

# GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS

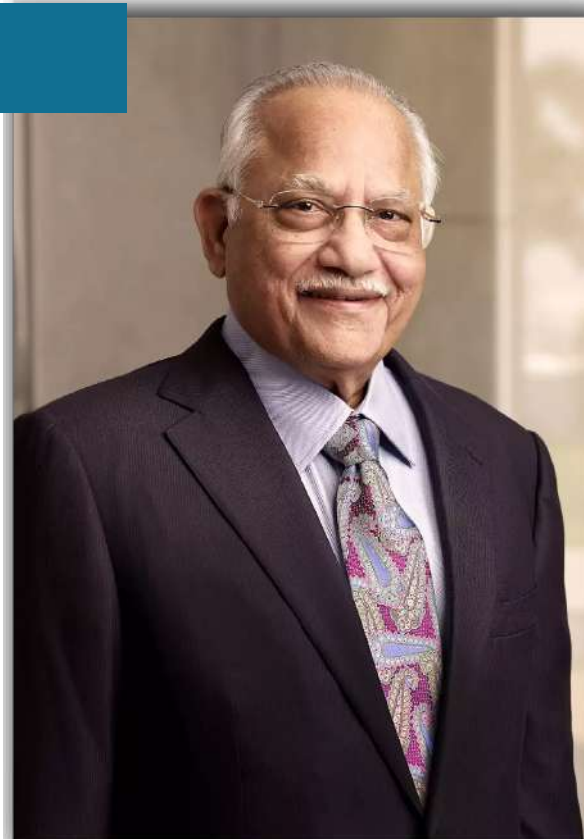
## JUNE 2022

### GAPIO CELEBRATES THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CONFERRED ON DR PRATHAP C REDDY

*Dr. Prathap C. Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group has been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Young Doctors Leadership Summit on 24th June 2022. The Award establishes Dr. Reddy as the Architect of Modern Indian Healthcare who pioneered private sector healthcare in India and acknowledges his unparalleled contribution to bringing affordable world-class healthcare within the reach of every Indian. The Award was presented on the occasion of the World Young Doctors Day conference hosted by the Indian Medical Association Tamil Nadu State Branch (IMA TNSB), Indian Medical Association Junior Doctors Network (IMA JDN), and Indian Medical Association Medical Students Network Tamil Nadu (IMA MSN TN).*

**Source:** United News of India

**Link:** <http://www.uniindia.com/dr-prathap-c-reddy-conferred-lifetime-achievement-award-by-ima/south/news/2765342.html>



### DR. SUDHIR PARIKH HONORED FOR LIFETIME COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Padma Shri recipient Dr. Sudhir Parikh, chairman of Parikh Worldwide Media and ITV Gold, was honored for his social service and philanthropy on June 23, 2022, at an event held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat in the presence of well-known journalists and leading literary personalities and medical practitioners.*

*The event was also held to launch a book by celebrated poet Bhagyesh Jha, on letters he wrote to his daughter in*

*the United States, entitled Prarthana Ne Patro. A documentary on the philanthropic work of Dr. Parikh received frequent applause from the audience, specially on his achievements in strengthening U.S.-India relations, his love for the Motherland, and the honors he has received over his lifetime.*

**Source:** Desi Talk, 30/06/2022

**Link:** [http://epaper.desitalk.com/2022\\_07\\_01/](http://epaper.desitalk.com/2022_07_01/)

## DR. GUPTA TESTIFIES BEFORE THE SENATE ON PRESIDENT BIDEN'S INAUGURAL NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

*Dr. Rahul Gupta, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), testified before the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control on the topic of the 2022 National Drug Control Strategy and federal efforts to address addiction and the overdose epidemic. It focused on the fact that this epidemic is being driven largely by untreated addiction and the profit incentive for individuals and groups to engage in drug trafficking. It highlights the building of an unprecedented, evidence-based blueprint designed to save lives immediately, build the infrastructure that the nation so desperately needs for treating addiction, and disrupt drug trafficking and the profits that fuel it. An Indian-American Dr. Gupta was nominated as Drug Czar by President Biden in 2021.*

**Source:** *The New York Times*

**Link:** <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/13/us/politics/biden-rahul-gupta-opioid-crisis-west-virginia.html>



## DR. CHANDRA MOHAN IDENTIFIES BIOMARKERS FOR HEART DISEASE, LUPUS

*Dr. Chandra Mohan the Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Endowed Professor of biomedical engineering in the UH Cullen College of Engineering identified biomarkers for heart disease, lupus.*

*He has two separate findings, in systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE or lupus), a chronic autoimmune disease that affects multiple organs including the kidneys, skin, joints and heart.*

*For this, Dr. Mohan's team, in collaboration with Dr. Maureen McMahon at UCLA, used a comprehensive metabolomic screen of baseline sera from lupus patients to identify metabolites that predict future carotid plaque progression, following eight to nine years of follow-up. Nine patients had SLE without plaque progression, eight had SLE and went on to develop atherosclerotic plaques, and eight patients were controls who did not have SLE.*

**Source:** *News India, 02/06/2022*

<https://www.newsindiatimes.com/dr-chandra-mohan-identifies-biomarkers-for-heart-disease-lupus/>



## DR ARUN PRASAD AWARDED WITH “DMA SWASHTA RATNA”

*Dr Arun Prasad* member of GAPIO and Vice President of ARIS Received DMA SWASTHA RATNA AWARD on occasion of Doctor’s Day which is celebrated around the country in memory of the great leader, eminent physician, and statesman of his times, late Dr. B.C. Roy. This award was honored by Delhi Medical Association, for the function felicitation ceremony on Friday, the 1st July 2022 at DMA House, Daryaganj, New Delhi.

He was presented the award in the salutation of his recognition for his contribution to the society.

The award function was attended by eminent medical professionals and members of DMA which is one of the oldest medical organization of the country having being founded in the year 1914.



## DR. VINOD BALACHANDRAN LEADS MRNA VACCINES TRIAL FOR PANCREATIC CANCER



*Dr. Vinod Balachandran*, an Indian American physician-scientist is leading the only clinical trial to test Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines, which helped turn the tide against Covid-19, for pancreatic cancer.

Dr. Balachandran presented encouraging results from the phase 1 trial at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology on June 5. In 8 of 16 patients studied, the vaccines activated T cells that recognize the patient’s pancreatic cancers. These patients also showed delayed recurrence of their pancreatic cancers, suggesting the T cells activated by the vaccines may be having the desired effect to keep pancreatic cancers in check.

Dr. Balachandran discussed how collaboration with BioNTech – which developed the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine – led to this potential treatment for pancreatic cancer. A team of researchers at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) had already been working to use mRNA vaccine technology to treat cancer even before the pandemic began. The key to these vaccines appears to be proteins in the pancreatic tumors, called neoantigens, which alert the immune system to keep cancer at bay, says Balachandran.

**Source:** MedIndia, 09/06/2022

**Link:** <https://www.medindia.net/news/mrna-vaccine-trial-for-pancreatic-cancer-207513-1.htm#:~:text=The%20ground%20breaking%20trial%20led,removed%20and%20receiving%20the%20jobs.>

## INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTOR GETS LEE KUAN YEW SCHOLARSHIP

*Dr. Premikha, a 26-year-old Indian origin doctor has received a bond-free Lee Kuan Yew Scholarship to pursue her post graduation studies.*

*She played an important role during the coronavirus pandemic in securing early access to vaccines and therapeutics for Singapore. She is among the three recipients of the premium Scholarship given to outstanding Singaporeans to help them pursue postgraduate studies. Dr. M Premikha will get an SGD 50,000 allowance for up to two years from the scholarship since she is from the private sector and will later head to Johns Hopkins University in the United States to begin a one-year master's program in public health.*

**Source:** Outlook, 24/06/2022

**Link:**<https://www.outlookindia.com/national/indian-origin-doctor-gets-lee-kuan-yew-scholarship-for-securing-early-access-to-covid-vaccines-news-199892>



## JAGADHRI DOCTOR AWARDED GOLD MEDAL

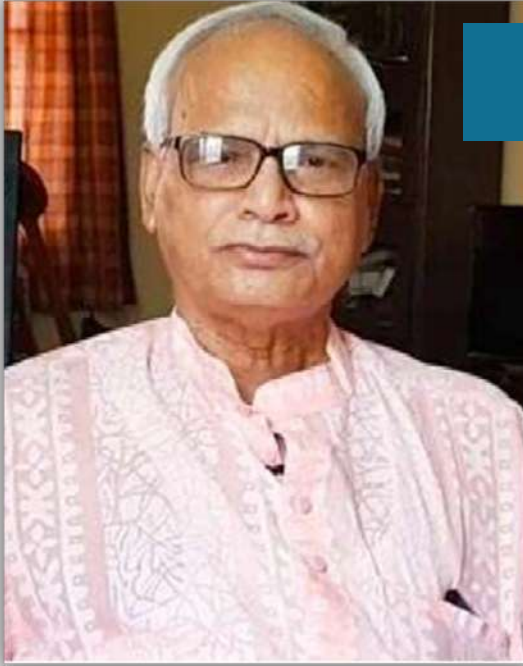
*A Jagadhri surgeon and social worker, Dr Anil Aggarwal, was awarded gold medal by Governor Bandaru Dattatreya at a function held in Panchkula.*

*Dr Aggarwal, through the Red Cross Society, has rendered his services to society by organising free medical and blood donation camps. He has also performed more than 500 surgeries for free. He has been awarded 12 times by various Governors, and twice each by Union Health Ministers and Chief Ministers. He has also been honoured by the Director of PGI, Chandigarh, four times for performing successful extraordinary surgeries.*

**Source:** The Tribune, 17/06/2022

**Link:**<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/haryana/jagadhri-doctor-awarded-gold-medal-404543>





## A PADMA SHRI AWARD-WINNING DOCTOR WHO TREATS THE PEOPLE OF SUNDARBANS FREE OF COST

*Dr Arunoday Mondal, a resident of Kolkata's Lake Town, is a doctor who won the Padma Shri award in 2020 for treating patients free of cost for over two decades in remote areas of Sundarbans. He travels to Hingalganj in Sundarbans, a six hours journey of around 90 km from his Kolkata residence, twice a week to fill the gaps of treatment at government hospitals. He treats 12,000 patients on an average every year and provides them free medicines at a charitable hospital established by him in Hingalganj area in Sundarbans near the India-Bangladesh border. According to Dr Mondal, who is also known as 'Sundarban ke Sujan' he 'easily' treats more than 250 people, 80 per cent of whom are poor, every weekend.*

*The treatments range from heart to eye ailments, thyroid, gynaecology and paediatrics. He also arranges for medicines and conducts medical camps and blood donation drives.*

**Source:** NDTV, Climate Change, 16/06/2022

**Link:** <https://swachhindia.ndtv.com/meet-the-padma-shri-award-winning-doctor-who-treats-the-people-of-sundarbans-free-of-cost-69005/>

## NEUROSURGEON CHIEF DR. KETAN BULSARA RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*Dr. Ketan Bulsara, Chief of Neurosurgery at UConn Health, has received a lifetime achievement award from the Connecticut Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (CAPI) on 21st May.*

*Bulsara is a world-renowned neurosurgeon with an unparalleled range of expertise in treating neurological disorders including complex tumors, aneurysms, brain- or nerve-related problems, and a full spectrum of treatment of both hemorrhagic stroke and ischemic stroke.*

*He is among an elite few neurosurgeons in the world with dedicated dual fellowship training in skull base/cerebrovascular microsurgery and endovascular neurosurgery.*

**Source:** Unconn Today. 02/06/2022

**Link:** <https://today.uconn.edu/2022/06/neurosurgeon-chief-dr-ketan-bulsara-receives-lifetime-achievement-award/>

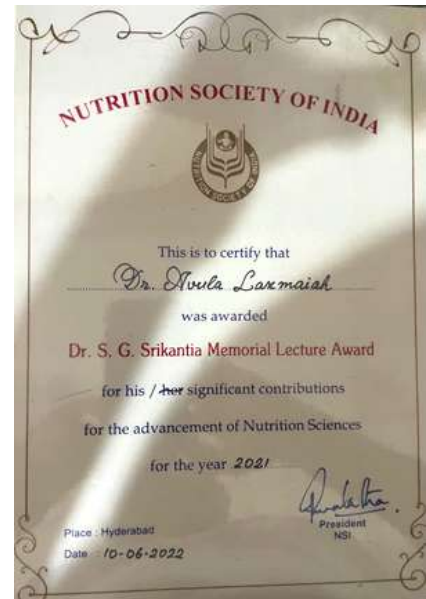


## DR. AVULA LAXMAIAH RECEIVES DR G.SRI KANTIA MEMORIAL ORATION NATIONAL AWARD 2021

*Dr. Avula Laxmaiah (Scientist G (Director grade Scientist) and Head, Public health, Nutrition Research, Indian Council of Medical Research) received Dr. S.G. Srikantia Memorial Lecturer Award 2021, in the month of May 2022. He was awarded for his significant contributions for the advancement of Nutrition sciences for the year 2021.*

*He has an academic background in Medicine (MBBS), Public Health (MPH) and obtained PhD in Public Health Nutrition, with more than 30 years of hands on professional experience in Public Health Nutrition (PhD) at the CMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad from 1992 to till date.*

*He has a vast experience in carrying out large scale Epidemiological studies, translational research-cum-impact Evaluations and Randomized Clinical (RCT) Trials in the field of Public Health Nutrition. He has also conducted many training & capacity building programs for health and nutrition functionaries of various States/Central.*



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