

# GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (FEBRUARY 2023)

## PADMA SHRI DR. SUDHIR PARIKH HONORED WITH HONORARY DOCTORATE AND FELICITATION FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS

Renowned physician, publisher, and philanthropist **Padma Shri Dr. Sudhir Parikh** has been recognized for his exceptional contributions in social service and honored with an Honorary Doctor of Literature (D-Lit) Degree by Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan University (JRN) and felicitated by Atmiya University-Rajkot.

On February 7, 2023, Dr. Parikh was conferred with the Honorary Doctorate by JRN for his exceptional work and dedication in social service. The degree was awarded to Dr. Parikh by Chancellor Sarangdevot at the Udaipur campus of the university. Dr. Parikh is the Chairman of Parikh Worldwide Media and ITV Gold, which is one of the most prominent Indian-American publishing outlets in the United States. In his speech at the convocation, Dr. Parikh expressed his gratitude for the honor and stated that it was the most critical honor he has received.

On February 16, 2023, Atmiya University-Rajkot felicitated Dr. Parikh for his exceptional contributions to society. Other institutions, including Pradeshik Lokvigyan Kendra Rajkot, Narmada BalGhar-Morvi, Self Finance School Association, Rajkot, Indian Medical Association-Rajkot, and Family Physician's Association-Rajkot, also joined in the felicitation. President of Atmiya University, Tyagvallbh Swami, and President of Yogi Divine Society, Premswaroop Swamiji, expressed their happiness and praised Dr. Parikh for his contributions to the two great nations and the state of Gujarat and its people.

Dr. Parikh has made a significant impact in the field of medicine, publishing, and philanthropy, and these recognitions are a testament to his dedication and hard work. His contributions to society have been invaluable, and his achievements continue to inspire others to make a positive difference in the world.



*Dr. Sudhir Parikh honored with Doctorate*



*Dr. Sudhir Parikh felicitated at Atmiya University*

**Source 1:** News India, 10/02/2023

**Link:** <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/american-publisher-dr-sudhir-parikh-awarded-honorary-doctorate-by-indian-university/>

**Source 2:** News India, 23/02/2023

**Link:** <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/atmiya-university-honors-dr-sudhir-parikh-for-philanthropic-work-in-education-in-india/>

## DR ROHAN KHERA RECEIVES ASCI YOUNG PHYSICIAN-SCIENTIST AWARD

*Dr. Rohan Khera, an Assistant Professor of Medicine (Cardiovascular Medicine) and Biostatistics (Health Informatics), has been selected as one of the 40 early-career awardees for the prestigious American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) Young Physician-Scientist Award. This award recognizes his noteworthy achievements in the field of medicine.*

*As part of the award, Dr. Khera will attend the AAP/ASCI/APSA Joint Meeting to be held from April 20-23. He will participate in workshops conducted by healthcare management researcher, Rangaraj Ramanujam, PhD, Richard M. and Betty Ruth Miller Professor of Management and Professor of Health Policy, Vanderbilt University.*

*Dr. Khera completed his undergraduate studies at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences as a National Young Investigator*

*Scholarship awardee. He then pursued his internship and residency training at the University of Iowa, followed by a cardiology fellowship and a Master of Science degree from UT Southwestern Medical Center.*

*This award is a recognition of Dr. Khera's dedication and hard work in the field of medicine and his contributions to the healthcare industry. We wish him all the best for his future endeavors.*

**Source:** Yale school of medicine, 14/02/2023

**Link:** <https://medicine.yale.edu/news-article/khera-receives-asci-young-physician-scientist-award/>



## DR MOHANA RAO PATIBANDLA AND HIS HOSPITAL WON INDIA'S TOP NEUROSURGEON OF THE YEAR AND BEST NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY HOSPITAL AWARD

*Dr Mohana Rao Patibandla, a preeminent neurosurgeon in India and a driving force behind the Guntur-based medical organization Dr Rao's Hospital, was recently named India's Top Neurosurgeon of the Year by the esteemed market research firm, 9ine Planets Research, and Media. This honour acknowledges Dr Rao's unwavering dedication to advancing the field of neurology and neurosurgery through his exceptional expertise and steadfast commitment to patient care. With over twenty years of experience, Dr Patibandla is widely respected in the medical community for his successful surgeries and treatments for patients afflicted with neurological disorders.*

*Patibandla Narayana Swamy Neurosciences LLP, the parent organization of Dr Rao's Hospital, was also bestowed with the Best Neurology and Neurosurgery Hospitals in India award by 9ine Planets Research and Media. This recognition is a testament to the hospital's cutting-edge infrastructure, patient-focused approach, and exceptional medical care provided by highly skilled physicians and healthcare professionals.*

**Source:** ANI, 27/02/2023

**Link:** <https://www.aninews.in/news/business/business/dr-mohana-rao-patibandla-and-his-hospital-won-indias-top-neurosurgeon-of-the-year-and-best-neurology-and-neurosurgery-hospital-award20230227132751/>



**DR R S SINDHU AWARDED VANITHA RATNA AWARD FOR GROUNDBREAKING LIVER TRANSPLANT SURGERY**

*Dr. RS Sindhu, the doctor who successfully led the first liver transplant surgery in the government sector in Kerala, has been named as one of the recipients of last year's Vanitha Ratna awards by the state government. The Vanitha Ratna awards are given to women who have made significant contributions in their respective fields. Dr Sindhu's groundbreaking surgery, which was a major achievement in the medical field, has helped pave the way for more successful liver transplant surgeries in Kerala. This award is a well-deserved recognition of Dr Sindhu's pioneering work and dedication to improving the health and well-being of her patients.*

**Source:** *Kaumudi online, 07/03/2023*

**Link:** <https://keralakaumudi.com/en/news/news.php?id=1021840&u=vanitha-ratna-awards-declared-nilambur-ayisha-and-kc-lekha-to-receive-awards>



**DR RS SINDHU**



**DR. MAHENDRA MISHRA AWARDED THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE AWARD IN DHAKA**

*Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra, an Indian educator and social worker, has been awarded the prestigious International Mother Language Award in Dhaka for his tireless efforts in promoting the use of indigenous languages in Odisha. The award was presented to him by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during a four-day program organized by the International Mother Language Institute. Dr. Mishra, who has worked for over three decades in the field of language, culture, and education, was recognized for his exceptional contributions to*

*the development, rehabilitation, and preservation of mother tongues. The award was established by UNESCO in 2021 and is considered a highly coveted honor in the field. The ceremony saw four awardees receiving the national and international awards, with Dr. Mishra being one of them. The Prime Minister highlighted the importance of preserving and revitalizing the world's mother languages, as many of them are being lost. The entire medical community congratulates Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra on this remarkable achievement.*

**Source:** *Adda 24/7, 23/02/2023*

**Link:** <https://currentaffairs.adda247.com/dr-mahendra-mishra-awarded-the-international-mother-language-award-in-dhaka/>

## DR. SENGOTTUVELU AND TEAM USE NOVEL THERAPY FOR CALCIFIED BLOCKS IN CORONARY ARTERIES

*Dr. Sengottuvelu G and his team at Apollo leading hospitals recently used a novel therapy to open up calcified blocks in patients with heavily calcified coronary arteries. They used a 1.25 mm diamond-coated crown to erode the calcium into fine particles, creating micro fractures in the calcium. One elderly patient who was at high risk for redo coronary artery bypass surgery underwent successful ablation of calcium using a diamondback orbital atherectomy device. This breakthrough highlights the importance of continued innovation in cardiology.*

**Source:** *The Times of india, 26/02/2023*

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/chennai-doctors-perform-orbital-atherectomy-on-2-patients/articleshow/98242478.cms?from=mdr>



## AIIMS RESEARCH TEAM DEVELOPS E-NOSE TO DETECT LUNG CANCER

*Dr Anant Mohan, head of the Centre of Excellence in Breath Research at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), and his team have developed a new electronic nose or e-Nose to detect lung cancer. By identifying the signature of lung cancer created by volatile organic compounds (VOCs) we exhale, this breath print device can diagnose the disease by just running the exhaled breath through eNose, which has several sensors to measure these VOCs. According to Dr Mohan, this new technology might help in the early detection of lung cancer in developing countries like India where people reach healthcare facilities in late stages. The researchers envision its applicability as a screening device too and are also working to develop the breath-print of other diseases such as asthma, TB, COPD, and sarcoidosis.*



**Source:** *The India nExpress, 19/02/2023*

**Link:** <https://indianexpress.com/article/health-wellness/aiims-research-team-develops-e-nose-detect-lung-cancer-8453071/>

## INDIAN DOCTOR'S TEDx TALK AMONG WORLD'S TOP 10 MOST WATCHED IN FEBRUARY

*Dr. Ravi Dhar, a renowned Indian doctor, has made it to the list of the world's most watched TEDx talks released in February. Dr. Dhar's talk titled "The Power of Positive Thinking" has garnered over 3 million views since its release. In his TEDx talk, Dr. Dhar spoke about the impact of positive thinking on mental health and well-being. He emphasized the need to cultivate a positive mindset, especially during difficult times. Dr. Dhar is a well-known psychiatrist and mental health expert in India. He has been actively involved in spreading awareness about mental health and the importance of seeking help. His TEDx talk has been widely appreciated for its simple yet powerful message. "I am humbled and grateful for the response my TEDx talk has received. It is heartening to see so many people connect with the message of positivity and hope. I hope to continue spreading awareness about mental health and helping people live a happier, healthier life," said Dr. Dhar in a statement. The list of the world's most watched TEDx talks is released every month, showcasing the best and most inspiring talks from around the globe. Dr. Dhar's inclusion in the list is a testament to the impact his talk has had on people's lives.*

**Source:** ANI News, 15/03/2023

**Link** <https://www.aninews.in/news/business/business/indian-doctor-amongst-top-10-of-the-worlds-most-watched-tedx-talks-released-in-february20230315121416/>

## INDIAN SURGEON DR. VIMEE BINDRA BECOMES FIRST INDIAN DOCTOR TO EARN ACCREDITATION AS MASTER SURGEON IN ENDOMETRIOSIS THERAPY FROM SURGICAL REVIEW CORPORATION

*Hyderabad surgeon Dr. Vimee Bindra has made history by becoming the first physician from India to be accredited by the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) as a master surgeon in multidisciplinary endometriosis therapy. The accreditation is an international recognition of the highest standards of care and surgical expertise. Dr. Bindra has met all the requirements set by the SRC, including surgical volumes, facility equipment, virtual facility tour, clinical pathways and standardised operating procedures, patient education, and file selection. The SRC accreditation is a rigorous evaluation process that healthcare facilities and surgeons have to undergo to meet established standards and requirements.*

*In a statement, Dr. Bindra said, "Achieving accreditation means being the best in the specialty and dedicated to delivering the highest standards of care possible as per international standards. These requirements include surgical volumes, facility equipment, a virtual tour of the facility, clinical pathways and standardised operating procedures, a random selection of files and emphasis on patient education. The inspectors evaluated all these standards and granted us the accreditation."*

*Dr. Bindra is renowned for her expertise in endometriosis surgery and is considered a leading surgeon in the field. This accreditation will further enhance her reputation and provide a boost to her efforts in advancing the quality of care for patients with endometriosis.*

**Source:** Siasat, 4/1/2023

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



## KOLKATA DOCTORS DEVELOP NON-INVASIVE TEST TO DETECT THYROID CANCER, ITS TYPE & NATURE

*A team of doctors at the state-run Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research (IPGMER) in Kolkata, India, have developed a non-invasive diagnostic test for detecting thyroid cancer and its sub-type. The study, published in the European Journal of Endocrinology, outlines the use of liquid biopsy where cell-free DNA from blood plasma was isolated for research purposes. The concentration or volume of the cell-free DNA was then used to determine whether the tumour was malignant or benign. The new diagnostic tool can also assess whether the malignancy is indolent or aggressive. The non-invasive test has so far only been approved for lung cancer, making this development a significant breakthrough in the field of cancer diagnosis. The IPGMER's department of endocrinology is responsible for this groundbreaking research.*

**Source:** The Times of India, 18/02/2023

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/kolkata-doctors-develop-non-invasive-test-to-detect-thyroid-cancer-its-type-nature/articleshow/98030676.cms>

## INDIAN ARMY DOCTOR'S EXTERNAL FIXATORS USED IN TURKEY, SYRIA TO TREAT EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN OPERATION DOST

*Indian Army doctor, Colonel Dr. Vijay Pandey's innovative external fixators are being used in Turkey and Syria to help earthquake victims. The fixators have been developed for hand fractures and are lighter, more affordable and can heal patients faster than earlier solutions. Colonel Pandey's initiative has been named "Operation Dost," which aims to help the victims in Turkey and Syria. The rescue and search teams in the affected regions are working tirelessly to save people as the death toll continues to rise. UN relief chief Martin Griffiths has described the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria as the "worst event" to hit the region in a century.*

**Source:** ANI, 12/02/2023

**Link:** <https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/operation-dost-indian-army-doctors-fixators-being-used-in-turkey-syria-to-treat-earthquake-victims20230212213929/>



## HYDERABAD DOCTOR'S MEDICAL DEVICE RECEIVES INDIAN PATENT FOR TREATING VENTRICULAR SEPTAL DEFECT

*Dr. Nageswara Rao Koneti, a city cardiologist and Director of Rainbow Children's Heart Institute, has received an Indian patent for his medical device, KONAR-MF, designed to treat Ventricular Septal Defect (VSD), which is a hole between two lower chambers of the heart. The device had previously received European EC approval in 2019 and Euro-African and Korean patents in 2021 and 2022. After several critical examinations, the Indian patent was granted in February 2023.*

*The device, which was developed by Dr. Rao and his team, is used for transcatheter device closure, an alternative treatment for VSD that avoids the complications of open heart surgery. The KONAR-MF occlude has been commercially available through Lifetech Scientific Company in Schengen and has benefitted over 10,000 patients in more than 72 countries, including Germany, Italy, UK, USA, and Japan. The device is lighter, more efficient, and less expensive than earlier solutions, making it an ideal choice for patients with VSD.*



**Source:** *Telangana Today, 3/0/2023*

**Link:** <https://telanganatoday.com/hyderabad-doctors-medical-device-gets-indian-patent>

## THREE INDIAN-AMERICANS IN NEW YORK NAMED IN HEALTH CARE POWER 100 LIST

*Three physicians of Indian origin have been included in City & State's Health Care Power 100 list, which recognizes decision-makers in the medical world in New York. The list considers legislative victories, labor battles, newly launched initiatives, and other noteworthy developments from the past 12 months. The physicians recognized for their contribution during the pandemic are **Dr. Ashwin Vasan**, commissioner at the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene; **Dr. Darshana Srinivasan**, chief of the Health Care Bureau at the State Attorney General's Office; and **Dr. Parag Mehta**, president of the Medical Society of the State of New York. Dr. Vasan, who took over as the city's health commissioner in March 2022, advised New Yorkers to wear masks in transit and indoors when the virus threw the 'tripled emic' at the city in December. Dr. Srinivasan has already obtained refunds for pharmacy customers wrongfully charged for COVID-19 vaccines and reached a \$13 million agreement with UnitedHealthcare to pay consumers illegally denied mental health coverage. Dr. Mehta is a leading advocate for improving public health and physician well-being and restoring the joy of medicine in New York.*

**Source:** *The American Bazaar, 31/1/23*

**Link:** <https://lifestyle.livemint.com/food/discover/the-indian-doctor-who-grows-meat-in-petri-dish-111668685154174.html><https://www.americanbazaaronline.com/2023/01/31/4-indian-americans-among-2023-health-care-power-100-452369/>



**Dr. Ashwin Vasan**



**Dr. Darsana Srinivasan**



**Dr. Parag Mehta**

## INDIAN DOCTOR WHO LOST HIS FAMILY IN A PLANE CRASH TURNS GRIEF INTO SOCIAL SERVICE, AWARDED PADMA SHRI

*Dr. Chandrasekhar Sankurathri, a celebrated biologist in Canada, lost his wife and two children in the Air India flight 182 crash over the Atlantic Ocean in 1985. After three years of mourning, he moved back to his hometown in Andhra Pradesh to fulfill a new purpose in life. He established the Sankurathri Foundation in 1989 to help those mired in poverty due to the lack of education and healthcare in rural areas. Dr. Sankurathri invested all his savings and started various projects through the foundation. Sarada Vidyalaya, an initiative to provide free education to poor children, has educated over 5000 children with a zero-dropout rate. The Institute of Ophthalmology named after his son, who dreamed of becoming an ophthalmologist, has restored vision to nearly 300,000 patients. Dr. Sankurathri was recently awarded the Padma Shri for his outstanding contribution to society.*



**Source:** Indian Eagle, 10/2/23

**Link:** <https://www.indianeagle.com/travelbeats/padma-shri-chandrasekhar-sankurathri/>



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