Muscat, all were the part of organizing committee.





GAPIO Session on "Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Children"

GAPIO in collaboration with the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) organized a session on "Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Children" that was scheduled live at 7:00 PM IST on Saturday, 27th August 2022 on a digital platform.

Reputed well-known speaker Dr. Anupama Chawla, Director of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition at Stony Brook University Hospital in New York, USA delivered a talk on 'Biologicals in Pediatric IBD'. Dr. Moinak Sen Sarma, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatric Gastroenterology, SGPGI, Lucknow, India shed light on the topic 'Pediatric IBD 360 Degree Overview'.

Dr. Nida Mirza, Pediatric Gastroenterologist, Apollo Hospitals – Indore moderated the session. Dr. Bhupinder Sandhu, UK, Pediatric

Gastroenterologist, Bristol Royal Hospital, UK, Order of the British Empire Awardee, was the Chairperson. The session was followed by 10 minutes question and answer session.

SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE

World Lung Cancer Day

On 1st August 2022, GAPIO celebrated the World Lung Cancer Day by sharing the below awareness message on social media:

Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death with an estimated 1.8 million deaths.

Preventive measures that can help reduce this number include: Stay away from tobacco, Avoid radon exposure, Avoid or limit exposure to cancer-causing agents, Eat a healthy diet.

Besides, there is also a need to bridge the care gap and provide quality medical services for healthcare betterment.





Raksha Bandhan Wishes

On account of Rakshabandhan, GAPIO celebrated the bond of protection and care.

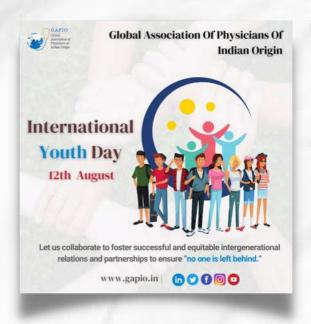
We shared a Happy Rakshabandhan message on the social media platforms and wished all the protectors around the globe.

International Youth Day

On account of International Youth Day, GAPIO spread a message on social media:

Intergenerational cooperation is more important than ever to guarantee an inclusive and long-term recovery. As we enter the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is even more vital to recognize and address the age-related barriers like employment, political participation, health and justice to "build back better," in a way that draws on all generations' abilities and experience.

GAPIO appeals the youth to achieve sustainable development goals.



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World Organ Donation Day

This World Organ Donation Day, GAPIO appealed on social media to join in raising awareness and helping save lives by giving hope to those waiting for a chance.

The message conveyed that it's not too late to make a difference in others lives. Help donate organs and give someone a second life.



Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsay

In support of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav - an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of it's people, culture and achievements, GAPIO appealed all the Indians to unfurl Tiranga at home from 13-15th August 2022. This Mahotsav was dedicated to the people of India who have not only been instrumental in bringing India thus far in its evolutionary journey but also hold within them the power and potential to enable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of activating India 2.0, fuelled by the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

GAPIO also appeal ed to 'Pin a Flag' virtually at www.harghartiranga.com, along with posting a 'Selfie with Flag' on the site.







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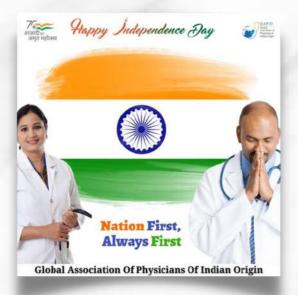
Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign

To spread an awareness of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, GAPIO also shared a post on Social Media conveying the importance of Tiranga in the below post:

The Indian National Flag represents the hopes and aspirations of the people of India. It is the symbol of our national pride and there is universal affection and respect for, and loyalty to, the National Flag. It occupies a unique and special place in the emotions and psyche of the people of India.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' is a campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 75th year of India's independence. Our relationship with the flag has always been more formal and institutional than personal. Bringing the flag home collectively as a nation in the 75th year of independence thus becomes symbolic of not only an act of personal connection to the Tiranga but also an embodiment of our commitment to nation-building. The idea behind the initiative is to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the people and to promote awareness about the Indian National Flag.





Independence Day Celebration

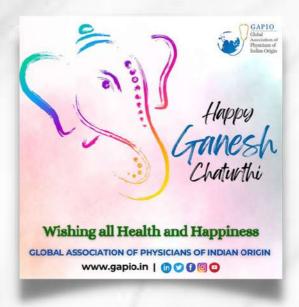
GAPIO wished Happy Independence Day to all Indians on the occasion of 75 years of Independence by sharing the below message on social media: There is new hope for the future in India, and we are ready to be a part of it. Today is an important day for each one of us in the country. It is not just about celebrating a moment in history, it's about looking forward to what we can achieve as one nation.

Let us come together to unfold a new India - An India of our dreams! Incredible India!

GAPIO appealed to everyone to pledge for the betterment of our Motherland.

Ganesh Chaturthi

This Ganesh Chaturthi GAPIO wished all Health and Happiness by sharing a message on social media.



GAPIO Honours' List AUGUST 2022



Prof. Dr Arun Jamkar, MS, Distinguished Professor, SIU Pune and Ex-Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik has delivered Dr Rita memorial oration on "Mirror neurons and surgical education" organized by MEU India on 20th august 2022.

Dr. Jamkar has also been honored with Lifetime Achievement Award by MEU India.

Dr. Gyanshankar Mishra, Associate Professor, Respiratory Medicine, Indira Gandhi, GMC, Nagpur, Maharashtra has published the following articles:

- Mate K, Mishra G, Munje R. Adverse Drug Reactions to a Daily Fixed-dose Combination Based Antituberculosis Treatment Regime in India's National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme: A Prospective Cohort Study. J Clin Diagnostic Res. 2022;16(8): OCD14-OC19.
- Munje RP, Ramteke AL, Mishra GP. Study of Polysomnography in Patients of Metabolic Syndrome. Vidarbha J Intern Med [Internet]. 2022 Aug 10 [cited 2022 Aug 10];32(2):89–93.

Dr. Gyanshankar Mishra has also published the following Book Chapter

Gyanshankar P. Mishra. Bedaquiline: The New Antituberculosis Drug on the Horizon. In: Debarshi Kar Mahapatra, Bharti SK, editors. Biologically Active Small Molecules: Modern Applications and Therapeutic Perspectives [Internet]. 1st ed. Apple Academic Press, Inc. Co-published with CRC Press (Taylor & Francis); 2022. p. 3–16.

Dr. Kalipada Murmu, MS (OBGY), has organized a health check-up camp at Kendughetu Sishu Siksha School, Ayodhya Hill, for the under privileged people and children in the hill terrain on 11th June 2022.

Prof. Nikhil Vasdev, Consultant Urological Surgeon and Associate Medical Director for Cancer Services, East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust, Lister Hospital, Stevenage, UK has become Professor and Chair in Robotic Surgery at the School of Medicine and Life Sciences at the University of Herefordshire, UK.

Dr. Premkumar Balachandran, Senior Consultant Minimal Access, Bariatric and Robotic Surgeon at Chennai has been invited as international faculty to National University Hospital, Singapore for a hernia master class.

Dr. Premkumar has also presented on "Hugo robotic hernia surgery" and was also a faculty in the pre-conference robotic workshop.

Dr. Raj Kumar, Director, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, University of Delhi, Head- Department of Pulmonary Medicine, VPCI and National Centre of Respiratory Allergy, Asthma and Immunology has become member of following two committees:

- · Member, managing committee of the Gandhi Bhavan, University of Delhi, Delhi dt. 12.07.2022
- Member, National Steering Committee for National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Service, University of Delhi, Delhi dt. 20.07.2022.

Dr Raj Kumar has also published the following international articles:

- Gulati, K., Sharma, N., Kumar, R., Prakash, J., Ray, A., (2022). Role of pharmacovigilance in Drug Safety, An
 Overview of Activities at an Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre (AMC) Of Delhi. Pharmacology and
 Toxicology,10(2), 28-41.
- Spalgais S, Mrigpuri P, Kulshrestha R, Gupta V, Kumar R. Pulmonary adenocarcinoma mimicking rheumatoid lung and delaying diagnosis for 8 months. Egypt J Chest Dis Tuberc 2022;71:405-8.

Dr Raj Kumar has published the following articles:

- Kumar, R., Kumar, D., Kumar, M., Mavi, I A.K., Mrigpuri, P., Singh, K., (2022). Impact of pollen counts and Air Pollution Over Hospital Visits for Respiratory Illnesses in North Delhi Region. Indian J Chest Dis Allied Sci, 64, 15-20.
- Kumar R, Denning DW, Chowdhary A. Chronic Respiratory Diseases Burden and Healthcare Facilities. Indian J Chest Dis Allied Sci 2022; 64 (2), 61-62.
- Dr. Raj Kumar has published an editorial and training manual during 45th Workshop on Respiratory Allergy, Diagnosis and Management, VP Chest Institute, 06-10 June, 2022. ISBN: 968-81-920556-2-9

Dr. Raj Kumar has published following chapter/s contributed to books

- Rajendra Prasad and Raj Kumar (2022). Allergy Situation in India. Certificate Course on Diagnosis of Respiratory Allergy and Immunotherapy (Page No. 1-4), Published by NCRAAI, VP Chest Institute, Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-920986-7-5.
- Raj Kumar (2022). Allergy Testing. Certificate Course on Diagnosis of Respiratory Allergy and Immunotherapy (Page No. 97-134), Published by NCRAAI, VP Chest Institute, Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-920986-7-5.
- SN Gaur, Raj Kumar, AB Singh, MK Agarwal, Naveen Arora (2022). Guidelines for practice of Allergen Immunotherapy in India: 2017- an Update Certificate Course on Diagnosis of Respiratory Allergy and Immunotherapy (Page No. 135-194). Published by NCRAAI, VPCI, Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-920986-7-5.
- Raj Kumar (2022). Food Allergy in Bronchial Asthma. Certificate Course on Diagnosis of Respiratory Allergy and Immunotherapy (Page No. 241-247), Published by NCRAAI, VP Chest Institute, Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-920986-7-5.
- Dr. Raj Kumar, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Dr. Pooja Naudiyal (2022). Sensitivity to Common Aeroallergens in Asthma Patients. Certificate Course on Diagnosis of Respiratory Allergy and Immunotherapy (Page No. 253-261), Published by NCRAAI, VPCI, Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-920986-7-5.
- Dr. Raj Kumar, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Kamal Singh, Dr. Anil Kumar Mavi (2022). Cockroach (Periplaneta Americana) Exposure and its Allergy Sensitization in Asthma Patients in North Delhi Region. Certificate Course on Diagnosis of Respiratory Allergy and Immunotherapy (Page No. 266-277), Published by NCRAAI, VPCI, Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-920986-7-5.

Dr Raj Kumar has Organized 45th workshop on 'Respiratory Allergy: Diagnosis & Management' from 6th - 10th June, 2022 organized at VP Chest Institute, Delhi.

Dr. Sagar Jawale, MS, Pediatric Urologist and Neonatal Surgeon, Jawale Institute of Pediatric Surgery, Jalgaon, Maharashtra got his article published in "Stem cell therapy for typel diabetes with transplantation of stem cells into the Omental pouch, peritoneum, and blood, experimental study" in a prestigious Netherland based Journal called Annals of medicine and surgery. It is a PubMed and Scopus registered journal with an impact factor of 1.75.

The journal admitted and accepted that the Omental pouch operation is reported for the first time in the medical literature by Dr. Jawale.

Dr. Tarun Gupta, Faculty, Senior Surgeon - Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, New Delhi, was the Co-Organizer of the Annual Congress of the American College of Surgeons India Chapter organised at the Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, New Delhi from 3-7 August 2022.

Dr. Tarun has also presented a paper on "ABC of Wounds" at the Annual Congress of the ACS India Chapter and was the Faculty Examiner at the Surgical Clinical Oriented Postgraduate Examination (SCOPE) Course in August 2022.

Dr. V K Raju, President and Founder of Eye Foundation of America, USA has been inducted as the President of 'Morgantown Rotary Club'. During his tenure, Dr. Raju will organize two community projects and two global projects in collaboration with the Rotary District, Rotary International and Eye Foundation of America. The focus will be on hunger and nutrition in Monongalia County.

Dr. Raju Vaishya, Senior Consultant, Orthopedic Surgeon at New Delhi, has been appointed as

- Honorary Lecturer (Orthopedics), of the Edge Hill University, UK.
- · Associate Editor of Annals of African Surgery.
- · Chief Advisor, Journal of Bone and Joint Disease.

Dr. Raju has been listed in the Top Researchers list of the Research Gate, with a 99 percentile amongst >20 million global Researchers, with a Research Interest Score of 5650.

Dr. Vaishya has published the following article:

Kumar V, Patel S, Baburaj V, Vardhan A, Singh PK, Vaishya R. Current understanding on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Orthopaedics - A scoping review. J Orthop 2022;

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