

# GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (MARCH 2023)

## DR. RACHANA KULKARNI HONORED WITH AHA'S PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

*Dr. Rachana Kulkarni, a renowned cardiologist and managing partner at Medicor Cardiology in Central NJ, has been awarded the prestigious Physician of the Year Award by the American Heart Association (AHA). The AHA recognized Dr. Kulkarni's exceptional contributions in the field of cardiovascular disease and stroke, and her dedication to fighting heart disease and stroke.*

*Dr. Kulkarni's impressive career accomplishments include serving as the past President of the American Heart Association NJ SC and as the Chairman of Medicine and Chief of Cardiology at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital Somerset, N.J. She is also known for her commitment to improving the quality of life for physicians and addressing risk factors for the prevention of cardiovascular disease.*

**Source :** News India, 02/03/2023

**Link:** <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Rachana-Kulkarni-Honoree-Letter.pdf>

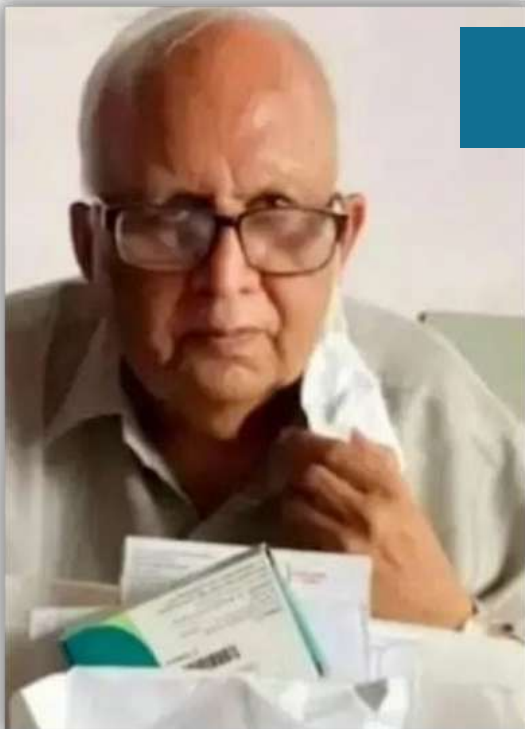


## JABALPUR DOCTOR MC DAWAR CONFERRED WITH PADMA SHRI FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

*Dr. MC Dawar, a dedicated physician from Jabalpur district in Madhya Pradesh, has been conferred with the esteemed Padma Shri award for his selfless service in providing medical care to people for just Rs 20. Despite financial challenges, Dr. Dawar has tirelessly worked to make healthcare accessible and affordable to those in need. His compassionate approach and commitment to affordable healthcare have earned him this well-deserved recognition.*

**Source 1:** Times of India, 26/01/2023

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/jabalpur-doctor-dr-m-c-dawar-who-treats-people-for-just-rs-20-conferred-with-padma-shri-mp-madhya-pradesh-padma-shri-fourth-highest-civilian-award-indo-pak-war-in-1971-indian-army/articleshow/97347223.cms?from=mdr>



**INDIAN-AMERICAN PHYSICIAN DR. NITYA ABRAHAM  
HONORED WITH YOUNG UROLOGIST OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*Dr. Nitya Abraham, Indian-American physician and professor, honored with Young Urologist of the Year Award by the American Urological Association (AUA). Dr. Abraham, an Associate Professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Program Director for the Montefiore Urology residency program, was chosen from the New York region for her accomplishments and contributions. She has received funding from the US Department of Defense for urinary diagnostic markers of interstitial cystitis and is also a co-author of the AUA White Paper on Rationale and Strategies for Reducing Urologic Post-Operative Opioid Prescribing. She is recognized for her clinical research focus on the impact of social determinants of health on pelvic floor health.*

**Source:** Times of India, 03/04/2023

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/indian-american-physician-honored-with-young-urologist-of-the-year-award/articleshow/99218504.cms>



**DR. KETAN BULSARA, CHIEF OF NEUROSURGERY AT  
UCONN HEALTH, HONORED WITH LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BY CAPI**

*Dr. Ketan Bulsara, the Chief of Neurosurgery at UConn Health, has been honored with a lifetime achievement award from the Connecticut Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (CAPI). The award was presented to Dr. Bulsara by the Connecticut chapter of the American Association Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) on May 21. Dr. Bulsara is a world-renowned neurosurgeon with expertise in treating complex neurological disorders including tumors, aneurysms, and stroke. He is among the few neurosurgeons in the world with*

*dedicated dual fellowship training in skull base/cerebrovascular microsurgery and endovascular neurosurgery. In his acceptance speech, Dr. Bulsara shared his inspiring life journey to become a neurosurgeon and thanked his family for their countless sacrifices that allowed him to pursue his dreams. He also thanked his colleagues and urged them to work together to shape the future of medicine.*

**Source:** UConn24/7, 02/06/2022

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



## INDIAN DOCTOR DR. SUMER SETHI AMONGST TOP 10 MOST WATCHED TEDX TALKS IN FEBRUARY

*Dr. Sumer Sethi, the CEO of DAMS, has been featured on number three of the top 10 TEDx talks delivered in the world in February. Dr. Sethi's talk, titled "Elusive Treasure Hunt," was delivered at TEDx AIIMS Delhi, and it focused on the struggles and doubts one may face while pursuing their goals, and the idea that the journey itself is what truly matters. The talk has been viewed by thousands of people worldwide and has inspired many to keep going despite the obstacles.*

*Dr. Sethi, an acclaimed entrepreneur in the EdTech space, focused on medical education, has made the medical community proud with his inspiring TEDx talk. TEDx has become a platform for innovative minds to share their ideas and inspire others, and Dr. Sethi's talk is a testament to the power of such a platform. The talk is available at (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkVikPuJzs8> and <https://www.damsdelhi.com>*

**Source:** *The Business Standard, 15/03/2023*

**Link:** [https://www.business-standard.com/content/press-releases-ani/indian-doctor-amongst-top-10-of-the-world-s-most-watched-tedx-talks-released-in-february-123031500494\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/content/press-releases-ani/indian-doctor-amongst-top-10-of-the-world-s-most-watched-tedx-talks-released-in-february-123031500494_1.html)

## INDIAN DOCTORS SUCCESSFULLY REMOVE 12MM TUMOUR FROM PATIENT'S TRACHEA USING ECMO SUPPORT IN ODISHA

*Dr. Chitta Ranjan Thatei, Dr. Subrat Kumar Nayak, and Dr. Debasish Padhi, cardiovascular surgeons of SCB Medical College and Hospital, successfully removed a 12mm tumour from the trachea of a 21-year-old patient with the help of an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) machine, giving him a new lease of life. The patient, Rinku Lohar, from the Deogarh district had been experiencing severe breathing problems due to a tumour blocking 90% of his windpipe for the past six months. After being diagnosed with an endotracheal mass, he was referred from Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research to SCB MCH.*

*Admitted to the cardiothoracic and vascular surgery (CTVS) department on April 5, the tumour of 12X9X14 mm in size was too big to be removed through general procedure. Therefore, a plan was made to remove it using an ECMO machine. Under the leadership of the head of the CTVS department, Prof Manoj Patnaik, a team of doctors comprising Dr. Thatei, Dr. Nayak, and Dr. Padhi conducted the surgery on April 8, removing the tumour in a five-hour-long procedure.*

**Source:** *New Indian Express, 26/04/2023*

**Link:** <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/2023/apr/26/doctors-remove-12-mm-tumour-from-patients-trachea-in-odisha-2569544.html>

## INDIAN-ORIGIN NEUROSURGEON SANJAY GUPTA IS SECOND MOST POPULAR DOCTOR IN US, STUDY FINDS.

*Dr. Sanjay Gupta* , an Indian-origin neurosurgeon has become the second most popular doctor in the US, according to a study on the use of Twitter by doctors. With over 2 million followers on Twitter, Gupta's popularity has made him a social media celebrity. He is best known as an Emmy-award winning chief medical correspondent for CNN, and he reports on health-related issues from Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is also an associate chief of the neurosurgery department at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and an assistant professor of neurosurgery at Emory University School of Medicine. He is also a published author, with books such as "Chasing Life," "Cheating Death," and "Monday Mornings" to his name. The study on the use of Twitter by doctors in the US analyzed the Twitter accounts of leading doctors across the USA and found that Gupta is the second most popular doctor in the country. Gupta is one of the few North American doctors who have reported on medical conditions of victims in war zones and areas of natural disasters, including the 2010 Haiti earthquake. He has even performed emergency surgeries to save many US soldiers and Iraqi civilians in Iraq.

**Source:** Indian Eagle

**Link:**<https://www.indianeagle.com/travelbeats/indian-american-neurosurgeon-sanjay-gupta-on-twitter/>



## INDIAN DOCTOR DEVELOPS PICTORIAL TOOL TO DIAGNOSE SLEEP APNEA

**Dr. Azmat Karim**, Consultant Pulmonary Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the Metro Centre for Respiratory Disease, Metro Hospital and Heart Institute New Delhi, has developed a modified pictorial Epworth Scale (mPESS) to aid in the diagnosis of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) in India. Despite being a common disorder in India, OSA is often under-recognized by primary care physicians, and many sufferers are unaware that they have it. The mPESS is a pictorial version of the traditional Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS), which measures excessive daytime sleepiness, and can be used as a free alternative to expensive sleep tests. The mPESS is customizable to the needs of India's rural and urban populations and is available in different languages. Dr. Karim's innovation is a step towards improving the diagnosis and treatment of OSA in India, which can lead to better health outcomes and improved public safety. An app version of the mPESS will soon be available for iOS and Android, further simplifying the diagnostic process.



**Source:** India Education Directory, 27/04/2020

**Link:** <https://indiaeducationdiary.in/first-times-india-indian-doctor/>



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