

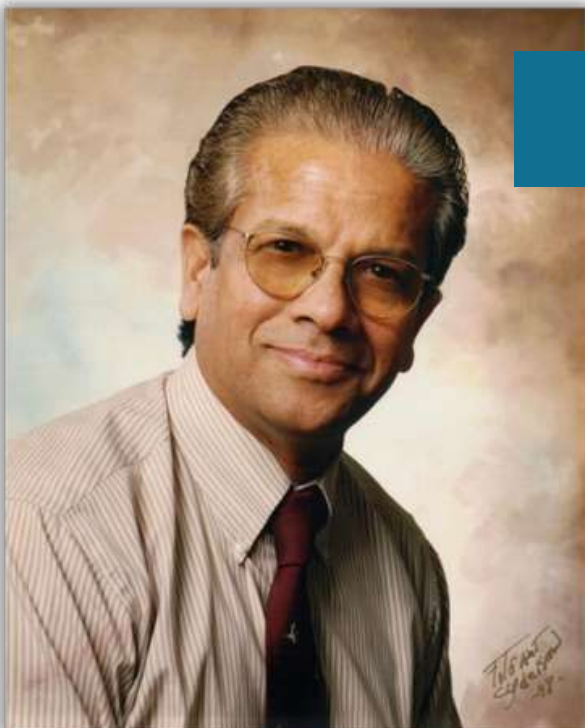
# GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS

(APRIL 2024)

## DR. SUNEEL KUMAR PARVATHAREDDY RECEIVES PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

*Dr. Suneel Kumar Parvathareddy, the Medical Director of Hospital Medicine at Wilkes Medical Center, Department of Internal Medicine/Section on Hospital Medicine, has been awarded the “Physician Leadership Certification” from Wake Forest University.*

*The certification, received on April 24, 2024, highlights Dr. Parvathareddy's leadership in medical practice and commitment to advancing healthcare standards. His role at Wilkes Medical Center involves overseeing hospital medicine and ensuring the delivery of high-quality patient care. This certification further underscores his dedication to excellence in the field of internal medicine.*



## DR. V.K. RAJU HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Dr. V.K. Raju, an esteemed ophthalmologist and President and Founder of the Eye Foundation of America, USA, has been awarded a certificate of "Outstanding Achievement and Community Service" by the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO).*

*This honor was presented during the International Convention of GOPIO held on April 27, 2024, in New Jersey. Dr. Raju's dedication to eye care and his significant contributions to the community were recognized at this prestigious event, celebrating his lifelong commitment to improving eye health and his impactful service to society.*

## DR. GAGANDEEP KANG AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS JOHN DIRKS GAIRDNER GLOBAL HEALTH AWARD

*Dr. Gagandeep Kang, an esteemed Indian researcher, has been honored with the 2024 John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award for her remarkable achievements in global health research.*

*Dr. Kang was awarded for her extensive cohort-based epidemiological, environmental, and clinical trial research on enteric diseases in children and their effects on life course. Her work has had a profound impact on vaccine development and health policy in India and internationally. Over the past 20 years, her research group has conducted significant community-based birth cohort studies, generating crucial data on childhood enteric infections, growth, and development.*

*Notably, Dr. Kang led the largest single birth cohort study on rotaviral infections globally, revealing that protection after natural infection is lower in India than in developed countries. This finding has significant implications for disease control through vaccination. Her efforts have been instrumental in developing and introducing two Indian rotavirus vaccines into the national immunization program, showcasing her enduring contributions to public health.*



**Source:** Current Affairs, 13/04/2024

**Link:**<https://currentaffairs.adda247.com/prestigious-john-dirks-gairdner-global-health-award-for-dr-gagandeep-kang/>



## CHANDIGARH DOCTOR WINS AWARD FOR CANCER RESEARCH

*Dr. Anshika Chauhan, a research associate at PGIMER's department of biochemistry, has been honored with the "Women in Cancer Research Scholar Award" by the American Association of Cancer Research. This award recognizes meritorious early-career scientists who demonstrate exceptional qualifications and potential in cancer research.*

*Dr. Chauhan's significant contributions to the field, particularly her work on understanding the biology of circulating tumor cells, were key factors in her selection for this prestigious award.*

**Source:** Times of India, 20/04/2024

**Link:**<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/pgimer-doctor-bags-award-for-cancer-research/articleshow/109445361.cms>

Three esteemed Chennai-based physicians were recently recognized for their significant contributions to the field of medicine. The Indian Academy of Neurology Practitioners and the South India Neurological Academic Forum conferred the prestigious "Legend of Medicine Award" upon Dr. T.V. Devarajan, Dr. D. Shantharam, and Dr. V. Sundaravadivelu during a continuing medical education program held on Sunday.

- **Dr. T.V. Devarajan:** A highly respected senior physician, Dr. Devarajan's dedication to patient care has earned him the admiration of his peers and the community.
- **Dr. D. Shantharam:** A renowned senior consultant diabetologist, Dr. Shantharam's distinguished career includes serving as the former Vice-Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University. His expertise in diabetes management has undoubtedly improved the lives of countless patients.
- **Dr. V. Sundaravadivelu:** Dr. Sundaravadivelu's exceptional leadership as the former director-in-charge of the Institute of Internal Medicine at Madras Medical College has played a pivotal role in shaping the institution's internal medicine department.

This recognition celebrates the remarkable journeys of these doctors and their unwavering commitment to excellence in medicine. Their achievements serve as an inspiration for future generations of medical professionals.

**Source:** *The Hindu*, 21/4/2024

**Link:** <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/veteran-doctors-honoured-for-their-work/article68091006.ece>



Dr. T.V. Devarajan



Dr. D. Shantharam



Dr. V. Sundaravadivelu

## DR. SITARAM JINDAL CONFERRED WITH PADMA BHUSHAN AWARD

*Dr. Sitaram Jindal, a visionary pioneer in philanthropy and healthcare, was conferred with the prestigious Padma Bhushan Award by the President of India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. The ceremony, graced by the Prime Minister and distinguished dignitaries, recognized Dr. Jindal's exceptional contributions to society.*

*Dr. Jindal, founder Chairman of Jindal Aluminium Limited (JAL), has significantly impacted India's aluminium industry. Beyond business, his establishment of the S. Jindal Charitable Foundation and the Jindal Naturecure Institute (JNI) showcases his commitment to social welfare and innovative healthcare.*

*JNI renowned for drugless treatments, has become a global beacon for those seeking alternative therapies. Dr. Jindal's philanthropic efforts extend to numerous trusts, hospitals, schools, and colleges, supported by JAL. His dedication to preventive care and social welfare has transformed countless lives, earning accolades from notable dignitaries.*

**Source:** Energetic India, 24/4/2024

**Link:** <https://www.energetica-india.net/news/president-of-india-honours--dr-sitaram-jindal-of-jindal-aluminium-with-padma-bhushan-award>



## INDIAN ORIGIN DOCTOR APPOINTED FOR KING'S ORDER



*Dr. Ajay Kumar Kakkar, an Indian origin doctor, has been appointed as Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order by King Charles III. This prestigious honour recognizes his significant contributions and achievements.*

*Dr. Kakkar's appointment to this order highlights the continuing tradition of the British Crown honouring individuals for their exceptional service. Dr. Kakkar's recognition serves as a testament to his dedication and impact in his field, showcasing the respect and value placed on contributions from diverse backgrounds.*

**Source:** M9 News, 10/4/2024

**Link:** <https://www.m9.news/usa-news/indian-origin-man-ajay-kumar-kakkar-appointed-for-kings-order/>

## INDIAN-ORIGIN EXPERT ASHWINI JOINS BRITAIN'S RESEARCH TEAM ON DEMENTIA

*Dr. Ashwini Keshavan, an Indian-origin neurologist, has been selected to join a prestigious research team in the UK focused on dementia. This world-class team is tasked with conducting groundbreaking research to detect dementia through blood tests and gathering more evidence to support this approach.*

*Dr. Keshavan is part of a team investigating p-tau217, a promising biomarker for Alzheimer's disease. Her research aims to evaluate this specific protein's potential as an indicator of Alzheimer's, one of the most common forms of dementia. Researchers from Oxford and Cambridge universities are also testing various proteins to detect other types of diseases that can cause dementia.*

*The research conducted by Dr. Keshavan's team aims to revolutionize dementia detection and treatment. The involvement of Indian-origin researchers like Dr. Ashwini Keshavan in international collaborations highlights India's growing expertise and contributions in healthcare and scientific research.*

**Source:** Current Affairs, 10/04/2024

**Link:** <https://currentaffairs.adda247.com/indian-origin-expert-ashwini-joins-britains-research-team-on-dementia/>



## DR. KARTHIK KOMMURI HONOURED AT NATIONAL FAME AWARDS 2024

*Dr. Karthik Kommuri, known for his exceptional patient care and commitment to orthodontics and dentistry, was honored with the Distinguished Overseas Dental Specialist (Orthodontics and Orofacial Pain) title at the National Fame Awards 2024. The awards, by Brands Impact, recognize outstanding individuals and organizations. Dr. Kommuri's dedication extends to community outreach, advocating for oral hygiene. His educational journey includes a Bachelor of Dental Surgery from St. Joseph's Dental College, an MBA in Healthcare Administration & Management from the University of Findlay, and postgraduate residencies at the University of Rochester focusing on orofacial pain, temporomandibular disorders, orthodontics, and dentofacial orthopedics. He envisions a future in dentistry with technological advancements and personalized care.*



**Source:** Current Affairs, 04/04/2024

**Link:** <https://currentaffairs.adda247.com/dr-karthik-kommuri-honoured-at-national-fame-awards-2024/>

## DR. CHANDRA KANNEGANTI APPOINTED CBE IN WINDSOR CASTLE CEREMONY

*Dr. Chandra Kanneganti, a GP from Stoke-on-Trent, was awarded a CBE in recognition of his services to general practice and promoting equality and diversity in the UK. The honour was presented by the Princess Royal in a ceremony at Windsor Castle. Dr. Kanneganti, who arrived in the UK from India in 2002, has served as the national chairman and president of the British Indian Doctors Association. He currently runs three GP practices in Stoke-on-Trent and has worked in the NHS for over 22 years. Additionally, he is an observer member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and a member of the British Medical Association GP committee.*

*Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Kanneganti said, "I am honoured and humbled to have received my CBE from the Princess Royal today at Windsor Palace. Thanks to the residents of Stoke-On-Trent for the opportunity to serve them, and to my GP colleagues for electing me to national roles.*

**Source:** BBC news 21/03/2024

**Link:**<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1rxlyng4yeo>



## DR. SAMAR BASAK ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ALL INDIA OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY



*Dr. Samar Kumar Basak, a founder member of Disha Eye Hospitals, has been elected President of the All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS) for the year 2024-2025. The announcement was made at the 82nd Annual Conference of AIOS. Dr. Basak, a respected eye surgeon known for his breakthrough surgeries in cornea, succeeds Dr. Debasish Bhattacharya as the second AIOS President from Bengal in nine years.*

*Dr. Basak expressed his gratitude for the honor, stating, "It is a privilege for me to be honored with such a reputed position. AIOS is one of the oldest associations dedicated to revolutionizing the eye care industry. This year we will be introducing a few imperative initiatives for the progress of the nation and making ophthalmology more advanced.*

**Source:** Millenium Post, 13/03/2024

**Link:**<https://www.millenniumpost.in/bengal/noted-doctor-samar-basak-elected-prez-of-all-india-ophthalmological-society-556195>

**RENOWNED TRAUMA SURGEON PROFESSOR SAMEER AGARWAL  
HEADS ALL INDIA ASSOCIATION OF PELVIC ACETABULAR  
SURGEONS**

*Professor Sameer Agarwal, a respected trauma surgeon, was appointed President of the All India Association of Pelvic Acetabular Surgeons (AOPAS) at its 6th Annual Conference held in Kochi.*

*Currently serving as a Professor in the Orthopaedics Department at PGIMER Chandigarh, Dr. Agarwal also holds prestigious positions as the Head of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at PGI, and the Nodal Officer of both the Advanced Trauma Centre and the Firozpur Satellite Centre.*

*Recognized internationally for his expertise, Dr. Agarwal has been a faculty member at numerous international and national conferences, sharing his knowledge and vast experience. His unwavering dedication and impressive track record in trauma surgery make him a perfect leader for AOPAS.*



**Source:** Indian News Calling 23/4/2024

**Link:** <https://www.indiannewscalling.com/sunday-magazine/news/153208-prof-sameer-agarwal-appointed-president-of-all-india-association-of-pelvic-acetabular-surgeons.aspx>



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