

(MAY 2024)

## DR. SOUMYA SWAMINATHAN RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM MCGILL UNIVERSITY

*Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, a globally recognized leader in public health and infectious diseases, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by McGill University. The Chief Scientist at the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Swaminathan received the Doctor of Science honoris causa (D Sc) in Health Sciences during the Spring 2024 Convocation ceremonies.*

*Dr. Swaminathan's contributions to public health have been instrumental in tackling infectious diseases and promoting global health initiatives. Her work at WHO, particularly in the areas of tuberculosis and HIV research, has significantly advanced public health policies and practices worldwide. This honorary doctorate from McGill University stands as a testament to her dedication to scientific advancement and public well-being.*

**Source:** *Economic Times, 21/06/2024*

**Link:** <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/nri/latest-updates/dr-soumya-swaminathan-to-be-awarded-honourary-doctorate-by-canadas-mcgill-university/articleshow/110039663.cms?from=mdr>



## ODIA DOCTOR RUNS HIS WAY TO SIX-STAR MARATHON MEDAL AT 62

*Dr. Santosh Pattanayak, a 62-year-old Odia doctor residing in the UK, has earned the prestigious six-star marathon medal by completing all six of the world's major marathons. A consultant neonatologist, Dr. Pattanayak's journey began after moving to the UK, where he discovered his passion for running.*

*Over the past eight years, he has participated in 20 marathons, including two for charitable causes. The six major marathons he completed are Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago, New York, and Tokyo.*

*Dr. Pattanayak's achievement is a testament to his dedication to fitness and a healthy lifestyle, serving as an inspiration that goals can be achieved at any age.*

**Source:** *Times of India, 06/05/2024*

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhubaneswar/62-yr-old-doctor-wins-medal-for-running-six-marathons/articleshow/109867803.cms>





## DR. SOOSAN JACOB RANKED 17TH IN OPHTHALMOLOGIST POWER LIST 2024

*Dr. Soosan Jacob, Director and Chief of Refractive and Cornea Foundation and Senior Consultant of Cataract and Glaucoma Services at Dr. Agarwal's Group of Hospitals, has been ranked 17th in the Ophthalmologist Power List 2024 for her innovative contributions to the field of ophthalmology.*

*Dr. Jacob is one of only two Indians to be featured in this prestigious annual ranking of the 100 most influential clinicians, scientists, and leaders in ophthalmology. The Power List is compiled by 'The Ophthalmologist', an international publication dedicated to advancements in the field*

*This recognition serves as a lasting tribute to Dr. Prabhu's exceptional skill, dedication, and leadership in urology.*

**Source:** *New Indian Express, 08/05/2024*

**Link:** <https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/chennai/2024/May/08/dr-agarwals-hospital-doctor-ranked-17th-among-top-ophthalmologists>

## INDIAN-AMERICAN PHYSICIAN LEADS PROJECT ASHA TO EXPAND ACCESS TO ONCOLOGY CLINICAL TRIALS IN INDIA

*Dr. Geetika Srivastava, a leading Indian-American oncologist, is spearheading Project Asha, a new initiative aimed at bridging the gap in access to oncology clinical trials between the United States and India. This collaborative effort between the FDA and the White House Cancer Moonshot Program seeks to increase the number of Indian patients participating in clinical trials for cancer treatment.*

*Dr. Srivastava's expertise and understanding of both the American and Indian healthcare systems make her well-suited to lead this critical initiative. Project Asha has the potential to save lives and improve cancer treatment outcomes for patients in India and around the world by providing access to potentially life-saving new therapies.*

**Source:** *Health World, 22/04/2024*

**Link:** <https://health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/industry/indian-american-physician-leads-project-asha-for-oncology-clinical-trials-in-india/109491024>



## DR. KETKI SHAH RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH CARE AWARD

*Dr. Ketki Shah, Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at BronxCare Health System, was honored with the Excellence in Health Care Award by the United Hospital Fund on May 6, 2024. The award recognizes her leadership in improving quality of care, patient safety, and patient experience.*

*The ceremony, held at Cipriani 42nd Street, celebrated 67 Quality Improvement Champions from the New York metropolitan area. Dr. Shah, a renowned psychiatrist with expertise in Addiction Psychiatry and Psychopharmacology, oversees the mental health care of over 10,000 patients at BronxCare. Under her leadership, the hospital has made significant strides in mental health care, including the implementation of the Zero Suicide initiative.*

*In addition to her professional achievements, Dr. Shah is dedicated to humanitarian work with the Share and Care Foundation, focusing on healthcare and women's empowerment. Her efforts have earned her numerous accolades, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and recognition from the U.S. Congress.*



**Source:** News India Times, 26/05/2024

**Link:** <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/dr-ketki-shah-receives-prestigious-excellence-in-health-care-award-from-united-hospital-fund/>



## NY STATE SENATE AWARDS LIBERTY MEDAL TO DR. HARI KRISHNA SHUKLA

*Dr. Hari Krishna Shukla, a prominent pediatric-neonatal specialist in Flushing, Queens, was awarded the New York State Liberty Medal on May 15, 2024. The state's highest honor was presented in recognition of his groundbreaking work in neonatal medicine, including the discovery of "Shukla's Formula." This innovative formula aids in the precise positioning of umbilical catheters, significantly improving the care of premature infants. New York State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky commended Dr. Shukla for his life-saving contributions, stating that his work has revolutionized the treatment of premature infants worldwide. Dr. Shukla's research and clinical practices have benefited millions of infants, earning him international acclaim and numerous awards.*

**Source:** News India Times, 26/05/2024

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**Link:** <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/ny-state-senate-awards-liberty-medal-to-dr-hari-krishna-shukla/>

**NOTED ENDOCRINOLOGIST DR. SHASHANK JOSHI AWARDED MASTERSHIP OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF ENDOCRINOLOGY WITH DISTINCTION**

*Dr. Shashank Joshi, a Mumbai-based endocrinologist, has been awarded the Mastership of the American College of Endocrinology (MACE) with Distinction. He is the first endocrinologist outside the US to receive this honor. Dr. Joshi received the award at the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology's annual meeting held from May 9-11 in New Orleans, US.*

*Dr. Joshi highlighted the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and telemedicine in advancing personalized medicine, precision nutrition, and behavioral medicine. He dedicated the award to his mother for her mentorship and support.*

*The American College of Endocrinology annually awards fellowships to individuals demonstrating excellence in*

*endocrinology, with the distinguished mastership recognizing exceptional contributions. Dr. Joshi's work focuses on transcultural endocrinology and addressing lifestyle diseases like diabetes, which affects millions globally.*

**Source:** Indian Express, 16/05/2024

**Link:**<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/noted-endocrinologist-dr-shashank-joshi-awarded-mastership-american-college-endocrinology-distinction-9331700/>



**INDIAN DOCTOR HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY FOR MEDICAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

*Dr. G.G. Laxman Prabhu, a distinguished urologist, was posthumously awarded the President's Award of Merit by President Draupadi Murmu. The ceremony took place at the 22nd convocation of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences in New Delhi.*

*Dr. Prabhu, who served as the head of the Urology Department at Kasturba Medical College in Mangaluru, was renowned for his expertise in performing complex surgeries. He was actively involved in the Urological Society of India and contributed significantly to medical research with numerous published papers. The award was received by his wife, Kavita Prabhu, following his passing due to a brief illness in November 2023.*



*This recognition serves as a lasting tribute to Dr. Prabhu's exceptional skill, dedication, and leadership in urology.*

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

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

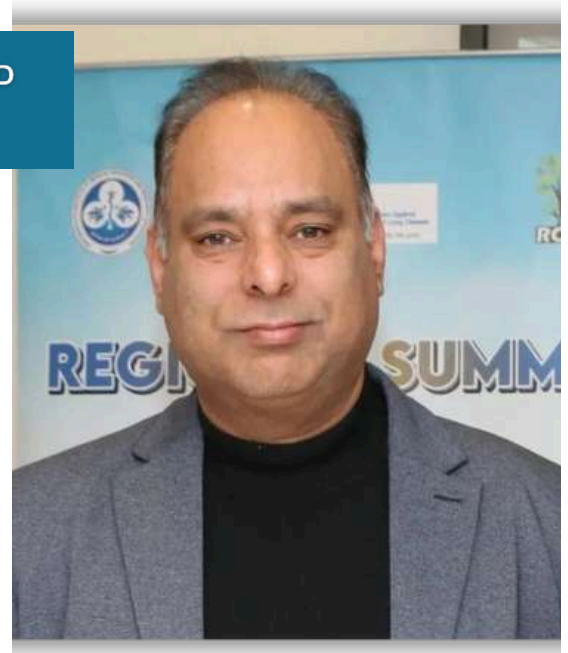
## KASHMIRI DOCTOR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS WHO AWARD FOR TOBACCO CONTROL EFFORTS

*Dr. Mir Mushtaq, a dedicated physician from Kashmir, has been honored with a prestigious award from the World Health Organization (WHO) for his exceptional contributions to tobacco control efforts in the region.*

*Dr. Mushtaq, currently serving as the Nodal Officer for the National Tobacco Control Programme Directorate of Health Service Kashmir (NTCP DHSK), has been instrumental in spearheading initiatives to combat tobacco use within the Kashmir Division. The WHO award recognizes his tireless work and unwavering dedication to public health.*

**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>



## DR. INDIRA NARAYANAN RECOGNIZED FOR EXPERTISE IN NEONATOLOGY BY MARQUIS WHO'S WHO

*Dr. Indira Narayanan, MBBS, MD, FNNF, FIAP, FNAMS, has been honored by Marquis Who's Who for her exceptional contributions to the field of neonatology, global newborn health and nutrition, and higher education. This recognition highlights her significant impact and dedication to improving neonatal care worldwide.*

*Marquis Who's Who, renowned for acknowledging leaders across various fields, has recognized Dr. Narayanan's extensive career and her pioneering work in neonatal health. Her efforts in implementing nutrition programs and educational initiatives have made a profound difference in the lives of countless newborns and their families globally.*

*In her professional journey, Dr. Narayanan has been a tireless advocate for global newborn health, contributing to innovative practices and research that have advanced the field. Her role in higher education has also been pivotal, guiding and inspiring the next generation of healthcare professionals.*

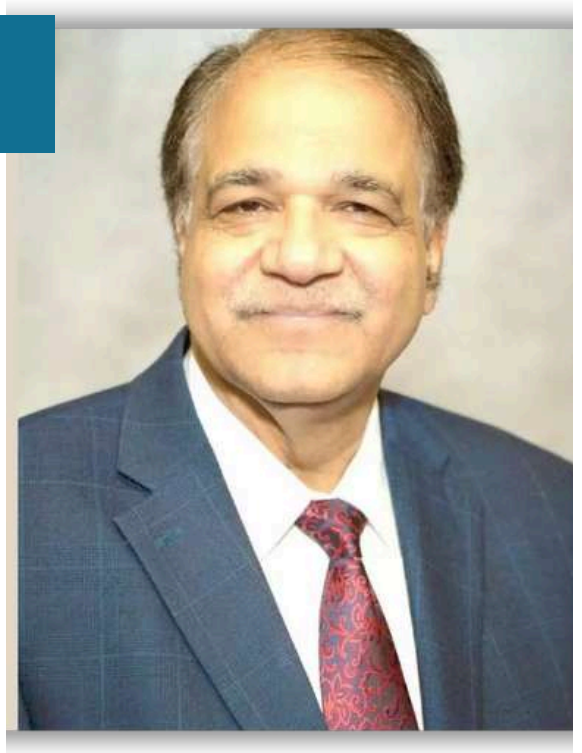
**Source:** 24-7 Press Release, 08/04/2024

**Link:** <https://www.24-7pressrelease.com/press-release/509863/marquis-whos-who-honors-indira-narayanan-mbbs-md-fnnf-fiap-fnams-is-recognized-for-expertise-in-neonatology-global-newborn-health-and-nutrition-and-higher-education>

**DR. AVINASH GUPTA ELECTED REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL AAPI**

*Dr. Avinash Gupta, a renowned cardiologist practicing in New Jersey since 1994, has been elected the regional director of the National American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI). With board certifications in cardiology, nuclear cardiology, and clinical lipidology, Dr. Gupta currently serves as the Chief of Cardiology and Medical Staff President at Monmouth Medical Center - Southern Campus in Lakewood.*

*Dr. Gupta's dedication extends beyond his medical practice to various charitable endeavors both locally and in India through the PRAN-BJANA Charitable Clinics. His passion for helping others and mentoring the next generation of physicians drives his active participation in professional organizations such as the American College of Cardiology and the Monmouth-Ocean Medical Society.*



**Source:** ROI, 11/04/2024

**Link:** <https://www.roi-nj.com/2024/04/11/healthcare/cardiologist-dr-avinash-gupta-elected-regional-director-of-national-indian-physicians-organization/>



**PROF. JITENDRA KUMAR SAHU HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS JOHN STOBO PRICHARD AWARD**

*Prof. Jitendra Kumar Sahu, a renowned child neurologist at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), has been conferred with the prestigious John Stobo Prichard Award by the International Child Neurology Association (ICNA).*

*Dr. Sahu is the first Indian to receive this award in the 36-year history of the ICNA, a significant milestone for the Indian medical community. The award, presented every three years, recognizes child neurologists who have made substantial contributions to the field of pediatric epilepsy.*

*Dr. Sahu is the founder of the South Asia Allied Infantile Spasms Research Group (SAISR Group), a collaborative network of child neurologists dedicated to childhood epilepsy research in South Asia. His pioneering work and commitment to advancing the understanding and treatment of pediatric epilepsy have earned him this distinguished honor.*

**Source:** Times of India, 17/05/2024

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/prestigious-award-for-pgis-prof-sahu/articleshow/110190786.cms>

## BHARAT BIOTECH CO-FOUNDER DR. KRISHNA ELLA HONORED BY JOHNS HOPKINS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP

*Dr. Krishna Ella, co-founder and Executive Chairman of Bharat Biotech, has been conferred with the prestigious Dean's Medal by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The award acknowledges Dr. Ella's exceptional contributions to global public health. The ceremony took place at the Bloomberg School's convocation in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Ella received the award for his "exceptional leadership, enduring vision, and contribution to improving public health," as stated by Bharat Biotech.*

*The Dean's Medal, the highest honor from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, is awarded to outstanding public health researchers and practitioners demonstrating exceptional leadership in safeguarding and improving global health outcomes.*

*This recognition highlights Dr. Ella's dedication to developing innovative and safe vaccines, particularly for public health needs, aligning with Bharat Biotech's mission to address infectious diseases that disproportionately affect developing countries.*

*Dr. Ella's leadership has been pivotal in India's fight against COVID-19, with Bharat Biotech's Covaxin vaccine playing a significant role in the country's vaccination program. This honor from Johns Hopkins underscores Dr. Ella's remarkable influence and leadership in the global public health arena.*



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

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



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