

# GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (JANUARY 2023)

## DR VISHWARAJ VEMALA SAVES CO-PASSENGER'S LIFE MID-AIR IN HEROIC ACT

*Dr Vishwaraj Vemala, an Indian-origin Consultant hepatologist in Birmingham, recently saved a co-passenger's life mid-air while flying from the United Kingdom to India. The passenger had suffered two cardiac arrests during the flight, and Dr Vemala resuscitated him for almost two hours. The doctor was able to utilize an emergency kit provided by the airline and even managed to obtain additional medical equipment from other passengers to monitor the passenger's vital signs. The pilot arranged for an emergency landing at Mumbai Airport, where the passenger received further medical attention. Dr Vemala's heroic actions demonstrate the importance of having trained medical professionals and adequate medical equipment on board to handle in-flight medical emergencies.*

**Source:** NDTV, 06/01/2023

**Link:** <https://www.ndtv.com/feature/indian-origin-doctor-saves-passenger-whose-heart-stopped-twice-on-london-to-india-flight-3668282>



## DELHI DOCTORS CREATE WORLD RECORD WITH 15-MINUTE HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY

*Dr Kaushal Kant Mishra, Director of Orthopedic Sciences at Fortis Escort Hospital in Delhi, has broken his own record for completing a hip ball replacement surgery in just 15 minutes and 35 seconds.*

*Dr Mishra led a team of doctors who performed the surgery on an 86-year-old woman, who had suffered a fracture and an old cardiac problem.*

*The team used robotic surgery to complete the procedure quickly, as the patient was on dual-integrated therapy. Dr Mishra clarified that the team focused on the patient's needs rather than setting a record. The previous record of completing a similar procedure in 18 minutes and a few seconds was also held by Dr Mishra.*

**Source:** The Logical Indian, 15/01/2023

**Link:** <https://thelogicalindian.com/health/delhi-doctors-create-world-record-hip-replacement-surgery-39879>



## TWO INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTORS SHINE IN AUSTRALIA DAY 2023 HONOURS LIST

*Dr Sadhana Mahajani and Dr Shailja Chaturvedi*, two Indian-origin doctors have been recognized in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List. They have been awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the General Division for their services to medicine. The Governor-General of Australia, David John Hurley, announced the honors and awards for 1047 Australians, including awards in the Order of Australia (General and Military Divisions), meritorious awards and recognition for distinguished and conspicuous service. The recipients have had a significant impact at the local, national, and international level and are inspiring. The awards reflect the diversity of the community and recognize the contribution of individuals towards society.

**Source:** *The Australia Today*, 26/01/2023

**Link:** <https://www.theaustraliatoday.com.au/four-indian-origin-women-shine-in-australia-day-2023-honours-list/>



**Dr Sadhana Mahajani**



**Dr Shailja Chaturvedi**



### DR NALINI PARTHASARATHY FROM PUDUCHERRY WINS PADMA SHRI FOR FIGHTING AGAINST HAEMOPHILIA

*Dr Nalini Parthasarathy*, a former professor of paediatrics at JIPMER, has been awarded the Padma Shri for her exceptional work in helping people with haemophilia.

*Dr Parthasarathy* has been actively involved in caring for patients with haemophilia for more than 30 years and is known for her contribution to starting the Haemophilia Society in Puducherry.

*She* has been advocating for the provision of free medications to patients and the stocking of medicines in all government hospitals. Her work has also helped provide scholarships to haemophiliac students to pay for their studies. *Dr Parthasarathy's* dedication to helping those in need has truly made a difference and is an inspiration to all.

**Source:** *The Logical Indian*, 27/01/2023

**Link:** <https://thelogicalindian.com/trending/woman-doctor-from-puducherry-wins-padma-shri-for-fighting-against-haemophilia-40099>

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

*Dr Mohammed Jameel, an Indian-origin has been awarded the 'Pride of India' Award at the India @75 GSA event held in Sheraton Hotel Lisle, Illinois.*

*Dr Jameel, MD, received this award for his services as the chairman of the American Democratic Forum, a US-based organization that raises policy issues with US politicians.*

*He was also recognized for being elected by the Governor of IL to the highest regulatory body, the Illinois State Medical Board. Dr Jameel expressed his gratitude towards the organization and its team for conferring the "Pride of India" award to him and commended them for inclusiveness and showcasing India's diversity on their platform.*

**Source:** *The Siasat Daily, 17/12/2023*

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



## DR MUSKAN JANGRA, INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTOR, CROWNED MISS INDIA AUSTRALIA 2022

*Dr Muskan Jangra, a newly graduated doctor from the University of Adelaide, has been crowned Miss India Australia 2022. Born in Chandigarh, India, Dr Jangra migrated to Australia with her family 12 years ago and now lives in Bordertown, South Australia. Despite being more inclined towards acting and dancing, Dr Jangra always had medicine on her mind and worked hard to achieve her degree. She aims to specialize in critical care and women's health while continuing to pursue her passion for dance and acting. Dr Jangra hopes to use her pageant victory to prove that women can be both beautiful and intellectual.*

**Source:** *SBS Punjabi, 16/01/2023*

**Link:** <https://www.sbs.com.au/language/punjabi/en/podcast-episode/india-australian-dr-muskan-jangra-crowned-miss-india-australia-2022/d5qoexq0n>

## HYDERABAD SURGEON DR. VIMEE BINDRA BECOMES FIRST INDIAN DOCTOR TO ACHIEVE SRC ACCREDITATION

*Dr. Vimee Bindra, a surgeon from Hyderabad has become the first Indian doctor to receive accreditation from the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC). The SRC accredited Dr. Bindra as a master surgeon in multidisciplinary endometriosis therapy, indicating that she has met internationally recognized standards. The evaluation process for SRC accreditation involves assessing surgical volumes, facility equipment, clinical pathways and standard operating procedures, patient education, and more. Dr. Bindra's achievement signifies her dedication to delivering the highest level of care possible and advancing the quality of healthcare for patients.*



**Source:** The Siasat Daily, 04/01/2023

**Link:** <https://www.siasat.com/hyderabad-surgeon-becomes-first-indian-doctor-to-get-src-accreditation-2495314/>

## IN A FIRST, DOCTORS PERFORM FIRST-STROKE THROMBOLYSIS

*In a significant medical achievement, doctors at District Hospital Handwara in Jammu and Kashmir successfully performed the first thrombolysis on a stroke patient at the health institution. Thrombolysis is a treatment procedure used to dissolve dangerous clots in the blood, particularly in the case of stroke. The patient was referred to SKIMS Soura for further management after the procedure with stable vitals. The hospital has performed some major surgeries in the recent past that were never conducted by any district hospitals across the Union territory. The medical fraternity and people in the town have applauded the team of District Hospital Handwara and the Save Brain Initiative for this milestone.*

**Source:** Rising Kashmir, 10/01/2023

**Link:** <http://risingkashmir.com/in-a-first-doctors-perform-first-stroke-thrombolysis-at-handwara-hospital>



## INDIAN DOCTORS PERFORM SUCCESSFUL BILATERAL LUNG TRANSPLANTATION ON SEYCHELLES WOMAN AFTER 5 YEARS OF OXYGEN THERAPY

*A woman from Seychelles who was on oxygen therapy for five years due to cystic fibrosis and pulmonary hypertension has received a new lease of life after undergoing a bilateral lung transplantation at Global Hospitals in Mumbai. The patient had a rare congenital variation where a single vein in her blood vessels connected her lungs to her heart. This complicated the transplant, as conforming the two veins to the single vein had to be done precisely to prevent any obstruction. The transplant, which was performed on December 18, 2022, was a success and has improved the woman's quality of life dramatically.*

**Source:** *The Indian Express*, 24/01/2023

**Link:** <https://indianexpress.com/article/health-wellness/seychelles-woman-breathing-oxygen-therapy-five-years-8401866/>



## DR. BALVIR S. TOMAR, THE FATHER OF INDIAN PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY

*Dr. Balvir Singh Tomar, widely recognized as the "Father of Indian Pediatric Gastroenterology," has made significant contributions to the field throughout his 40+ year career. His research and findings on Indian Childhood Cirrhosis have helped in drastically bringing down the death rate among children under the age of five. Dr. Tomar has shared his knowledge through numerous articles and research papers, and he has set up the first pediatric gastroenterology institute in India at SMS Medical College in Jaipur. Dr. Tomar's dedication to teaching and mentoring the next generation of doctors through his social entrepreneurship ventures is also commendable. His legacy in the field of Pediatric Gastroenterology will continue to live on through the countless children whose lives have been improved by his work and through the young doctors he has trained and mentored.*

**Source:** *Outlook*, 27/01/2023

**Link:** <https://www.outlookindia.com/business-spotlight/the-father-of-indian-pediatric-gastroenterology-dr-balvir-s-tomar-news-257172>





## US PHYSICIAN, DR. SAMPAT SHIVANGI ADDRESSES PBD ON HEALTH CARE

*Dr. Sampat Shivangi of Mississippi recently addressed the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Indore on the role of the diaspora in promoting healthcare eco-system during Amritkal. As a US physician,*

*Dr. Shivangi spoke about making India's healthcare a world-class endeavor by utilizing information technology, the field of medicine, finance and banking, and politics. He highlighted the contributions Indian Physicians who have been serving all over the world.*

**Source:** News India, 09/02/2023

**Link:** <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/us-physician-dr-sampat-shivangi-addresses-pbd-on-health-care/>

## TWO DOCTORS FROM PGIMER CHANDIGARH SHINE AT INDIAN SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY CONFERENCE, WIN MULTIPLE AWARDS

*Two doctors from the Department of Hepatology at PGIMER Chandigarh received multiple awards at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG) held in Jaipur from January 5 to 8. Dr. Ajay Duseja, the Head of the Department and Professor, was conferred with the prestigious ISG- Dr. CM Habibullah Oration for the year 2023 for his research on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). He was also awarded the title of Master of Indian Society of Gastroenterology (Master-ISG) for his outstanding contributions to teaching, training, and research in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology.*

*Dr. Sunil Taneja, an Associate Professor from the same department, received the Dr. S.N. Naik Memorial Award for the year 2022 for his research publications and outstanding contributions to the field of malnutrition in patients with chronic liver disease and the management of patients with autoimmune liver disease. These achievements have brought laurels to the institute and are a testament to the excellence of the doctors and their research in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology.*

**Source:** The Times of INDIA, 13/01/2023

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/2-pgi-docs-honoured-for-research-work/articleshow/96954523.cms?from=mdr>



**Dr. Ajay Duseja**



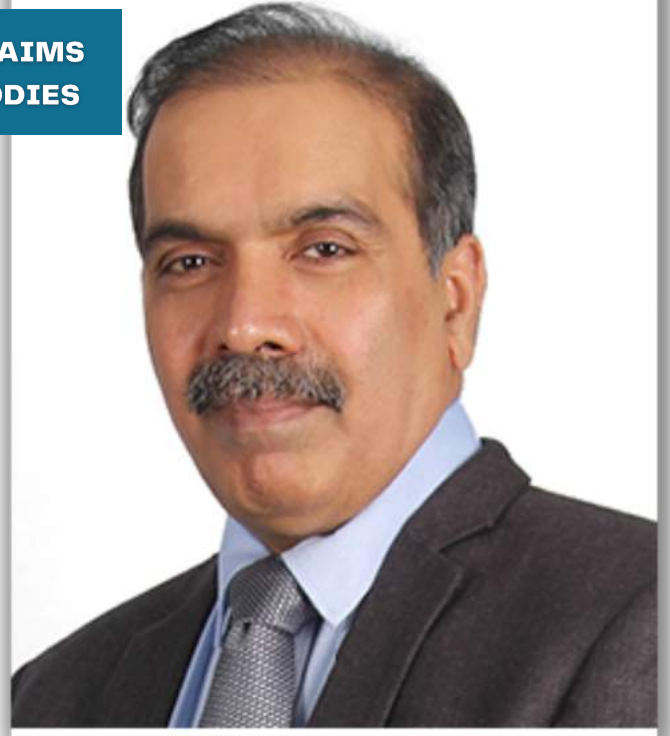
**Dr. Sunil Taneja**

## HYDERABAD DOCTOR'S ALLOHD KIDNEY TREATMENT AIMS TO REPLACE DIALYSIS MACHINES WITH HUMAN BUDDIES

*A new treatment for acute kidney disease called AlloHD, which replaces dialysis machines with temporary kidney donations from a family member, has completed animal trials and could make treatment for the disease inexpensive and accessible to patients in remote areas of India. The patient's blood is pumped from their body into a buddy, a family member who temporarily donates their kidney, which removes excess fluid and waste from the blood. The cleaned blood is then transferred back to the patient. The machine used for this method will monitor various parameters and the buddy's kidney will not be affected. The project is a collaboration between two doctors from Hyderabad and New York, Dr. K.S. Nayak and Dr. Peter Kotanko, respectively. They are seeking regulatory approval for human trials.*

**Source:** The Times of India, 26/01/2023

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/hyderabad-doctors-kidney-treatment-may-replace-dialysis-machines-with-human-buddy/articleshow/97293210.cms>



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