

GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (SEPTEMBER 2022)

INDIAN FACULTY ELECTED TO WORLD STROKE ORGANISATION

P.N. Sylaja, Professor and Head of Neurology Department & Comprehensive stroke care programme, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), has been elected as the member of board of directors of 'World Stroke Organization', for 2022-24.

The World Stroke Organization is a global body, representing over 55,000 stroke specialists in clinical, research and community settings.

Dr. Sylaja, who has been working in stroke for the past 22 years, is the past president of the Indian Stroke Association; Honorary Professor of the University of Lancashire, UK, and fellow of the European Stroke Organization.

Source: The Hindu: 03/09/2022

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/sctimst-faculty-elected-to-world-stroke-organisation/article65967441.ece>



INDIAN-ORIGIN PROFESSOR SWATHI ARUR NAMED 'EMERGING LEADER IN HEALTH AND MEDICINE SCHOLAR'

Dr. Swathi Arur, an Indian-origin Professor and Deputy Chair of Genetics at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, has been selected as one of the 2022 Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine Scholars by the National Academy of Medicine (NAM). She is the first MD Anderson faculty member to be appointed to this prestigious group since its creation in 2016.

Her passion for health improvement was evident since her undergraduate days at the University of Delhi in 1991-1994, where she started a non-governmental organization focused on providing better healthcare for children with HIV. She earned her Ph.D. in Microbiology from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in 2001 and continued her postgraduate work

at the University of Connecticut, where she led efforts to integrate quantitative mass spectrometry with cell cultures in apoptosis research, one of the earliest instances of this cutting-edge proteomics technology.

Source: News India, 04/09/2022

Link: <https://indianexpress.com/article/world/swathi-arur-named-emerging-leader-in-health-and-medicine-scholar-8129543/>





DR. VIKRAM SHAH: WORLD'S NO. 1 JOINT REPLACEMENT SURGEON

Dr. Vikram Shah. Chairman & Managing Director of Shalby Hospitals, headquartered in Ahmedabad is a world-renowned joint replacement surgeon. He has performed more than 1,25,000 joint replacement surgeries, which is highest in the world. He believes India is a leader in medical tourism sector. Heal in India campaign announced recently will further boost it. He further adds that Shalby is number 1 in joint replacement today and performs more than 12,000 joint replacement surgeries in a year, which is highest in the world. Recently he along with his team performed a knee

replacement surgery on both knees of a 60-year-old Sudanese woman weighing 165 kg, the heaviest person ever to undergo a knee replacement surgery.

Source: The Sangai Express, 26/08/2022

Link: <https://www.thesangaiexpress.com/Encyc/2022/8/26/GUWAHATI-Aug-25Dr-Vikram-Shah-and-his-team-at-Shalby-Hospitals-in-Ahmedabad-performed-a-knee-repl.html>

DR SALIM KHAN OF GMC SRINAGAR 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.

The fellowship award was presented to Dr. Khan by Tanaji Sawant, Minister of Public Health and Family Welfare, Government of Maharashtra during the sixty-sixth annual public health association conference at Pune, Maharashtra on September 23, 2022, organised by Bharati Vidyapeeth (DTU) Medical College, Pune and B. J. Medical College Pune. Dr Khan is the second public health professional from J&K conferred with IPHA Fellowship, the first being Dr. G M Dhar, formerly professor and head, of departments of Community Medicine GMC Srinagar, SKIMS, JVC, and ASCOMS.

Source: Medical Dialogues, 26/09/2022

Link: <https://medicdialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-salim-khan-of-gmc-srinagar-conferred-with-iph-fellowship-award-99647>





DR U. MEENAKSHISUNDARAM : THE FIRST INDIAN INVITED AS A PANELIST

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, a first time ever for an Indian, alongside global experts from Italy, Netherland, Spain and the USA. A prestigious event, the four-day congress of Movement Disorder Society (MDS) was held between 15th and 18th September 2022 at Madrid, Spain and was well attended by 3000 doctors, researchers, clinicians, and leaders from 100 plus countries across the World, who converged to share hundreds of incredible scientific advancements, collaborations to elevate the level of patient care and direct the global conversation across the field. Speaking on his experience of representing India on an International panel, Dr. U. Meenakshisundaram said, "As a participant (delegate) for the past 20 years, I have always got much out of every MDS Congress. Be it the networking, or the learning and sharing from the global delegates and panelists, it has always been enriching, especially from the MDS video challenge sessions.

Source: ANI, 20/10/2022

Link: <https://www.aninews.in/news/business/business/dr-u-meenakshisundaram-of-sims-hospitals-becomes-the-first-indian-to-be-invited-on-a-panel-of-experts-for-the-most-attended-in-person20221020155351>

DR GAGANDEEP KANG ELECTED AS MEMBER OF US BASED NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

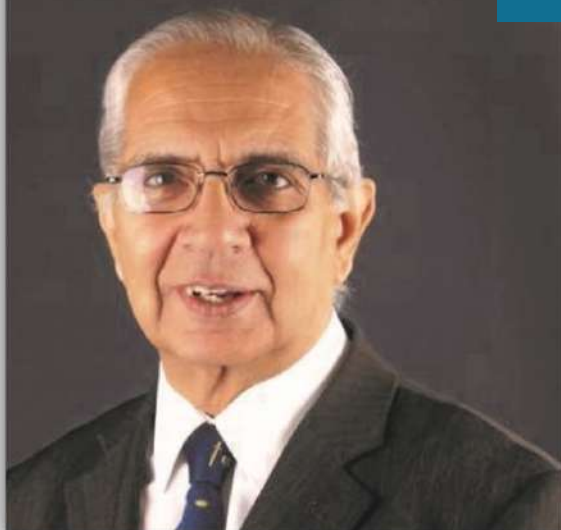
Dr Gagandeep Kang, Professor and Microbiologist at the Christian Medical College, Vellore has been selected as a member of 2022 batch of US Based National Academy of Medicine. This was in recognition of her hard work towards child health. She has done outstanding contributions to understanding and improving child health through her research in enteric infectious diseases and vaccinology over decades benefiting children in India and low and middle-income countries and more recently to vaccine science, vaccine policy, and communication during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

Source: Medical Dialogues, 23/10/2022

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/cmc-professor-dr-gagandeep-kang-elected-as-member-of-us-based-national-academy-of-medicine-101075>



INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTOR CONFERRED WITH 'CITIZEN OF HONOUR' AWARD BY THE LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL



Dr Shiv Pande an Indian-origin doctor and social worker has been conferred the prestigious 'Citizen of Honour' award by the Liverpool City Council in the UK.

Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Cllr Roy Gladden, who conferred the award on Wednesday, said the 83-year-old physician's kindness and compassion have stretched far beyond his professional life as a surgeon and General Practitioner (GP), with a focus on always helping the most vulnerable.

Dr Shiv Pande, who gained medical qualifications in India, moved to the United Kingdom in 1971 and touched the lives of many for nearly 50 years, besides leading charity activities.

Source: India Today, 13/08/2022

Link: <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/indians-abroad/story/indian-origin-doctor-honoured-exceptional-contribution-to-liverpool-city-1987470-2022-08-13>

INDIAN AMERICAN GETS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr. Vivek Lall, an Indian-American scientist and chief executive at General Atomics Global Corporation, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, in a citation signed by U.S. President Joe Biden.

The citation which says, 'With Grateful Recognition' was given to Lall by the AmeriCorps and the Office of the President. AmeriCorps is a government agency that is a domestic version of the international Peace Corps, and aims to foster activities that bring Americans closer together to "serve communities" within the country.

Dr. Lall, who has a PhD in Aerospace Engineering from Wichita State University in Kansas, is considered an industry leader and scientific community titan. His company, General Atomics is considered a global leader in the specialized fields of nuclear technology and has developed state-of-the-art Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) like the Predator, Reaper and Guardian drones.

Source: News India, 02/10/2022

Link: <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/indian-american-gets-lifetime-achievement-award/>





EASY WAY TO CURE PROSTATE CANCER AND SAVE LIVES : FINDINGS BY AN INDIAN ORIGIN DOCTOR

Dr. Steven S. Raman, Professor of radiology and urology, and director of Prostate MR Imaging and Interventions and Prostate MR Imaging Research at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) along with his team have researched a new therapy method that can help combat Prostate cancer The therapy is called TULSA which stands for transurethral ultrasound ablation. This is a minimally-invasive, which means it doesn't require complex cuts or stitches. Basically in this therapy, a rod-shaped device is inserted into the urethra which emits controlled doses of soundwaves to the affected prostate tissue without impacting the healthy nerve that surrounds it.

The device has 10 ultrasound-generating zones that end up covering the entire prostate. The sound waves generate heat and destroy the prostate tissue that's causing trouble. A software takes care of the intensity, shape and strength of the sound beam to deliver optimal results. The whole process is conducted with the patient in an MRI scanner. This way the doctor can monitor the healing process in real-time.

Source: India Today, 13/08/2022

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RADIOLOGIST FROM VIJAYAWADA HONOURED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr GV Mohan Prasad, a noted radiologist from Vijayawada was presented with a lifetime achievement award by the Indian Radiology and Imaging Association-Andhra Pradesh (APIRIA) for 2022 during the body's eighth annual state conference held in Kurnool on Saturday.

He was awarded for his exceptional contribution to the field of radiology and imaging for over three decades.

Source: New Indian Express, 01/08/2022

Link: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/vijayawada/2022/aug/01/radiologist-from-vijayawada-honoured-with-lifetime-achievement-award-2482811.html>



INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTOR DONATES HER ENTIRE WEALTH TO ALMA MATER

Dr. Uma Devi Gavini - An Indian-origin Immunologist living in the US took philanthropy to the next level by donating all her wealth to her alma mater in her native country. She donated Rs. 200 million (£2.2m) to the Government General Hospital in Guntur in the south Indian state of Andhra Pradesh where she obtained her medical degree in 1965. She later moved to the US to pursue her higher education and settled there working as an allergy specialist.

Dr Gavini made her philanthropic pledge at a reunion meeting of the Guntur Medical College Alumni Association North America (GMCANA) held in Dallas, Texas, in September. She also rejected a proposal to name after her a maternity and child care centre coming up at the hospital with her contribution. She, however, agreed to name it after her late husband Kanuri Ramachandra Rao who had worked as an anesthetist and physician in Karnataka.



Source: Eastern Eye, 11/10/2022

Link: <https://www.easterneye.biz/indian-origin-doctor-donates-her-entire-wealth-to-alma-mater/>



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