

DR. NAVEEN CHANDRA HONORED BY ILLAWARRA INDIAN DOCTOR'S ASSOCIATION FOR LIFETIME CONTRIBUTIONS TO PSYCHIATRY

Dr. Naveen Chandra, a Consultant Psychiatrist from Wollongong, Australia, was honored by the Illawarra Indian Doctor's Association on August 23, 2024, for his exceptional contributions to psychiatric services in the Illawarra region. As the first Director of the Illawarra Psychiatric Services, Dr. Chandra played a pivotal role in organizing hospital and community psychiatric services and served for over 35 years. Dr. Chandra's achievements include establishing the Illawarra Psychiatric Group in the 1980s, founding three free rural psychiatric centers in India, and providing expert guidance on psychiatric services in Fiji and Myanmar. His pioneering work has also been recognized through fellowships from the British College of Psychiatrists and the Australasian Psychiatric Association.

Source: Daaji World, 28/08/2024

Link: <https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1221341>



DR. MOHAMMAD SHADAB HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Dr. Mohammad Shadab, a staff scientist at the University of Rochester Medical Center, has been recognized for his exceptional contributions to biochemistry and research. He has been selected for inclusion in Marquis Who's Who for 2024, acknowledging his significant advancements in understanding acute lung injury during sepsis and bacterial infections.

Dr. Shadab's research, particularly in the field of autophagy and its role in lung inflammation, has led to improved treatment strategies and patient care. His achievements include being recognized as an editor-speaker by the Journal of Biological Chemistry and receiving the Best Poster Award from the University of Rochester.

As a leading figure in lung disease research, Dr. Shadab continues to push the boundaries of medical science with a focus on reducing the impact of sepsis-induced lung injuries.

Source: Education Times, 01/08/2024

Link: <https://www.24-7pressrelease.com/press-release/513017/dr-mohammad-shadab-honored-for-contributions-to-science-and-research>

**PROF. JITENDRA KUMAR SAHU, PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGIST,
AWARDED VIGYAN YUVA-SHANTI SWARUP BHATNAGAR
AWARD FOR MEDICINE**

Prof. Jitendra Kumar Sahu, a renowned Paediatric Neurologist at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGI), Chandigarh, has been selected for the prestigious 'Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar' award for 2024 in Medicine. This national honor is the highest recognition in science for individuals under 45 years of age, awarded for their outstanding research contributions.

Prof. Sahu's selection marks the first time in four years that a PGI doctor has received this prestigious award. Expressing his gratitude, Prof. Sahu attributed the achievement to his mentors, students, and patients.

The awards are presented across four categories, with Prof. Sahu receiving recognition in the 'Vigyan Yuva' category for his significant contributions to medicine.



Source: Times of India, 10/08/2024

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/pgi-professor-wins-national-award-in-medicine/articleshow/112414825.cms>



**DR. LAXMI NAND, PROFESSOR AT IGMC, AWARDED
FELLOWSHIP OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS**

Dr. Laxmi Nand, a Professor and Unit Head in the Department of Medicine at Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC), Shimla, has been awarded the prestigious Fellowship of the American College of Physicians (FACP) for the year 2023-24. This recognition highlights his significant contributions and ongoing achievements in the field of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Nand's work has been recognized at both national and international levels. In 2021-22, he was also awarded the Fellowship of the Indian College of Physicians (FICP) for his research and contributions to internal medicine.

Dr. Nand's dedication to his field and service to patients continues to inspire both his peers and the medical community.

Source: Statesman News Service, 31/08/2024

Link:https://www.thestatesman.com/india/igmc-doctor-awarded-fellowship-of-american-college-of-physicians-1503338031.html#google_vignette

**DR. SREENI R. GANGASANI, CARDIOLOGIST, ELECTED
CHAIRMAN OF GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD**

Indian-origin cardiologist Dr. Sreeni R. Gangasani has been elected as the Chairman of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Based in Lawrenceville, Georgia, Dr. Gangasani has been a board member since 2021 and previously served as Vice Chair for the 2023-24 term.

An alumnus of Kurnool Medical College in Andhra Pradesh, India, Dr. Gangasani holds board certifications in cardiovascular disease, nuclear cardiology, heart failure, and transplantation. He is also a founding partner of the Cardiovascular Group in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Source: Indica News, 07/08/2024

Link:<https://indicaneews.com/indian-origin-dr-sreeni-r-gangasani-to-head-georgia-composite-medical-board/>



**DR. KAUSHIK BHATTACHARYA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,
DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL AMBASSADOR**

Dr. Kaushik Bhattacharya, Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery at Mata Gujri Memorial Medical College and Lion Seva Kendra Hospital, Kishanganj, has been designated as the International Surgical Ambassador (ISA) by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd). This prestigious recognition reflects his outstanding contributions to the field of surgery.

Dr. Bhattacharya, who hails from Siliguri in the Darjeeling District of West Bengal, joins a distinguished group of surgeons representing one of the world's oldest surgical colleges, with RCSEd established in 1505.



Source: Medical Dialogues, 03/08/2024

Link:<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-kaushik-bhattacharya-honoured-as-international-surgical-ambassador-of-royal-college-of-surgeons-of-edinburgh-132668>

**DR. T.N. BALAKRISHNAGOWDA (DR. BKG), ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON,
HONOURED WITH 'ASIANET SUVARNA MALAYSIA INDIA
INTERNATIONAL ICONIC AWARD'**



Dr. T.N. Balakrishnagowda (Dr. BKG), Managing Director and Senior Orthopaedic & Robotic Joint Replacement Surgeon at Avant BKG Hospitals, Mysuru, has been honoured with the prestigious 'Asianet Suvarna Malaysia India International Iconic Award'. The award was presented in recognition of his exceptional contributions to the field of orthopaedics at a ceremony held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Dr. BKG's groundbreaking achievement of performing 31 Total Knee Replacements (TKR) in a single day at Adichunchanagiri Hospital, Bellur, earlier this year set a new world record in orthopaedics. Speaking at the event, Dr. BKG expressed his gratitude to his medical team and patients, highlighting the award as motivation to continue advancing the field of orthopaedic surgery.

Source: Star of Mysore 25/08/2024

Link: <https://starofmysore.com/dr-bkg-honoured-with-asianet-suvarna-malaysia-india-international-iconic-award/>

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL (DR.) SARAT CHANDRA DASH,
RETIRED ARMY DOCTOR, HONOURED WITH ATI VISHISHT
SEVA MEDAL**

Lieutenant General (Dr.) Sarat Chandra Dash, a retired officer from the Army Medical Corps and a native of Nayagarh, Odisha, was honoured with the prestigious Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) by President Droupadi Murmu. The award was presented at the second phase of the defence investiture ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, in recognition of his exceptional service and dedication to the nation.

An alumnus of SCB Medical College and AIIMS New Delhi, where he earned his MCh in Urology, Lt Gen. Dash also underwent specialized training in robotic urology surgery in the United States. He retired as the Deputy Chief Integrated Defence Staff of the Indian Army and was previously awarded the Yudh Seva Medal for his role in the Kargil War, as well as the Vishisht Seva Medal.



Source: PragatiWadi , 20/07/2024

Link: <https://pragativadi.com/retd-army-doctor-from-odisha-conferred-with-ati-vishisht-seva-medal/>

DR. RAMNATH MISRA, RHEUMATOLOGIST, HONOURED WITH AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY MASTERS AWARD

Prof. Dr. Ramnath Misra, Head of the Department of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology at KIMS, has been honoured with the prestigious American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Masters Award for 2024. This award, regarded as the highest honour in the field of rheumatology, recognizes Dr. Misra's exceptional contributions to clinical practice, research, and education in rheumatology.

Dr. Misra's recognition as a Master of the ACR underscores his leadership and influence in the global rheumatology community. Over his distinguished career, he has advanced clinical practices and inspired many in the field through his dedication to patient care and medical education.

The award will be presented during the ACR Annual Congress, scheduled from November 14-19, 2024, in Washington, DC, USA. Dr. Misra is among 22 rheumatologists being honoured this year, including three from outside the US and Canada.



Source: KIIT News, 17/08/2024

Link: <https://news.kiit.ac.in/achievements/kims-doctor-to-receive-prestigious-global-honour-in-rheumatology/>



UNION MINISTER DR. JITENDRA SINGH CONFERRED PRESTIGIOUS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR DIABETES RESEARCH

Dr. Jitendra Singh, a renowned figure in the field of diabetes research, was honoured with the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" at a ceremony attended by leading medical professionals and dignitaries. The award was presented in recognition of his exceptional dedication to advancing diabetology, clinical care, and research.

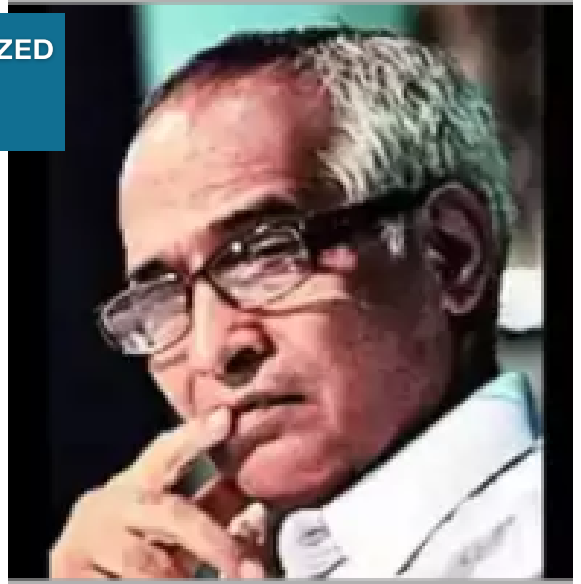
The award citation, delivered by Dr. V Mohan, Chairman of Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Speciality Centre and Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, hailed Dr. Jitendra Singh as an outstanding academician, researcher, and clinician. His achievements in both medical research and public service were highlighted as a testament to his commitment to improving diabetes care in India and beyond.

Source: Medical Dialogues 30/07/2024

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/union-minister-dr-jitendra-singh-conferred-the-prestigious-lifetime-achievement-award-for-diabetes-research-132387>

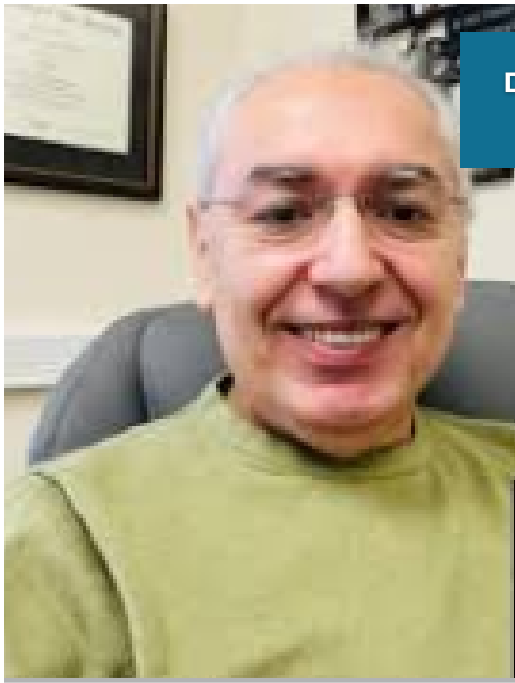
**DR. HIMMATRAO BAWASKAR, RURAL DOCTOR, RECOGNIZED
BY CHINESE RESEARCHERS FOR PIONEERING ANTI-
SCORPION VENOM TREATMENT**

Dr. Himmatrao Bawaskar, a 74-year-old physician from Mahad, Maharashtra, has been recognized globally for his pioneering work in reducing the fatality rate of red scorpion stings. Chinese researchers from the National Key Laboratory of Green Pesticide, Guizhou University, recently praised Dr. Bawaskar in a letter titled 'Reducing Scorpion Sting Fatality Rate to 1% in India', published in the renowned medical journal The Lancet. In the 1970s, scorpion stings in rural India had a fatality rate of over 40%, particularly in areas like Mahad, home to the dangerous Mesobuthus tamulus, one of the most venomous scorpions in the world. Dr. Bawaskar's breakthrough came when he developed a treatment protocol for scorpion envenomation, drastically reducing the mortality rate to just 1% by 2014. His work, first documented in The Lancet in 1986, has been recognized as a significant contribution to global medicine. Dr. Bawaskar, who received the Padma Shri in 2022 for his contribution to anti-scorpion venom research, continues to be a beacon of medical innovation. Reflecting on the recognition from Chinese researchers, Dr. Bawaskar said, "I am most proud that my scorpion research has been acknowledged by China's scientists. It is a great achievement for India."



Source: Onco Daily, 19/07/2024

Link: <https://oncodaily.com/career/106667#:~:text=ASTRO%20recently%20shared%20their%20newly,the%20ASTRO%202024%20Annual%20Meeting.%E2%80%9D>



**DR. SALAM RAJJOUB HONORED WITH 2024 OUTSTANDING
SPECIALTY PRECEPTOR AWARD**

Dr. Salam Rajjoub, a pulmonologist at American Lung Care in Bridgeport, has been recognized with the 2024 Outstanding Specialty Preceptor Award for the Central East Region of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's (WVSOM) Statewide Campus. The award was presented by Dr. Josalyn Mann, the region's Statewide Campus Assistant Dean, in recognition of Dr. Rajjoub's excellence in teaching and mentoring WVSOM medical students during their clinical rotations.

Each year, WVSOM acknowledges preceptors who demonstrate exceptional commitment to guiding third- and fourth-year medical students in clinical practice. Dr. Rajjoub's contributions to both education and community wellness have made a lasting impact on the next generation of physicians.

Source: West Virginia's News, 15/06/2024

Link: https://www.wvnews.com/news/wvnews/bridgeport-west-virginia-physician-honored-with-preceptor-award/article_823d7da0-5b1c-11ef-b52b-8fb0317b7be7.html

DR. RAJ NAGARKAR, LEADING INDIAN ONCOLOGIST, PARTICIPATES IN JORDAN'S FIRST-EVER ROBOTIC RADICAL HYSTERECTOMIES

Dr. Raj Nagarkar, a renowned oncologist from Nashik, India, played a pivotal role in Jordan's first-ever successful robotic radical hysterectomies. The groundbreaking surgeries were performed at King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC) in Amman, led by KHCC's Dr. Qais Shatnawi. Dr. Nagarkar, from HCG Manavata Cancer Center, assisted in the landmark procedures, marking a significant milestone in Jordan's medical history. The surgeries were performed on two women aged 40 and 42, who were diagnosed with endometrial cancer. The complex procedures, which involve the removal of the uterus, cervix, both ovaries, fallopian tubes, and surrounding tissues, are a critical intervention for gynecological cancers, including cervical and ovarian cancers.



Dr. Nagarkar expressed his excitement about the success of the surgeries, stating, "This is just the beginning. The successful execution of these surgeries is a testament to the potential of robotics in revolutionizing cancer treatment globally."

This achievement not only highlights the advancement of cancer care in Jordan but also showcases the power of collaboration in the field of robotic-assisted surgery. Dr. Nagarkar acknowledged the support of KHCC's leadership and the expertise of Dr. Shatnawi for making this medical breakthrough possible.

Source: Deccan Herald, 02/09/2024

Link: <https://www.deccanherald.com/india/maharashtra/indian-doctor-from-nashik-participates-in-jordans-first-ever-robotic-radical-hysterectomies-3173087>



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