

GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (JANUARY 2024)



DR. V K RAJU RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr. V K Raju, an esteemed ophthalmologist of Indian origin, has been celebrated with the Lifetime Achievement Award by "Indian Panorama," marking his profound impact in medicine over several decades.

His dedication to combating avoidable blindness has earned him not only respect within the medical fraternity but also positions of influence.

As a Clinical Professor and a Fellow of two eminent surgical colleges, his expertise has been instrumental in advancing ophthalmology. He also notably directs pivotal ocular research organizations and chairs a leading eye institute, thus shaping the future of eye care.

DR. TONY DHILLON AT THE FOREFRONT OF BOWEL CANCER VACCINE TRIAL

Dr. Tony Dhillon, an Indian-origin oncologist at Royal Surrey NHS Hospital Trust, is pioneering a landmark international trial of a vaccine aimed at treating bowel cancer. This vaccine, a product of innovative research by Imugene, an Australian biotechnology firm, has entered phase 2 trials and promises a new direction in the treatment of a specific subtype of bowel cancer, offering hope for many. Dr. Dhillon's leadership in this trial underscores the significant contributions of Indian-origin doctors in global healthcare advancements.



Source: BBC News, 26/01/2024

Link: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-surrey-68110020>

DR. ASHISH ANEJA HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS YUVA RATAN SAMAAAN 2024

Dr. Ashish Aneja, a Senior Medical Officer and Diabetologist from Kurukshetra, has been awarded the prestigious Yuva Ratan Samaan 2024.

As a valued member of GAPIO, Dr. Aneja's significant contributions to social service, community projects, and the organization of free health camps have been recognized.

This honor, presented on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti and National Youth Day, celebrates his dedication to healthcare and community welfare.



DR. B. SENDILKUMAR HONORED WITH INDO ASIAN SIGMUND FREUD INSPIRING INNOVATIVE LEADER AWARD 2021

Dr. B. Sendilkumar, Dean and Director of the School of Allied Health Sciences, Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, has been honored with the "Indo Asian Sigmund Freud Inspiring Innovative Leader Award 2021" by Research Educational Talks Daily International. This prestigious award acknowledges his leadership and innovative contributions in the field of healthcare and education.

Source: *The Indian Express, 20/01/ 2024*

Link: <https://fahs.ac.in/awards>

In the Padma Awards 2024, several distinguished medical professionals have been recognised for their exceptional contributions to the field of medicine.

Padma Bhushan Awardees in Medicine:

- 1. Dr. Ashwin Balachand Mehta:** Director of Cardiology at Jaslok Hospital, Mumbai. He is recognized for pioneering interventional cardiology in India, including performing the country's first cardiac catheterization and angiography on newborn babies and contributing to over 35,000+ angioplasties and 75,000+ angiographies.
- 2. Dr. Tejas Madhusudan Patel:** Chairman and Chief Interventional Cardiologist at Apex Heart Institute, Ahmedabad. He is known for pioneering the transradial technique in cardiology, which has significantly enhanced the safety and accuracy of coronary interventions.
- 3. Dr. Chandreshwar Prasad Thakur:** Former Union Minister and a prominent medical professional from Bihar. He is celebrated for his discovery of the first oral drug for Kala Azar and his contributions to the establishment of AIIMS Patna.

Padma Shri Awardees in Medicine:

- 1. Dr. Prema Dhanraj:** Head of the Reconstructive and Plastic Surgery Department at Christian Medical College, Vellore. She is known for her work in treating over 25,000 economically disadvantaged burn victims, turning her personal tragedy into a mission to help others.
- 2. Dr. Hemchand Manjhi:** Vaidyaraj (traditional medicine practitioner) known for treating patients with special herbs from remote forests, including serious diseases like cancer. His expertise in traditional medicine has been recognized for its impact on healthcare.
- 3. Dr. Yazdi Maneksha Italia:** Microbiologist recognized for pioneering the Sick Cell Anemia Control Program in Gujarat. His contributions extend to various research projects under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- 4. Dr. Radha Krishan Dhiman:** Professor of Hepatology known for his contributions to eradicating Hepatitis C, managing COVID cases in Lucknow, and initiating an organ donation campaign by establishing SOTTO.
- 5. Dr. Manohar Krishana Dole:** Ayurvedic Doctor known for his 38 years of providing free treatment to tribal eye patients in Pune, treating over 1.75 lakh patients for cataracts and other eye ailments.
- 6. Dr. Chandrashekhar Mahadeorao Meshram:** Eminent neurologist known for his efforts in promoting brain health awareness and contributions to neurological education and research.
- 7. Dr. G Nachiyar:** Ophthalmologist and founding member of the renowned Aravind Eye Hospital in Madurai, contributing significantly to the field of ophthalmology and eye care.
- 8. Dr. Radhe Shyam Pareek:** Veteran Homeopathy physician credited with treating over 23 lakh patients in a career spanning more than 60 years.
- 9. Dr. Dayal Mavjibhai Parmar:** Veteran Ayurveda practitioner, author of over 50 books on the subject, and provider of free medical services to patients in his area.
- 10. Dr. Chandrashekar Channapatna Rajannachar:** Psychiatrist known as the "people's psychiatrist" for providing free mental health treatment to 50,000 patients and training 20,000 professionals

Sources: *Daily Pioneer and Medical Dialogues*

Links:

<https://www.dailypioneer.com/2024/sunday-edition/exemplars-of-healing-hands.html>

<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/padma-awards-in-medicine-2024-3-doctors-get-padma-bhushan-10-conferred-padma-shri-123575>



VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD 2023-24
CONFERRED ON DR. K. ANAND KUMAR

Dr. K. Anand Kumar, Managing Director of Indian Immunologicals Limited, was recently honored with the "Vocational Excellence Award 2023-24" by the Rotary Club of Pollachi, Tamil Nadu. This prestigious award acknowledges Dr. Kumar's significant contributions to the development of vaccines and disease control, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under his leadership, Indian Immunologicals Limited has played a crucial role in advancing India's capabilities in producing vaccines and biosimilars, thereby enhancing access to vital biologic treatments both domestically and internationally. Dr. Kumar's efforts have been instrumental in promoting the

"Make in India" initiative and improving public health outcomes in over 60 developing nations.

Source: Deccan Chronicle, 04/02/2024

Link: <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/current-affairs/040124/vocational-excellence-award-conferred-on-indian-immunologicals-md-dr.html>

DR. KAUSHIK BHATTACHARYA AWARDED OUTSTANDING ASI
MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2023

Dr. Kaushik Bhattacharya, an Associate Professor at MGM Medical College, has been honored with the prestigious Certificate of Excellence as the Outstanding ASI (Association of Surgeons of India) Member of the Year 2023. This accolade recognizes his significant contributions to the field of surgery and his dedication to advancing medical education and research. Dr. Bhattacharya's achievements have brought pride to MGM Medical College and set a benchmark for excellence in the medical community.



Source: The Medical Dialogues, 02/01/2024

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/mgm-medical-college-associate-professor-dr-kaushik-bhattacharya-conferred-with-certificate-of-excellence-outstanding-asi-member-of-the-year-2023-122465>

DR. RAVUL JINDAL HONORED WITH VASCULAR SURGEON OF THE YEAR AWARD AT GICA 2023

Dr. Ravul Jindal, the Director of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at Fortis Hospital Mohali, has been bestowed with the prestigious "Vascular Surgeon of the Year" Award at the Global Indians Conclave and Awards (GICA) 2023. The award was presented by Nitin Gadkari, the Honourable Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, recognizing Dr. Jindal's exceptional contributions to the field of vascular surgery.

This accolade highlights his dedication and excellence in advancing vascular healthcare.

Source: *The Medical Dialogues, 06/01/2024*

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/renowned-vascular-surgeon-dr-ravul-jindal-wins-vascular-surgeon-of-the-year-award-at-gica-2023-122639>



DR. RAVI KANNAN: A BEACON OF SOCIAL CHANGE AND CNN-NEWS18 INDIAN OF THE YEAR 2023

Dr. Ravi Kannan, a distinguished oncologist, has been honored with the CNN-News18 Indian of the Year 2023 award in the social change category. Leaving Chennai in 2007,

Dr. Kannan took on the role of director at a small charitable cancer hospital in Assam's Silchar, dedicating himself to serving the community. His remarkable work and commitment to improving people's lives have earned him this prestigious recognition.

Dr. Kannan's humility and sense of fulfillment in distributing happiness highlight his unwavering dedication to social change and healthcare.

The award was presented to him by retired Supreme Court judge Justice Indu Malhotra at a ceremony in New Delhi.

Source: *News18, 10/01/2024*

Link: <https://www.news18.com/india/cnn-news18-indian-of-the-year-2023-oncologist-dr-ravi-kannan-is-the-winner-in-social-change-category-8734928.html>

DR. PRAMOD TRIPATHI HONORED BY INTERNATIONAL DIABETES FEDERATION EXPERTS FOR REVOLUTIONARY DIABETES APPROACH

Dr. Arvinder Singh, CEO and Chairman of Udaipur's Arth Group, has been honored in the British Parliament on September 7, 2023, for his significant contributions to both the medical and business sectors. This recognition places him in the esteemed 19th position in Crunchbase's list of Top 20 Global Influencers, highlighting his achievements alongside industry giants like Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg. Dr. Singh's accolades are a testament to his business excellence and his role in elevating India's stature on the global stage. His recognition in the British Parliament, also known as the 'House of Commons,' is a proud moment for India and Rajasthan, showcasing the country's growing influence in international affairs.



Source: DNA India, 14/12/2023

Link: <https://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-dr-arvinder-singh-honored-in-british-parliament-meet-the-influencer-elevating-india-s-stature-3060522>



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