

# GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (SEPTEMBER 2023)



## DR. NAVNEET AGRAWAL AWARDED 'DIABETOLOGIST OF THE YEAR 2023'

*Dr. Navneet Agrawal, Chief Clinical Officer at BeatO, has been honored with the 'Diabetologist of the Year (National Winner)-2023' by the ET Healthcare Awards. With over 22 years in diabetes treatment,*

*Dr. Agrawal's significant contributions include spearheading a Diabetes Care Program that showcased notable reductions in blood glucose levels. His partnership with BeatO emphasizes using technology for comprehensive diabetes care. Over his career, he has received multiple accolades, including the 'The Healthcare Excellence Award' in 2022. Dr. Agrawal expressed gratitude, emphasizing the collective efforts behind his achievements.*

**Source:** Business Standard, 04/09/2023

**Link:** [https://www.business-standard.com/content/press-releases-ani/dr-navneet-agrawal-of-beato-bags-prestigious-national-diabetologist-of-the-year-award-123090400705\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/content/press-releases-ani/dr-navneet-agrawal-of-beato-bags-prestigious-national-diabetologist-of-the-year-award-123090400705_1.html)

## DR. T.S. CHANDRASEKAR APPOINTED ACADEMIC GOVERNOR OF ACG FOR INDIA

*Dr. T.S. Chandrasekar, Chairman of MedIndia Hospitals in Chennai, has been chosen as the Academic Governor of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) for India. The ACG, founded in 1932, boasts over 14,000 gastroenterologist members from 86 nations. Dr. Chandrasekar will assume his role during the ACG's Annual Scientific Meeting on October 22 in Vancouver, Canada, serving from 2023 to 2026. His responsibilities will encompass guiding academic programs, research efforts, and collaborations to benefit Indian ACG members. His focus will be on elevating patient care for digestive disorders. Dr. Chandrasekar has held esteemed positions, including the National President of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology (2016-17) and an Honorary Distinguished Professor title since 2021.*

**Source:** The Hindu, 05/09/2023

**Link:** <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/ts-chandrasekar-elected-academic-governor-of-american-college-of-gastroenterology-for-india-region/article67273918.ece>



## DR. SIDDHARTHA MUKHERJEE'S 'THE SONG OF THE CELL' SECURES POSITION ON BAILLIE GIFFORD PRIZE LONGLIST

*Celebrated Indian-American physician and author, Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee, has once again demonstrated his literary and medical expertise. His recent work, 'The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human', has proudly secured a place on the esteemed Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction longlist.*

*The book stands as a testament to Dr. Mukherjee's distinctive ability to fuse profound medical insights with compelling, accessible storytelling. Taking readers on a journey through modern medicine, 'The Song of the Cell' delves deep into the intricacies of the human cell, aiming to unlock its immense potential.*

*Earning a spot on the Baillie Gifford Prize longlist not only sheds light on Dr. Mukherjee's literary talent but also emphasizes the pivotal medical narratives he seamlessly introduces to a global readership.*

**Source:** India Today, 6/9/2023

**Link:** <https://www.indiatoday.in/lifestyle/books/story/indian-american-physician-author-siddhartha-mukherjee-on-uk-non-fiction-prize-longlist-2431819-2023-09-06>



## KERALA THORACIC SURGEON AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP

*Dr. Nasser Yusuf, a thoracic surgeon from Kerala, has been honored with a fellowship by the Indian Association for Bronchology. This recognition was bestowed upon him for his notable contributions to interventional pulmonology and his dedication to the profession.*

*Dr. Yusuf's significant achievements include successfully performing India's first surgery addressing post-COVID lung complications and thoracic cancer surgeries. Dr. R. Narasimhan from Apollo hospital, Chennai, presented the fellowship certificate to him.*

*Furthermore, Dr. Yusuf was invited to deliver the Dr. T.R. Raghupati Rao oration at the Indian Association for Bronchology's recent annual conference in Mumbai.*

**Source:** The Hindu, 19/9/2023

**Link**<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/kozhikode/thoracic-surgeon-from-kerala-receives-fellowship/article67323175.ece>

## INDIAN ARMY'S FIRST FEMALE SURGEON IN ELITE PARA SPECIAL FORCES: MAJOR DR. PAYAL CHHABRA

*In a momentous achievement, **Major Dr. Payal Chhabra** became the first woman surgeon to join the esteemed Para Special Forces of the Indian Army. Hailing from Jind district, Haryana, Major Chhabra was awarded the symbolic Maroon Beret during a ceremony in Agra.*

*Her father, Dr. Rajender Chhabra, expressed immense pride in her accomplishments, highlighting her unique feat of completing the rigorous para probation training while concurrently serving as a doctor in the military.*

*Educationally, Major Chhabra earned her MBBS and subsequently pursued an MS in surgery. Post-education, she worked as a senior resident doctor in the surgery department of Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College, Karnal, Haryana. Currently, she serves as a specialist surgeon at the Army Hospital in Ladakh. Prior to this, she was stationed at the Army Hospital in Khardungla and began her military medical career as a captain at Ambala's Army Hospital in January 2021.*

*Choosing national service over lucrative offers from prominent hospitals both nationally and internationally, Major Chhabra's determination and dedication to her country is evident.*

*The journey to becoming a Para Commando in the Indian Army is notoriously rigorous. Emphasizing both physical and mental tenacity, the training for Para SF requires candidates to achieve exceptional fitness levels. Detailing her demanding training regimen, Major Chhabra spoke of beginning her training sessions in the early hours and undertaking grueling 40-kilometer runs, sometimes carrying weights ranging from 20 to 65 kg.*

**Source :** Free Press Journal , 19/09/2023

**Link:**<https://www.freepressjournal.in/education/meet-indian-armys-major-payal-chhabra-first-woman-surgeon-to-join-para-special-forces>



**DR. SWATI NAYAK FROM ODISHA CLINCHES NORMAN BORLAUG  
FIELD AWARD 2023**

*Odisha's renowned scientist, **Dr. Swati Nayak**, has been awarded the prestigious Norman Borlaug Field Award for 2023. This accolade is a testament to India's escalating influence in the sphere of scientific research and its growing contributions to the global scientific community.*

**Source:** Greater Kashmir, 18/09/23

**Link:** <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/city/noted-endocrinologist-dr-ashraf-awarded-subhash-mukherjee-memorial-oration-2023>



**ENDOCRINOLOGIST DR. M ASHRAF GANIE HONORED WITH  
“SUBHASH MUKHERJEE MEMORIAL” ORATION-2023 BY ESI**

***Dr. M Ashraf Ganie**, a distinguished Endocrinologist, has been conferred the “Subhash Mukherjee Memorial” Oration-2023 by the Endocrine Society of India (ESI). Currently serving as a Professor of Endocrinology & Metabolism and Sub-Dean Research at SKIMS Srinagar, Dr. Ashraf will be receiving this honor at the ESICON-2023 conference, set to take place in Hyderabad from December 14th to 17th. This recognition is in acknowledgment of his expansive research in the realm of endocrine and metabolic disorders. Previously an Associate Professor at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, Dr. Ashraf has made significant strides at SKIMS Soura by instituting various research-focused departments and units, solidifying the institution's research capabilities.*

**Source:** Greater Kashmir, 18/09/23

**Link:** <https://www.greaterkashmir.com/city/noted-endocrinologist-dr-ashraf-awarded-subhash-mukherjee-memorial-oration-2023>

## AIA-NY HONORS INDIAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL LUMINARIES AT BENEFIT GALA 2023

*The Association of Indians in America, New York (AIA-NY) hosted its Benefit Gala on September 17, 2023, where it celebrated outstanding achievements of individuals in the medical realm.*

***Dr. Subhash Kini**, who helms the Center for Bariatric and Minimally Invasive Surgery at Mount Sinai, was bestowed with the Excellence in Bariatric & Minimally Invasive/Robotic Surgery Award, recognizing his pioneering work in the field.*

*In acknowledgment of his remarkable contributions, **Dr. Saurabh Lodha** from Columbia University's Department of Dermatology received the Excellence in Dermatology - Special Young Physician Award.*

*Celebrating a legacy of dedication, **Dr. V.K. Raju**, a Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at West Virginia University, was honored for Excellence in Ophthalmological Surgery & Prevention of Childhood Blindness.*

*This event and the awards conferred not only celebrate individual milestones but also underscore the profound impact and contributions of Indian-American medical professionals on a global scale.*

**Source:** *The Indian Panorama*, 23/09/23

**Link:** <https://www.theindianpanorama.news/ny-nj-ct/aia-ny-honors-six-at-a-glittering-benefit-gala/>



**Dr. Subhash Kini**



**Dr. Saurabh Lodha**



**Dr. V.K. Raju**

## KASHMIR'S DENTAL SURGEON REPRESENTS INDIAN RED CROSS IN RIYADH

*Dr. Itinderpal Singh Bali from Kanth Bagh Baramulla, a renowned dental surgeon, recently represented the Indian Red Cross Society at an event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on the topic of "First Aid and Prehospital Workshop." Alongside this workshop, Dr. Bali was also selected to partake in two other events as a representative for the Asia Pacific and MENA regions, focusing on health and care strategic planning and coordination. These workshops were organized by the Saudi Redcross Crescent in Riyadh.*

*With a prominent role as a National Master Trainer of the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) NHQ Delhi, Dr. Bali possesses vast expertise in first aid. Over the years, he has trained thousands of volunteers across India on first aid*

**Source:** Greater Kashmir 26/09/2023

**Link:**<https://www.greaterkashmir.com/todays-paper/health-todays-paper/renowned-dental-surgeon-represents-indian-red-cross-society-in-riyadh>



## DR. KAMAL MENGHAJANI EARNS PRESTIGIOUS WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIP

*Indian-American oncologist, Dr. Kamal Menghrajani, has been distinguished as one of the 15 illustrious White House Fellows for the year. This coveted fellowship is a reflection of Dr. Menghrajani's unwavering dedication and her outstanding contributions in the realm of oncology.*

*In her role as a White House Fellow, Dr. Menghrajani is poised to immerse herself in public service, gaining invaluable insights into the workings of the federal government. This experience is anticipated to further amplify her potential in spearheading positive transformations in healthcare.*

*This notable recognition does more than just celebrate Dr. Menghrajani's individual accomplishments. It also shines a spotlight on the significant and transformative contributions made by Indian-American medical professionals on an international platform.*

**Source:** NDTV, 28/9/2023

**Link** <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/kamal-menghrajani-indian-american-cancer-doctor-among-15-gifted-white-house-fellows-4431601>

## DR. JAMSHED KANGA HONORED FOR 40-YEAR SERVICE IN CYSTIC FIBROSIS CARE AT UK HEALTHCARE

*Dr. Jamshed Kanga, Kentucky's inaugural pediatric pulmonologist, has been celebrated for his 40 years of dedicated service at UK HealthCare. Establishing the Cystic Fibrosis Care Center at Kentucky Children's Hospital (KCH), Dr. Kanga played a pivotal role in evolving cystic fibrosis treatment. The doctor, motivated by personal experiences with asthma, has witnessed the median survival rate for CF patients increase from 15 to 56 years during his tenure. Recognized for his outstanding contributions, Dr. Kanga was awarded by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and honored by the Kentucky Senate and Gov. Andy Beshear. His legacy extends beyond medical achievements, having mentored several leading healthcare professionals at KCH.*

**Source:** UK healthcare, 28/08/2023

**Link:** <https://uknow.uky.edu/uk-healthcare/kch-pulmonologist-honored-40-years-patient-care-service-and-research>



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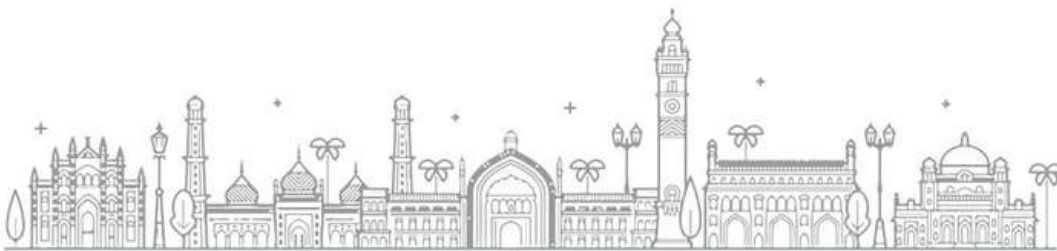


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- A) DR. I A MODI AWARDS
- B) GAPIO EXCELLENCE IN RADIOLOGY/RADIATION THERAPY AWARDS
- C) GAPIO SURGICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS
- D) GAPIO EXCELLENCE IN DIAGNOSTICS AWARDS
- E) DR. PRATHAP C REDDY PHILANTHROPY AWARD
- F) GAPIO LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### Note:

- Awards A to D in two categories i.e. Distinguished Clinician and Young Clinician **Distinguished Clinician** will get cash award of **Rs. 1 lakh with trophy and citation** and **Young Clinician** will get cash award of **Rs. 50,000/- with trophy and citation.**
- Awards at E and F will be given to one person only and will carry a cash award of **Rs. 1 lakh with trophy and citation.**

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