

(JULY 2024)

## DR. GEORGE MATTHEW HONORED WITH A STREET NAMED AFTER HIM IN ABU DHABI

*Dr. George Matthew, an Indian-origin doctor, has been honored by the UAE with a street named after him in Abu Dhabi, recognizing his 57 years of dedicated service to the country's healthcare sector. Part of the "Honoring UAE's Visionaries: Commemorative Streets" project by the Department of Municipalities and Transport, George Matthew Street is located near Sheikh Shakbooth Medical City in Al Mafraq.*

*Arriving in the UAE in 1967, Dr. Matthew chose to stay after being captivated by Al Ain's beauty, becoming the region's first government doctor. He played a significant role in the development of modern healthcare in the UAE, holding key positions such as Medical Director of Al Ain Region and Health Authority Consultant.*

*His work included serving the royal family, for which he was granted UAE citizenship.*

**Source:** DD News, 12/07/2024

**Link:** <https://ddnews.gov.in/en/uae-honours-indian-origin-doctor-with-street-name-in-abu-dhabi/>



## DR. SHARAD MUTALIK AWARDED FRCP IN LONDON

*Dr. Sharad Mutalik, a senior dermatologist from Pune, has been awarded the prestigious Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) in London. This honor recognizes Dr. Mutalik's significant contributions to the field of dermatology over the past four decades. He is notably the first dermatologist from Maharashtra to receive this esteemed fellowship.*

*Dr. Mutalik, who heads the dermatology department at Joshi Hospital, has been instrumental in advancing dermatological treatments and research in India. His pioneering work, particularly in treating skin disorders prevalent in tropical climates, has earned him widespread recognition. Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Mutalik attributed his success to the support of his team, teachers, and family, hoping that this recognition will inspire more Indian doctors to pursue excellence on a global scale.*



**Source:** Times of India, 20/07/2024

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/pune/dermatologist-dr-mutalik-awarded-fellowship-of-the-royal-college-of-physicians-frcp-in-london/articleshow/111873792.cms>

## INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTOR PERFORMS UAE'S FIRST PEDIATRIC LIVER TRANSPLANT

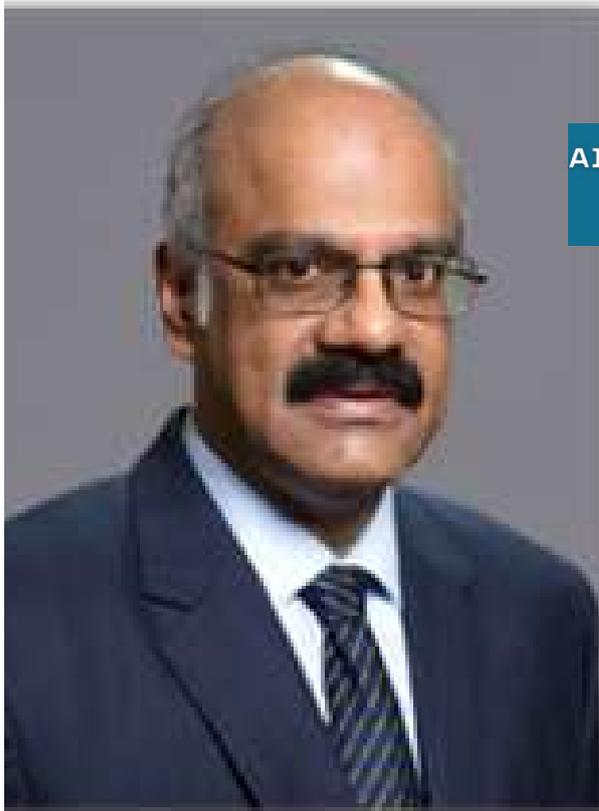
*Dr. Rehan Saif, an Indian-origin surgeon, has made history by leading the UAE's first pediatric liver transplant at Burjeel Medical City (BMC). The groundbreaking surgery involved a four-year-old girl, Razia Khan, who suffered from a rare genetic liver disorder called Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis type 3 (PFIC). The transplant, a 10-hour procedure, was conducted with her father as the living donor, marking a significant achievement for the UAE's medical sector.*

*Razia's condition had severely affected her growth and quality of life, and her family had already lost their first daughter to the same disease. After careful evaluations, Dr. Saif, originally from Bangalore and now based in the UK, determined that a liver transplant was the only curative option. The successful surgery has not only saved Razia's life but also set a new benchmark for medical advancements in the region.*



**Source:** Times of India, 11/07/2024

**Link:**<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/nri/middle-east-news/nri-healthcare-group-appoints-srk-as-brand-ambassador/articleshow/94049967.cms>



## AIG CHAIRMAN DR. D. NAGESHWAR REDDY HONORED WITH JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY'S 'CAPTAIN'S CHAIR'

*Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman of the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIG), has been awarded the prestigious 'Captain's Chair' by Johns Hopkins University. This honor recognizes his significant contributions to the field of gastroenterology. The Captain's Chair holds a historic legacy, dating back to Sir William Osler, a founding professor of Johns Hopkins University in 1874.*

*Professor Anne Marie Lennon, Director of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Johns Hopkins, praised Dr. Reddy's pioneering work in the field, noting that his achievements embody the spirit of innovation and excellence that the university represents. This recognition adds to Dr. Reddy's numerous accolades, underscoring his impact on advancing medical science and patient care in gastroenterology.*

**Source:** The Hindu, 21/07/2024

**Link:**<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Hyderabad/johns-hopkins-universitys-captains-chair-honour-for-aig-chairman/article68429007.ece>

**DR. HEMANT KHEMANI AWARDED SHINING STAR AWARD  
2024 AT NATIONAL INTERVENTIONAL COUNCIL**

*Dr. Hemant Khemani, an esteemed Interventional Cardiologist from Apex Group of Hospitals in Borivali, Mumbai, has been honored with the Shining Star Award 2024 at the National Interventional Council (NIC) 2024. The four-day national conference, organized by the Tamil Nadu chapter of the Cardiological Society of India (CSI), brought together over 1,500 interventional cardiologists from across India and was held at the Chennai Trade Centre.*

*During the conference, Dr. Khemani presented notable case studies, including the use of thrombolysis as an effective and safe therapy for patients with stuck mitral valves and a novel approach using multiple stents to treat a diffusely diseased LAD with 100% occlusion presenting as NSTEMI. His innovative contributions to the field were recognized with this prestigious award.*

*The NIC 2024 also featured significant discussions on the burden of heart diseases in India, the procedures and expenditures involved in treating heart ailments, and the launch of a dedicated hall for innovators in interventional cardiology.*

**Source:** Ten News, 15/07/2024

**Link:** <https://tennews.in/mumbai-cardiologist-awarded-shining-star-award-2024-in-the-national-interventional-council-2024/>



**DR. MIR SHAHNAWAZ HONORED WITH “ECONOMIC TIMES  
MOST INSPIRING COSMETOLOGIST OF THE YEAR” AWARD**

*Dr. Mir Shahnawaz, a prominent dermatologist and founder of DERMIS-Skin and Hair Clinic in Srinagar, was honored with the “Economic Times Most Inspiring Cosmetologist of the Year Award” at the 7th Edition of The Times Now Doctor’s Day Conclave 2024 in New Delhi. This prestigious award celebrates his significant contributions to dermatology and aesthetic medicine.*

*Dr. Shahnawaz, known for his meticulous and innovative approach, expressed his gratitude for the recognition, emphasizing the importance of continuous innovation in the field of cosmetology. He highlighted the increasing demand for aesthetic procedures in the Kashmir Valley and urged the public to seek certified professionals to ensure safety and quality care.*



**Source:** The Kashmiriyat, 15/07/2024

**Link:** <https://thekashmiriyat.co.uk/kashmiri-doctor-receives-prestigious-economic-times-award/>

## DR. VIKAS DHARNIDHARKA NAMED CHAIR OF PEDIATRICS AT RUTGERS



*Dr. Vikas Dharnidharka, a renowned pediatric nephrologist and transplant specialist, has been appointed as the new Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.*

*He will also serve as Physician-in-Chief at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital. Dr. Dharnidharka, known for his groundbreaking research and clinical expertise, joins Rutgers from Washington University in St. Louis, where he made significant contributions in pediatric nephrology and transplantation. He will officially begin his new role in October 2024.*

*Dr. Dharnidharka is recognized nationally and internationally for his expertise in pediatric nephrology and transplantation. His extensive experience in clinical care, research, and education, particularly his work on post-transplant complications, will be invaluable as he leads the department.*

**Source:** Patch 29/07/2024

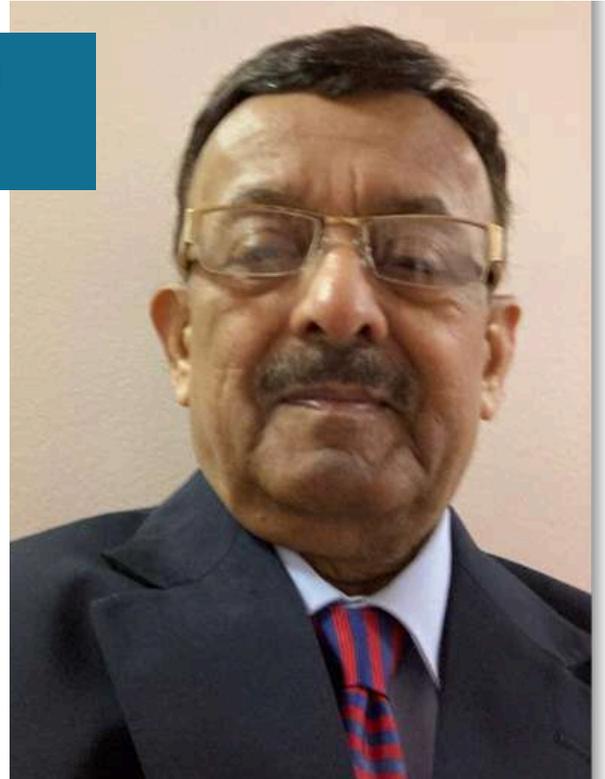
**Link:** <https://patch.com/new-jersey/newbrunswick/rutgers-names-nationally-recognized-leader-new-chair-pediatrics>

## DR. HEMANT SHAH HONORED WITH SENSORY THEATER DEDICATION AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

*Dr. Hemant Shah, a well-known Family Practice Physician and philanthropist, was honored on August 6, 2024, by St. Joseph's School for the Blind in Jersey City, NJ. In recognition of his generous contributions to the school, a unique sensory room has been dedicated in his name as the "Dr. Hemant Shah Sensory Theater."*

*Dr. Shah, who began his medical career in Jersey City in 1983, has been an active member of the local community, serving as Health Commissioner and holding several leadership positions in various hospitals within Hudson County. His philanthropic efforts extend beyond the local community, with significant contributions to temple restorations in both India and New Jersey, as well as support for global non-profit organizations.*

*The dedication of the sensory theater at St. Joseph's School for the Blind, which has been serving individuals with special needs for over a century, is a testament to Dr. Shah's commitment to enhancing the lives of those with disabilities. His ongoing support ensures that children with special needs continue to receive the specialized services they require for a brighter future.*



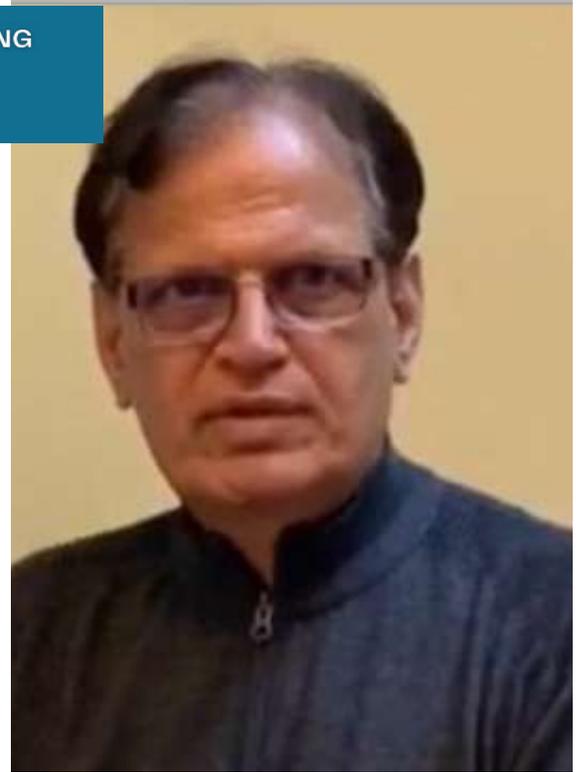
**Source:** News India , 14/07/2024

**Link:** <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/st-josephs-school-for-the-blind-to-honor-dr-hemant-shah/>

**DR. BHARAT BHUSHAN GUPTA HONORED WITH 'MOST INSPIRING GASTROENTEROLOGIST OF INDIA' AWARD**

*Dr. Bharat Bhushan Gupta, a distinguished gastroenterologist from Jammu, has been honored with the prestigious "Most Inspiring Gastroenterologist of India" award by the Economic Times/Times Now group. The award was presented at the 7th edition of The Times Now Doctor's Day Conclave 2024, held in New Delhi, recognizing Dr. Gupta's exceptional contributions to the field of gastroenterology.*

*With 35 years of experience, Dr. Bharat Bhushan Gupta is celebrated for his dedication to patient care, advanced medical practices, and ethical standards. He has been associated with some of the best hospitals in Jammu, where he has handled numerous challenging cases using the latest technology. His commitment to medical excellence and pioneering work in gastroenterology has made him a leading figure in the healthcare sector.*



**Source:** State Times, 05/07/2024

**Link:** <https://statetimes.in/dr-bharat-bhushan-honoured-with-most-inspiring-gastroenterologist-of-india-award/>



**DR. NARESH TREHAN HONORED AS ONE OF SEVEN LEGENDS IN HEART SURGERY**

*Dr. Naresh Trehan, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Global Health Ltd., has been recognized as one of the "Seven Legends" in heart surgery by the International Congress of Cardiac Surgery. This prestigious accolade was awarded during a ceremony held in Athens, Greece, in recognition of Dr. Trehan's pioneering contributions to the field of cardiac surgery.*

*At 77, Dr. Trehan continues to perform and teach surgeries, remaining dedicated to advancing cardiac care in India.*

**Source:** HealthCare Radius, 17/06/2024

**Link:** <https://www.healthcareradius.in/events/dr-naresh-trehan-awarded-as-one-of-seven-legends-in-heart-surgery>

## DR. NEHA VAPIWALA ELECTED PRESIDENT-ELECT OF ASTRO

*Dr. Neha Vapiwala, an Indian-American physician, has been elected as the President-elect of the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO). Dr. Vapiwala, who is the Eli Glatstein, MD Endowed Professor and Vice Chair of Radiation Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania, will lead ASTRO's 10,000 members, including physicians, physicists, and other professionals. Her leadership will span four years, with one year each as President-elect, President, Chair of the Board, and Immediate Past Chair.*

*Dr. Vapiwala has been a significant figure in ASTRO, having previously served on its Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer. She is committed to advancing patient-centered research and promoting inclusivity within the field of radiation oncology.*

**Source:** Onco Daily, 19/07/2024

**Link:** <https://oncodaily.com/career/106667#:~:text=ASTRO%20recently%20shared%20their%20newly,the%20ASTRO%2024%20Annual%20Meeting.%E2%80%9D>



## DR. MEHERWAN JOSHI AWARDED NJBIZ PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

*Dr. Meherwan Joshi, a dedicated cardiologist at Trinitas Regional Medical Center (TRMC), has been honored with the NJBIZ Physician of the Year Award for 2024. Dr. Joshi, who has been an integral part of TRMC for over 20 years, was recognized for his exceptional contributions to cardiology and his leadership in the Echo Lab. His work in advancing patient care and his dedication to medical education, mentoring residents, and future cardiologists at Rutgers Medical School, earned him this prestigious accolade.*

*In addition to his clinical expertise, Dr. Joshi has been instrumental in implementing quality initiatives within the cardiology department and is known for his compassionate approach to patient care.*



**Source:** Tap into South Plain Field, 01/07/2024

**Link:** <https://www.tapinto.net/towns/south-plainfield/articles/trinitas-regional-medical-center-cardiologist-receives-njbiz-physician-of-the-year-award>

## TWO PGI ENDOCRINOLOGISTS HONORED AT ENDO-2024 CONFERENCE IN BOSTON

*In a significant achievement, **Dr. Sanjay Bhadada and Dr. Liza Das**, both endocrinologists from the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh, were recognized for their outstanding contributions at the prestigious ENDO-2024 conference held in Boston, USA.*

*Dr. Sanjay Bhadada, who heads the Department of Endocrinology at PGIMER, was honored with the Laureate Award for his exceptional mentorship and research in metabolic bone diseases, including primary hyperparathyroidism, osteoporosis, and rare bone disorders. His research and leadership in these areas have positioned him as a key figure in the global endocrinology community. Dr. Bhadada was also invited to represent India at the Global Endocrinology Leaders meeting, where he shared insights on the unique challenges of endocrinology in India.*

*Dr. Liza Das, a consultant clinical endocrinologist at PGIMER, was awarded the Young Investigator Award for her groundbreaking research on pituitary disorders. Her presentation on the effects of oral glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP1) analogue on metabolic dysfunction in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and obesity garnered significant attention at the conference.*

*The ENDO-2024 conference, attended by over 6,000 endocrinologists from around the world, highlighted the ongoing advancements and research in the field of endocrinology, with Dr. Bhadada and Dr. Das's contributions standing out as exemplary. Their recognition at this international forum underscores the high caliber of research and clinical expertise emerging from India in the field of endocrinology.*

**Source:** Medical Dialogues, 19/07/2024

**Link:** <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/2-pgi-endocrinologists-shine-at-endo-2024-conference-in-boston-131849>



Dr. Sanjay Bhadada



Dr. Liza Das

## INDIAN-AMERICAN SCIENTIST DR. SAMEER SHETH DISCOVERS NEW BIOMARKER FOR OCD



*Indian-American scientist Dr. Sameer Sheth and his team of researchers have identified a groundbreaking neural activity pattern associated with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). This discovery could revolutionize how the condition is monitored and treated, particularly for patients who have undergone deep brain stimulation (DBS) therapy.*

*The research, conducted at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital, focuses on the low-frequency brain oscillations in the theta to alpha range, crucial to cognitive processes. Using advanced DBS devices capable of both stimulating and recording brain activity, the team was able to observe changes in neural patterns in real-life situations, outside of the controlled lab environment.*

*Dr. Sheth highlighted that this newly identified neuro-psychological biomarker could serve as a more precise tool for assessing the effectiveness of OCD treatments and potentially be applied to other mental health conditions with similar neural characteristics.*

**Source:** Yes Punjab, 13/07/2024

**Link:**<https://yespunjab.com/indian-american-scientist-discovers-new-biomarker-for-obsessive-compulsive-disorder/>



## INDIAN-AMERICAN MICROBIOLOGIST LALITA RAMAKRISHNAN AWARDED 2024 ROBERT KOCH PRIZE

*Dr. Lalita Ramakrishnan, a renowned Indian-American microbiologist, has been awarded the prestigious 2024 Robert Koch Prize for her groundbreaking research on tuberculosis. Currently a professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at the University of Cambridge, Dr. Ramakrishnan has made significant contributions to understanding TB through her innovative use of a zebrafish model. Her work has led to new insights into the disease's mechanisms and the development of potential treatments. The Robert Koch Prize is one of Germany's most esteemed scientific awards, recognizing outstanding contributions to medical research. Dr. Ramakrishnan will receive the award at a ceremony in Berlin on November 8, 2024.*

**Source:** American Kahani, 17/07/2024

**Link:**<https://americankahani.com/community/indian-american-microbiologist-lalita-ramakrishnan-awarded-2024-robert-koch-prize/>

## CALIFORNIA HEMATOLOGIST DR. AKSHAT JAIN HONORED AS THE 2024 ASH AMBASSADOR

*Dr. Akshat Jain, a distinguished Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist at Loma Linda University Health, has been honored by the American Society of Hematology (ASH) as the 2024 Ambassador. This recognition is a significant milestone in Dr. Jain's career, celebrating his groundbreaking contributions to the field of hematology, particularly in gene therapy and the treatment of hemoglobinopathies.*

*As the Director of the Inherited Bleeding Disorders and Hemoglobinopathies Program at Loma Linda University School of Medicine and Children's Hospital, Dr. Jain has played a pivotal role in advancing research and improving care for patients with complex blood disorders. His innovative work has not only enhanced the understanding of sickle cell disease and other hemoglobinopathies but also opened new treatment avenues, providing hope to patients worldwide.*

*Dr. Jain's recognition by ASH underscores his commitment to pushing the boundaries of medical research and his dedication to patient care, making this honor a well-deserved acknowledgment of his contributions to the field.*



**Source:** India Post , 11/07/2024

**Link:** <https://indiapost.com/california-hematologist-dr-akshat-jain-honored-by-american-society-of-hematology-as-the-2024-ambassador/>



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