

GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (NOVEMBER 2022)

Wishing All a Very Happy New Year

DR. RAJ KHILLAN - VICTORIA'S AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR 2023

Dr. Raj Khillan MD, FRCPCH, FRACP Director Western Specialist Centre, has been awarded the Victorian Australian of the Year- 2023 award. He expressed that receiving this award is an honor and a privilege. And that gives him the incentive to work harder in medicine and the multicultural space towards greater inclusivity and to promote tolerance and acceptance.

He is currently Director at Western Specialist Centre and Senior Pediatrician. Still, he has left his mark in various roles at the Melbourne Clinical School, Notre Dame University, and the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. He has also served with distinction at the Overseas Medical Graduate Association and the Multicultural Association of Community Empowerment. He is the President of the Healthcare Awareness Society of Australia and Founder of the group Doctors Against Domestic Violence. Dr. Khillan has revolutionized the provision of multi-disciplinary healthcare by creating Australia's first combined Women's and Children's Health Clinic, which provides specialist services from multiple locations. His work in this regard has won bipartisan political support.

Source: Indian Link News, 10/11/2022

Link: <https://www.indianlink.com.au/india-in-australia/dr-raj-khillan-victorias-australian-of-the-year-2023/>



DR. U MEENAKSHISUNDARAM BECOMES FIRST INDIAN PANELIST IN MOVEMENT DISORDER SOCIETY CONGRESS IN SPAIN

Dr. U Meenakshisundaram, Director and Senior Consultant, Neurology, SIMS Hospitals, Vadapalani, was recently invited by the International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Society as one of the eminent panelists, for the first time for an Indian alongside global experts from Italy, Netherland, Spain, and the USA.

Source: Medical Dialogues, 04/11/2022

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/state-news/tamil-nadu/neurologist-dr-u-meenakshisundaram-of-sims-becomes-first-indian-expert-panelist-in-movement-disorder-society-congress-in-spain-101745>



DR. RAVI PARIKH OF NEW YORK RECEIVES 'VISIONARY' OPHTHALMOLOGIST AWARD

Dr. Ravi Parikh was awarded the Spring 2022 Visionary Award from Real World Ophthalmology, RWO, an award bestowed “to a young ophthalmologist whose work demonstrates exceptional foresight, creativity, advocacy, and vision,” the company said.

Dr. Parikh was also recently named Director of Healthcare Delivery Research (Dept of Ophthalmology) at New York University Grossman School of Medicine/NYU Langone Health. For the RWO Visionary Award, *Dr. Parikh*, with Manhattan Retina & Eye, was sponsored by Aerie Pharmaceuticals.

For his new appointment, he has been credited with work done as a practicing retina specialist and Chairman at Manhattan Retina and Eye and for leading and publishing studies on how to better deliver healthcare to prevent and treat blindness.

Dr. Parikh is recognized for his work as part of the American Academy of Ophthalmology’s Health Policy Committee and the American Society for Retina Specialists Federal affairs committee. He has been advocating and helping shape policy to better deliver eye care.

Source: News India, 27/11/2022

Link: <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/dr-ravi-parikh-of-new-york-receives-visionary-ophthalmologist-award/>

DR. ANJU AGGARWAL RECEIVES THE NATIONAL GP OF THE YEAR 2022 AWARD

Dr. Anju Aggarwal, Family Physician in Sydney, Australia, has been awarded a highly prestigious “National GP of the Year 2022” for this year in Australia. The award was presented at the RACGP Annual convocation function held in Melbourne on 27 November 2022.

Source: SBS Hindi, 27/12/2022

Link: <https://www.sbs.com.au/language/hindi/en/podcast-episode/dr-anju-aggarwal-jointly-wins-australias-gp-of-the-year-award/mvrntqgu8>



DR. SUBHASH BABU: FIRST INDIAN SCIENTIST TO BE AWARDED BAILEY K. ASHFORD MEDAL

Dr. Subhash Babu, a prominent Indian physician, and scientist has received the prestigious Bailey K. Ashford Medal for 2022 and the Fellow of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (FASTMH) award for 2022 For his outstanding research and contributions to tropical medicine. The medal is presented annually to one or more mid-career researchers for distinguished work in tropical medicine by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH), the world's largest scientific organization in tropical medicine. According to an official statement from ASTMH, Dr. Subhash Babu is the first Indian to receive both the Bailey K. Ashford medal and the FASTMH award. He is the Scientific Director of the ICER (International Centre for Excellence in Research)-India Programme. He is a pioneer in research on helminth infections and tuberculosis.

Source: Mint, 08/11/2022

Link: <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/dr-subhash-babu-first-indian-scientist-to-be-awarded-bailey-k-ashford-medal-11667890899336.html>



DR. SATISH NAIR AND TEAM PERFORM ENDOSCOPIC TRANSCANAL EXCISION - BREAKTHROUGH IN FACIAL NERVE SCHWANNOMA TREATMENT



Dr. Satish Nair, Senior Consultant, ENT & Head, and Neck Oncology, Apollo Cancer Centre, Bangalore, and his team, recently made a breakthrough in treating facial nerve schwannoma. They performed an endoscopic trans canal excision of facial nerve schwannoma on a 35-year-old patient suffering from right-sided facial weakness for the last two years.

It is for the first time in the world that the principles of head and neck, lateral skull-based approach, and endoscopic techniques were used to retain the complete functionality of the ear.

Source: The Healthsite.com, 24/11/2022

Link: <https://www.thehealthsite.com/news/indian-doctors-make-breakthrough-in-facial-nerve-schwannoma-treatment-perform-endoscopic-transcanal-excision-927713/444>

DR. KHUSHI VYAS: THE INDIAN SCIENTIST WHO DEVELOPED A MICROSCOPE THAT WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO IDENTIFY BREAST CANCER

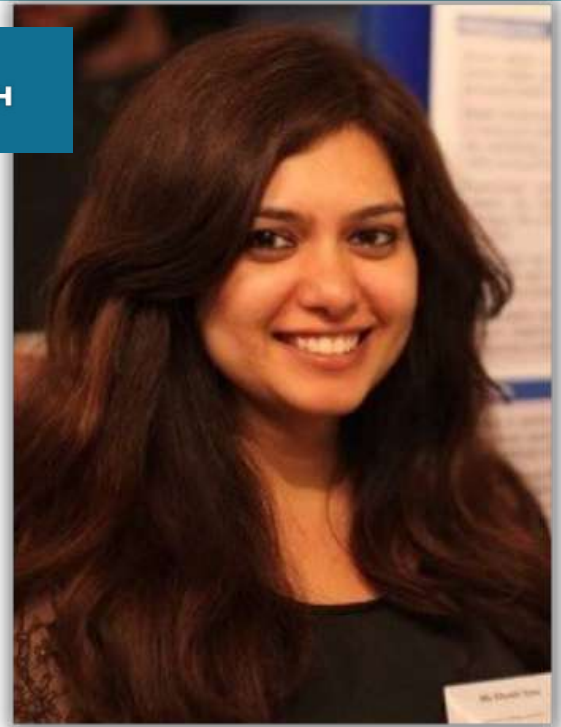
Dr. Khushi Vyas, an Indian doctor, and Scientist at Imperial College, London, have developed Endo Microscope. It will help easily identify breast cancer cells during the operation. The device is just one millimeter and is designed to be inserted inside the body during operation.

This device sends pictures of cancer tissue from inside the body, making removing the cancer tissue easier. It can even detect cancer cells as small as one-hundredth of a millimeter. The team that developed it says that this will save the cancer follow-up operation to a great extent. In most cases, multiple operations had to be performed to remove the cancer cells because existing devices could not detect all the cancer cells at once.

This device can also use breast-conserving surgery to reconstruct the breast after removing the cancer cells. Currently, 20% of women with breast cancer require this surgery. This device can quickly and accurately detect the exact tissue position near the tumors.

Source: *India.com, 01/11/2022*

Link: <https://www.india.com/technology/indian-scientist-develops-microscope-that-will-make-it-much-easier-to-identify-breast-cancer-5716683/>



DR. ROOPESH KUMAR AND HIS TEAM PERFORM ASIA'S FIRST BRAIN BYPASS SURGERY ON TWIN CHILDREN WITH MOYA MOYA DISEASE

Dr. Roopesh Kumar, the Senior Consultant, Neurosurgeon at Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, and his team performed a brain bypass surgery on the twin girls diagnosed with Moya Moya disease. For the first time in Asia, the Centre performed brain bypass surgery on twin 8-year-old children from the Netherlands.

Moya Moya disease is a rare vascular (blood vessel) disorder in which the carotid artery in the skull is blocked or narrowed, leading to reduced blood flow to the brain.

There is no cure for Moya Moya disease. Revascularization surgery is often recommended to slow the progression of the disease and reduce the risk of complications. In brain bypass surgery, the blood supply

from the skin of the head is diverted into the brain through a window created on the skull bone. It facilitates uninterrupted blood flow to the brain without the risk of developing strokes. This procedure, STA-MCA bypass, was performed first on the symptomatic child. The surgery went on for nearly five hours. The next day, the other child underwent a similar procedure. Both procedures ended successfully, and the patients recovered quickly.

Source: *The Healthsite.com, 30/11/2022*

Link: <https://www.thehealthsite.com/diseases-conditions/indian-doctors-perform-asias-first-brain-bypass-surgery-on-twin-children-with-moya-moya-disease-929220/>

DR VIVEK LALL - AN INDIAN AMERICAN RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN US

Dr. Vivek Lall, an Indian-origin General Atomic Global Corporation Chief Executive is honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by US President Joe Biden with the citation of 'With Grateful Recognition'. This citation was given to Dr. Vivek Lall, who has done a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from Wichita State University in Kansas, by the AmeriCorps and the office of the President. AmeriCorps is a part of the US Government. The organization aims to foster activities that bring Americans closer together to "serve communities". Dr. Lall is an Industry leader and scientific community giant, who works as Chief Executive at General Atomics. General Atomics is a global leader in the specialized field of nuclear technology and has developed state-of-the-art Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) like the predators, repeats, and guardian drones.

Source: Current Affairs, 24/10/2022

Link: <https://currentaffairs.adda247.com/indian-american-dr-vivek-lall-receives-lifetime-achievement-award-in-us/>



DR ASEEM MALHOTRA - AN INDIAN-ORIGIN CARDIOLOGIST CALLS FOR REVIEW OF COVID VACCINE MANDATES

Dr Aseem Malhotra, a National Health Service (NHS) trained Indian-origin Cardiologist in the UK called for an urgent review into government health authorities mandated COVID-19 vaccination policies and release of raw data from vaccine trials for expert analysis globally. He said being pro-vaccination and pro-transparency are not mutually exclusive. Writing in the 'European Scientist' journal, the medic warns that vaccine mandates and lack of transparency in public health authorities effectively communicating the reasons behind such policies have had detrimental effects on public trust and vaccine confidence across other serious diseases. Malhotra's call for an urgent review has been backed by other senior medical professionals worldwide, who also demanded transparent access to data for analysis.

Source: The Economic Times, 16/08/2022

Link: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/indian-origin-cardiologist-calls-for-review-of-covid-vaccine-mandates/articleshow/93599796.cms?from=mdr>



DR. JASMEET KAUR BAINS - THE FIRST INDIAN-ORIGIN SIKH WOMAN ELECTED TO CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY

Dr. Jasmeet Kaur Bains, a family physician in the United States of America (USA) has won the California state assembly election. She has become the first Indian-origin Sikh woman to hold such a position.

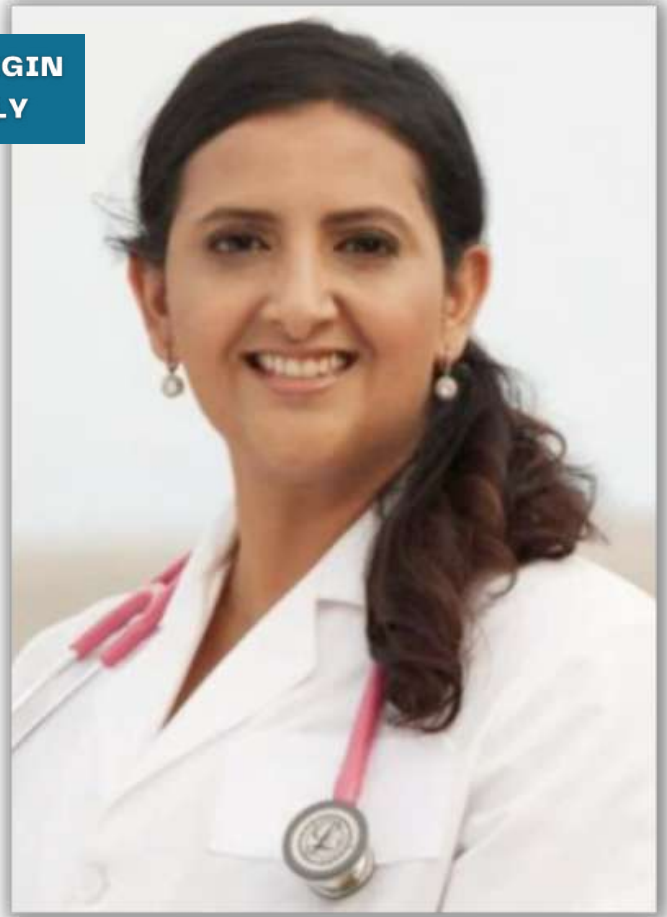
Dr. Bains is elected for the seat of Bakersfield, it is the 35th Assembly District in Kern County. Kern County in the state of California in the USA, with a population of around 9,09,235. Kern County comprises the Bakersfield and California metropolitan area.

According to the Kern County election results website, Dr. Bains led the vote count with 10,827 votes (58.9%) while her opponent Leticia Perez remained at 7,555 votes (41.1%).

Dr. Bains said she would priorities healthcare, homelessness, water infrastructure and air quality.

Source: News on Air, 12/11/2022

Link:<https://newsonair.com/2022/11/12/first-indian-origin-sikh-woman-elected-to-california-assembly/>



DR. SALIM KHAN CONFERRED WITH IPHA FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Dr. S. Muhammad Salim Khan, Professor and Head of the Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College, Srinagar has been conferred the distinction of the fellowship of Indian Public Health Association (IPHA) for his outstanding contribution to the public health sciences.

Source: The Medical Dialogue , 25/09/2022

Link:<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-salim-khan-of-gmc-srinagar-conferred-with-iphafellowshipaward-99647>

87-YEAR-OLD INDIAN AMERICAN SURGEON'S MEMOIR RECOLLECTS HIS STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES IN US

Dr. Navin Shah, medical education director of the US-based Metropolitan Urologic Institute who fought for the justice of international medical graduates has recently released the online version of his memoir 'Karma and the Destiny of an Indian American Surgeon'. The book documents his journey of eight decades where he also became an activist of sorts 'out of a desire to counter injustices to foreign medical graduates in the United States' and to improve the condition of healthcare, medical education, and research in India. He co-founded the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) and the International Association of American Physicians (IAAP).

Dr. Shah has initiated multiple health projects with the help of Indian American physicians to improve the medical education and healthcare system in India. The book covers eight decades of the personal and professional life of the Maryland urologist who has been often acknowledged abroad as the 'trailblazing physician.'



Source: *The Indian Express, 16/11/2022*

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/87-year-old-indian-american-surgeons-memoir-recollects-his-struggle-for-justice-for-international-medical-graduates-8269399/>

DR. SANJEEV JADHAV AND TEAM PERFORM A SUCCESSFUL HEART TRANSPLANT ON A PATIENT WITH MULTI-ORGAN FAILURE



Dr. Sanjeev Jadhav, director of the heart and lung transplant program at Apollo Hospital, Navi Mumbai, and his team of doctors, handled a challenging case of a heart transplant on a man suffering from heart, lung, liver, and kidney failure. Multiple organ failure indicated minimal chances of survival in the 40-year-old patient who was in a critical condition. He had suffered from heart failure for over two years due to ischemic cardiomyopathy, which reduces the heart's ability to pump blood. In January 2022, he underwent triple-vessel angioplasty. Still, his condition deteriorated. The patient could no longer walk more than 100 meters and had sleepless nights. He also suffered symptoms like severe shortness of breath, swelling in both legs and face, accumulation of a large amount of water in the belly (ascites), and build-up of excess fluid around both lungs (pleural effusion)

Source: *The Indian Express, 08/11/2022*

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/doctors-heart-transplant-nashik-multi-organ-failure-8254041/>

DR. MAHIMA SWAMY – AN INDIAN SCIENTIST HONORED AS ONE OF EUROPE'S TOP TALENTS IN BIOLOGY

Dr. Mahima Swamy, An Indian scientist has been chosen to join the prestigious European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Young Investigator network, recognizing her as one of the top talents in biology in Europe. Dr Swamy, who hails from Bengaluru, is one of the University of Dundee's most revered experts within their School of Life Sciences where she heads a research group that investigates immune responses in the intestine. Based within the University's Medical Research Council Protein Phosphorylation and Ubiquitylation Unit (MRC-PPU), she joins 23 other researchers to become a part of the network of 135 current and 390 former members of the EMBO programme.

A key part of her work is the study of inflammatory bowel diseases and how these can be prompted by the body's immune system attacking the gut lining in the absence of infection.

Her research aims to address how one can better harness the gut immune system to protect against harmful invasion, but also prevent it from damaging the gut.

Source: Economic Times, 28/12/22

Link: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/indian-scientist-honored-as-one-of-europes-top-talents-in-biology/articleshow/96559101.cms>



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