

# GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (DECEMBER 2022)

*Wishing All a Very Happy New Year*

## DR. FAZAL REHMAN WINS THE PRESTIGIOUS HALLETT MEDAL

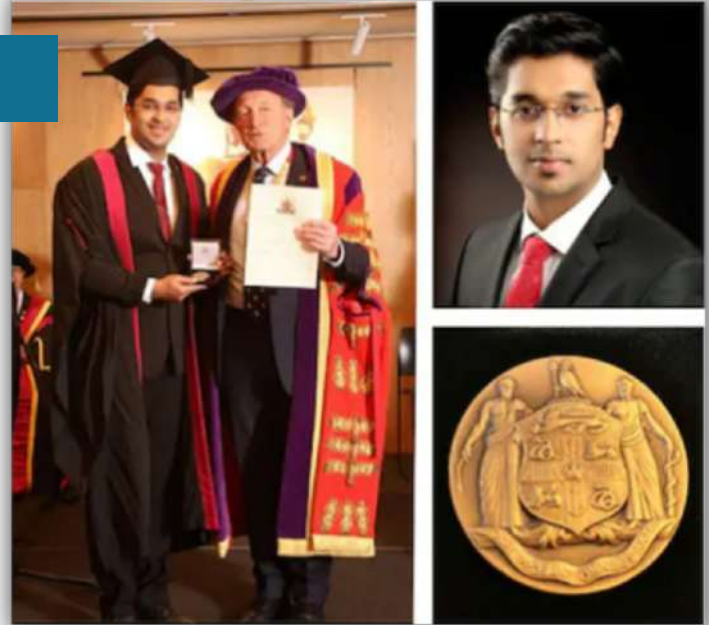
*Dr. Fazal Rehman, an Indian an Orthopedic Spine Surgeon made history by achieving a Stellar Performance at the MRCS (Member of the Royal College of Surgeons) Part A International exam. He was awarded the Prestigious Hallett Medal and the Intercollegiate Prize for securing the highest score in the World for the MRCS (Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England) Part A exam held in January 2020. The announcement of the global awards came as a moment of national pride for India.*

*On November 8, 2022, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons England presented the award to Dr. Fazal*

*Rehman at the Prestigious Diplomat's Ceremony in London. Dr. Fazal is also the first Indian to receive this prestigious award. This young doctor won this Global Award of Excellence after competing with medical professionals worldwide.*

**Source:** India Today, 04/01/2023

**Link:** <https://www.indiatoday.in/impact-feature/story/indias-proudest-moment-dr-fazal-rehman-wins-the-prestigious-hallett-medal-2314893-2022-12-29>



## DR SONU BHASKAR: 40 UNDER 40 ASIAN AUSTRALIANS.

*Dr. Sonu Bhaskar, MD Ph.D. PHF FANA, physician-scientist, and academic neurologist have been named in this year's 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asian Australians list.*

*As Director of the Global Health Neurology Lab in Sydney, Dr. Bhaskar launched the world's first brain clot biobank, a new initiative to prevent and treat strokes. It has won him international acclaim.*

**Source:** IndianLink news, 11/11/2022

**Link:** <https://www.indianlink.com.au/india-in-australia/dr-sonu-bhaskar-40-under-40-asian-australian-award/>



## THREE KASHMIRI DOCTORS HONOURED AT PTH SUMMIT

Three doctors of Kashmir valley were felicitated with top awards during the Pankoshmia Talents of Healthcare Professionals (PTH) awards 2022 held at Chandigarh.

**Dr. Ajaz Ahmad Shah**, Prof & HOD Oral and maxillofacial surgery at Government Dental College Srinagar have been awarded the "Life Time Achievement Award in Oral and maxillofacial surgery." **Dr. Adil Rasool Malik**, a senior dental surgeon at the health and medical education department in Jammu and Kashmir, has been

awarded the "Scientific Services Achievement Award," and **Dr. Humaira Bhat** has been awarded the "Outstanding oral health promoter Award."

**Source:** Awaz The Voice, 19/12/2022

**Link:** <https://www.awazthevoice.in/health-news/kashmiri-doctors-honoured-at-ptth-summit-18308.html/>



## DOCTOR SAVES MAN WHO COLLAPSED AFTER TWO CARDIAC ARRESTS ON LONDON-BENGALURU FLIGHT

*Dr. Vishwaraj Vemala, a consultant hepatologist at their University Hospitals Birmingham (UHB) NHS Foundation Trust saved the life of a passenger from Birmingham who nearly died twice during a ten-hour flight journey. Reportedly, the doctor was flying from the UK to India with his mother to visit their hometown in Bengaluru. Everything was normal until a cabin crew began calling for a doctor. Dr Viemala, who volunteered to help, found a person going into cardiac arrest. The passenger reported to be 43-year-old had no previous medical history. He collapsed on the plane's aisle, and when the doctor examined him, he reportedly had no pulse and wasn't breathing at the time. It took him an hour to resuscitate him.*



**Source:** NEWS 18, 08/01/2023

**Link:** <https://www.news18.com/buzz/indian-origin-doctor-saves-man-who-collapsed-after-two-cardiac-arrests-on-london-bengaluru-flight-6780049.html>

## DOCTORS AT APOLLO PROTON CANCER CENTRE PERFORM UNIQUE PROCEDURE ON TEEN WITH RARE CANCER

*A team of doctors at the Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC) performed Asia's first Radical pleurectomy with Hyperthermic intrathoracic chemotherapy (HITHOC) on a 16-year-old adolescent from Kerala. The doctors treated the unusual case with multi-step surgery involving pericardiectomy, wedge resection of the left lung, and en-bloc resection of the intrathoracic mass with HITHOC. The surgery was performed by Dr. Khader Hussain, Consultant, Surgical Oncologist (Thoracic) & Robotic Surgeon, and Dr. Abhijit Das, Consultant, Surgical Oncologist (Thoracic) & Robotic Surgeon, consisting of Radical pleurectomy, pericardiectomy, wedge resection of the left lung, en bloc resection of the intrathoracic mass followed by HITHOC.*

**Source:** FHealthcare.com, 16/12/2022

**Link:** <https://www.financialexpress.com/healthcare/news-healthcare/doctors-of-apollo-proton-cancer-centre-performs-unique-procedure-on-teen-with-rare-cancer/2917175/>



## INDIAN-ORIGIN DR. LEO VARADKAR TO RETURN AS IRELAND PM FOR SECOND TERM

*Leo Varadkar, an Indian-origin doctor became Ireland's prime minister for a second time under a coalition deal struck after the 2020 election. The Fine Gael leader took over the position from Fianna Fail's Micheal Martin for the second half of a parliamentary term shared between two historic rivals with support from the Greens*

*Varadkar, who has served as deputy prime minister under Martin, returns to the helm as the country grapples with a cost-of-living crisis and high energy bills, exacerbated by Russia's war on Ukraine. Meanwhile, an influx of refugees has amplified concern about an increasingly acute housing crisis.*

**Source:** India Express, 17/12/2022

**Link:** <https://indianexpress.com/article/world/indian-origin-leo-varadkar-to-return-as-ireland-pm-8329357/>



## INDIAN-ORIGIN DR MOHAMMED JAMEEL RECEIVES 'PRIDE OF INDIA' AWARD IN ILLINOIS

*Dr Mohammed Jameel MD received the Pride of India Award at the India @75 GSA event held at Sheraton Hotel Lisle Illinois. The award was in recognition of his Services as chairman of Americans Democratic Forum a U.S.-based 501c 4 organization that is instrumental in raising policy issues with US politicians. Also, he was recognized for being elected by the Governor of IL to the highest regulatory body Illinois state medical board.*

**Source:** Siasat, 17/12/2022

**Link:** <https://www.siasat.com/indian-origin-dr-mohammed-jameel-receives-pride-of-india-award-in-illinois-2481852/>



## INDIAN-ORIGIN PAEDIATRICIAN ANGRAJ KHILLAN WINS AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

*Dr. Anraj Khillan, an Indian-origin pediatrician from Victoria state has been honored with the 2023 Australian of the Year award for delivering key healthcare and health education to several Australian communities. he is the co-founder of the Health Awareness Society of Australia (HASA), which dispels myths, taboos and misinformation about health through forums in a range of languages.*

*HASA delivers forums and virtual sessions in English, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and Arabic on topics from mental health to Covid-19 vaccinations .He has played a pivotal role in delivering key healthcare and health education to culturally diverse communities in Victoria Having been associated with the Royal Darwin Hospital in 2004 as a pediatrician, Khillan, also known as 'Dr Raj', has*

*tirelessly worked for the remote Aboriginal communities. He has also been raising funds for philanthropy in India, East Timor and Australia, apart from being a member of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, and founder of the Doctors Against Domestic Violence Group*

**Source:** Business Insider, 16/11/2022

**Link:** <https://www.businessinsider.in/international/news/indian-origin-paediatrician-angraj-khillan-wins-australian-of-the-year-award/articleshow/95552979.cms>



**PROMINENT INDIAN PHYSICIAN DR SUBHASH BABU 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 2022. This award is given to him 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 largest scientific organization in tropical medicine in the world. In its 82-year history, the award has never been given to an Indian scientist or an Indian institution for work.*

**Source:** Current Affairs, 10/11/2022

**Link:**<https://currentaffairs.adda247.com/prominent-indian-physician-dr-subhash-babu-to-be-awarded-bailey-k-ashford-medal/>



**COUNTRY'S FIRST PHYSICIAN CHATBOT DEVELOPED BY DR ROHIT SHARMA**

*Dr. Rohit Sharma, an Indian Physician has developed Zini. It is a chatbot, that can automate the medical history-recording process, the first step in patient management, and help a doctor figure out what is the cause of a patient's symptoms. It can be used in government initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat and eSanjeevani says Dr. Rohit.*

*Dr Rohit Sharma practised medicine at both government and corporate hospitals before establishing his own clinic and venturing into the startup world. He worked on various healthcare and non-healthcare startups before starting his own venture, GRAINPAD, where he and his team worked on developing artificial intelligence (AI)-driven solutions in healthcare. He has now developed and marketed Zini, India's first AI-based physician app.*

**Source:** Money Control, 28/07/22

**Link:**<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/trends/health-trends/near-policy-paralysis-in-indian-healthtech-says-founder-of-indias-first-physician-chatbot-8904811.html>

## CHINA TO OPEN SCHOOL IN DR KOTNIS' NAME IN SOLAPUR

*Paying homage to the legendary Indian physician, Dr Dwarkanath Shantaram Kotnis, the Consul General of China recently announced that it will establish a school in his memory. The school will be opened in Dr Kotnis' home district, Solapur. Dr Kotnis travelled to China in 1938 and provided medical aid in the battle zone during the second Sino-Japanese War.*

*The announcement was made by Chinese Consul General Kong Xianhua in Mumbai. Kong also said good ties between New Delhi and Beijing are promoted by people.*

**Source:** The Indian Express, 20/12/2022

**Link:** <https://indianexpress.com/article/education/china-to-open-school-in-dr-kotnis-name-in-solapur-8333289/>



# GAPIO CONGRATULATES ALL THE ACHIEVERS FOR MAKING INDIA PROUD

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MESSAGE

It is heartening to learn about the organisation of the 13th annual Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) Conference at Gandhinagar.

The various activities including GAPIO awards being conducted along with the Conference are commendable.

For more than a decade, GAPIO is providing a common platform for physicians of Indian origin to share latest advancements and mutual experiences for larger good. The Indian diaspora has carved out a niche for itself in the international medical domain.

Our scriptures say, 'समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी मनः सह चित्तमेषाम्।' – meaning may our minds, words and thoughts be similar. Driven by a similar sentiment, the coming together of physicians, experts and delegates from across the globe at this Conference is a well thought out initiative, which will help exchange best practices and knowledge of new breakthroughs.

Physicians have always been widely respected in our society. Their endeavour to further good health and well-being aimed at alleviating the pain and suffering of mankind is truly admirable.

India has taken rapid strides in the field of healthcare. Our contribution towards encouraging wellness and well-being in the face of Covid-19 pandemic has been appreciated the world over.

Through comprehensive initiatives – be it modernising infrastructure, providing latest treatment facilities, enhancing nutritional awareness, or expanding capacity in the medical education sector, our singular focus is on making healthcare accessible and affordable for all.

May the vibrant deliberations at the conference generate new ideas to promote healthcare and well-being for mankind. The collective experience and expertise will help in optimising the benefits of modern-day technology in the field of healthcare for larger good.

Best wishes for the success of the 13th annual GAPIO Conference.

(Narendra Modi)

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# THE JOURNEY BEGINS AT AUA

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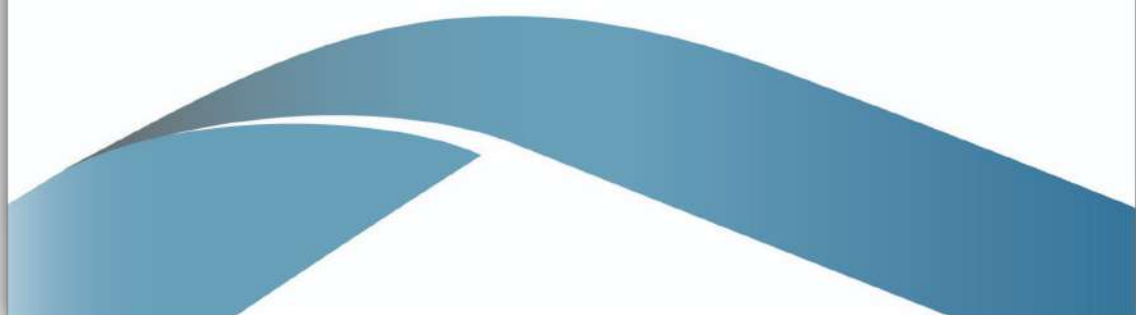
is one of the most innovative and recognized medical schools in the Caribbean. AUA's medical education satisfies the medical school education requirement to practice medicine in all 50 states and U.S. territories, Canada, United Kingdom and other countries.

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