

## SURGEON VICE ADMIRAL ARTI SARIN BECOMES FIRST WOMAN DG OF ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICES

*Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin has become the first woman to take charge as Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS) on October 01, 2024. With a career spanning 38 years, she has held numerous prestigious positions, including DG Medical Services (Navy), DG Medical Services (Air), and Director & Commandant of AFMC Pune.*

*An alumna of AFMC Pune, Dr. Sarin is an MD in Radiodiagnosis and has undergone advanced training in Gamma Knife Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. Her exceptional service across all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces has earned her the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2024) and Vishisht Seva Medal (2021), among other honors.*

*She continues to inspire young women in the Armed Forces and is an advocate of the Nari Shakti initiative.*

**Source:** Press Release, 01/10/2024

**Link:** <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2060559>



## DR. AKHIL SASTRY LEADS NATIONAL PROGRAM ON ROBOTIC SURGERY IN INDIA

*Dr. Akhil Sastry, esteemed orthopedic surgeon and partner at Atlantic Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, recently made a significant impact in India, spearheading Stryker's inaugural National Champions Meeting on robotic surgery. Held from September 11-16, this event gathered nearly 400 surgeons to explore the theme of "Modern Robotic Concepts in Total Hip & Knee with Mako." As one of four leading faculty members, Dr. Sastry shared his expertise on the Mako robotic-assisted surgical platform, which enhances precision and personalized care in hip and knee replacements.*

*Reflecting on the experience, Dr. Sastry commented, "It's always wonderful to attend Champions meetings. It puts people who share a passion for technology together in one room.*

*This group is striving to move the narrative forward and impact change for patients' lives for the better." His contributions underscore his role as a pioneer in robotic surgery and reinforce Stryker Corporation's commitment to advancing surgical care worldwide.*

**Source:** SeaCoast Online, 02/10/2024

**Link:** <https://www.seacoastonline.com/story/lifestyle/2024/10/02/dr-sastry-leads-robotic-surgery-program-in-india-2024-awards-of-distinction-seacoast-health-news/75481977007/>



*Distinguished Indian cardiologists and scientists have been recognized in Stanford University's 2024 list of the top 2% scientists globally, an honor that underscores their groundbreaking contributions to medical research and clinical excellence. Curated by Professor John Ioannidis of Stanford University in collaboration with Elsevier Data Repository, this list highlights pioneers from across the globe who have made significant advances in healthcare.*

*The Indian recipients include:*

### **Dr. Ambuj Roy**

- *Professor of Cardiology at AIIMS, New Delhi.*
- *Renowned for his work in cardiovascular epidemiology and translational research.*
- *Recognized for contributions in CV risk management and heart failure research.*



### **Dr. Dorairaj Prabhakaran**

- *Executive Director at the Centre for Chronic Disease Control, New Delhi.*
- *Internationally acclaimed for his research on cardiovascular diseases and public health.*
- *Honored for over 700 scholarly papers and leadership in CVD prevention.*



### **Dr. Manish Bansal**

- *Senior Director of Cardiology at Medanta, Gurgaon.*
- *Specializes in coronary artery disease and advanced echocardiography.*
- *Recognized for his extensive research and publications in cardiac imaging.*



### **Dr. Ponnysamy Shunmuga Sundaram**

- *Expert in electrophysiology, trained at SCTIMST and St. Luke's, USA.*
- *Acknowledged for contributions in cardiac interventions and electrophysiology.*



### **Dr. Raman Krishna Kumar**

- *Head of Pediatric Cardiology at Amrita Hospital, Kochi.*
- *A leader in pediatric heart care, recognized for his work in echocardiography and catheter interventions.*



### **Dr. Ganesan Karthikeyan**

- *Former faculty at AIIMS, currently at Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad.*
- *Honored for extensive research in cardiology with over 5,000 citations in 2023.*



**Dr. Denis Xavier**

- Head of Clinical Research at St. John's Research Institute, Bengaluru.
- Recognized for his impactful work in cardiovascular pharmacology and hematology.



**Dr. Sivadasanpillai Harikrishnan**

- Head of Cardiology at SCTIMST, Trivandrum.
- Known for his research in heart failure and advanced interventional techniques.



**Dr. Asru K. Sinha**

- Director of Sinha Institute of Medical Science, Kolkata.
- Honored for his work in cardiovascular systems research.

**Dr. Alok Srivastava**

- Head of Haematology at Christian Medical College, Vellore.
- Pioneering contributions in stem cell research and hematology.



**Dr. Anita Saxena**

- Renowned pediatric cardiologist, former Dean of Academics at AIIMS.
- Recognized for her work on congenital heart diseases and rheumatic heart care.



**Dr. Sivasubramanian Ramakrishnan**

- Professor of Cardiology at AIIMS, New Delhi.
- Acknowledged for advancements in interventional cardiology and clinical research.

**Source:** Medical Dialogues, 04/10/2024

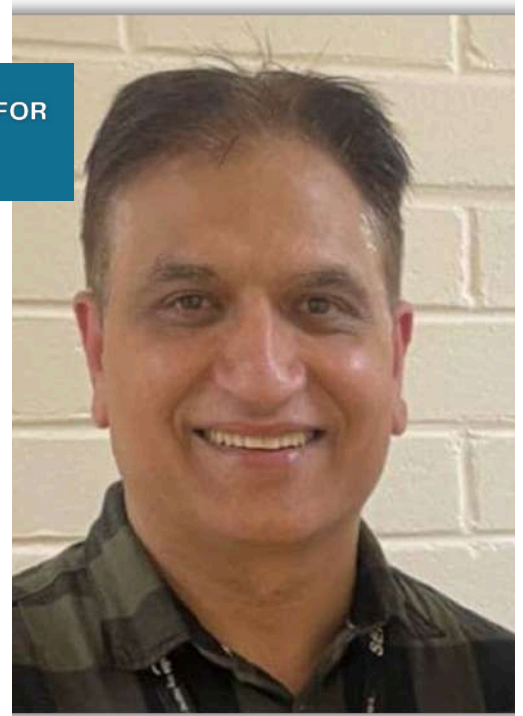
**Link:** <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/12-indian-cardiologists-scientists-get-recognised-in-standford-university-2024-list-of-worlds-top-2-percent-scientists-135879>

**DR. MUKESH CHUGH HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS MRANI AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Dr. Mukesh Chugh, consultant anesthetist at Altnagelvin Hospital, Derry, has been honored with the prestigious MRANI Award for his remarkable contributions to healthcare and community integration.*

*Recognized for promoting cultural diversity and leading COVID-19 vaccination outreach among the BAME community, Dr. Chugh's efforts have earned national accolades, including the Points of Light Award from the UK Prime Minister. He also founded the Northern Ireland chapter of BAPIO and advocates for healthcare worker rights as Honorary Secretary of HCSA.*

*This award celebrates Dr. Chugh's dedication to fostering unity, improving healthcare access, and advancing multicultural collaboration.*



**Source:** Derry Journal, 07/10/2024

**Link:** <https://www.derryjournal.com/news/people/dr-mukesh-chugh-recognised-with-prestigious-minorities-recognition-awards-ni-mrani-at-titanic-belfast-4813016>



**DR. RAJ NAGARKAR BECOMES INDIA'S FIRST ONCOLOGIST ON CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL ROBOTICS' ADVISORY BOARD**

*Dr. Raj Nagarkar, MD & Chief of Surgical Oncology & Robotic Services at HCG Manavata Cancer Centre, has made history by becoming the first Indian doctor appointed to the Advisory Board of Cambridge Medical Robotics (CMR). During his two-year term, Dr. Nagarkar will focus on advocating for accessible and affordable healthcare solutions tailored to India's needs.*

*With over 23 years of experience, Dr. Nagarkar has performed more than 65,000 surgeries and holds a world record for completing over 1,100 robotic surgeries. At the upcoming Global Advisory Board meeting in Cambridge, he will contribute to discussions on advancements in robotic surgery and explore innovations aimed at enhancing patient outcomes globally.*

*Dr. Nagarkar's appointment underscores India's growing role in the global healthcare technology landscape, as CMR plans to expand its footprint in India, ensuring cutting-edge surgical technologies become more accessible and affordable for Indian patients.*

**Source:** Healthcare Radius , 09/10/2024

**Link:** <https://www.healthcareradius.in/people/dr-raj-nagarkar-becomes-indias-first-oncologist-on-cambridge-medical-robotics-advisory-board>

## 11 INDIAN RESPIRATORY MEDICINE EXPERTS RECOGNIZED AMONG STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S TOP 2% SCIENTISTS FOR 2024

*In a remarkable acknowledgment of India's contributions to the field of respiratory medicine, 11 distinguished doctors and researchers from prestigious institutions across the country have been featured among the world's top 2% of scientists in Stanford University's highly regarded 2024 list. Curated by Professor John P.A. Ioannidis in collaboration with the Elsevier Data Repository, this global ranking highlights excellence in scientific research, citations, and innovation.*

### **Dr. Sundeep Salvi**

- Director, Pulmocare Research and Education (PURE) Foundation, Pune.
- Recognized for groundbreaking work on non-smoking COPD and the impact of air pollution on lung health.



### **Dr. Ritesh Agarwal**

- Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- Honored for research on allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis.
- Contributor to pulmonary and critical care medicine with over 700 publications.



### **Dr. Ashutosh Aggarwal**

- Senior Faculty, Pulmonary Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- Acknowledged for expertise in pulmonary function testing, bronchoscopy, and sleep medicine.
- Published over 175 scientific papers in national and international journals.



### **Dr. Anurag Agrawal**

- Dean, BioSciences and Health Research, Ashoka University.
- Celebrated for pioneering research in respiratory biology.
- Focuses on digital health and emerging healthcare technologies.



### **Dr. Zarir F. Udvardia**

- Consultant Chest Physician, Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai.
- Renowned for work on drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB) and interstitial lung diseases.
- Author of over 220 PubMed-indexed research publications.



### **Dr. D.J. Christopher**

- Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, Christian Medical College, Vellore.
- Distinguished for leadership in TB research and respiratory allergy management.
- Principal investigator in several international clinical trials.



**Dr. S.K. Jindal**

- *Former Head of Pulmonary Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.*
- *Lauded for mentorship and contributions to chronic lung disease research and education.*
- *Recipient of numerous national and international awards for excellence.*



**Dr. Sahajal Dhooria**

- *Assistant Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.*
- *Noted for work in interventional pulmonology and sarcoidosis.*
- *Authored over 310 publications in leading journals.*



**Dr. Raj Kumar**

- *Director, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi.*
- *Recognized for pioneering tobacco cessation services.*
- *Contributions to asthma and allergy research.*



**Dr. Inderpaul Singh Sehgal**

- *Assistant Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.*
- *Celebrated for studies on chronic pulmonary aspergillosis and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS).*
- *Authored more than 140 publications.*



**Prof. Dheeraj Gupta**

- *Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh.*
- *Acknowledged for research on sarcoidosis and respiratory diseases.*
- *Mentored over 85 students in MD, DM, and PhD dissertations.*



**Source:** Medical Dialogues, 11/10/2024

**Link:** <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/11-indian-pulmonologists-shine-in-stanford-universitys-top-2-scientists-list-for-2024-136324>



## DR. A.K. CHAKMA HONORED AT WORLD OPHTHALMOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN THE USA

*Dr. Amar Kanti Chakma, Head of Ophthalmology at Tripura Medical College, achieved a historic milestone as the first Indian ophthalmologist to be felicitated at the prestigious World Ophthalmologists Association (WOA) Conference in Florida, USA. Held from September 27 to October 1, the conference recognized Dr. Chakma's groundbreaking research on optical treatment, which garnered acclaim from global experts. His innovative work earned him a Certificate of Merit and Recognition, marking a significant contribution to advancing ophthalmic treatment techniques.*

*This honor highlights Dr. Chakma's dedication to pioneering research and brings pride to India's medical community.*

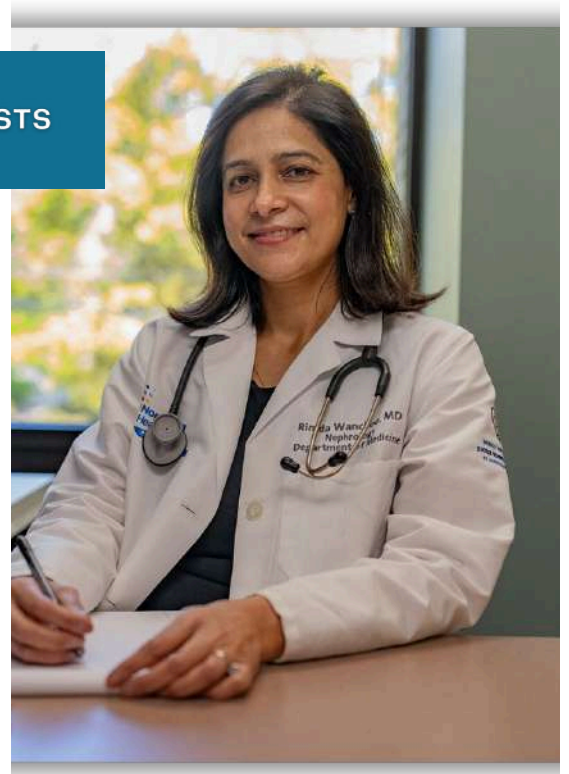
**Source:** Tripura Info, 20/10/2024

**Link:** <https://tripurainfo.com/news.aspx?intnid=22137&title=Dr-AKChakma-of-Tripura-Medical-College-felicitated-in-USA-for-his-research-paper-on-optical-treatment>

## DR. RIMDA WANCHOO HONORED WITH 'PRESIDENT APPRECIATION AWARD' BY THE AMERICAN NEPHROLOGISTS OF INDIAN ORIGIN

*Dr. Rimda Wanchoo, a respected nephrologist at Northwell Health, has been awarded the 'President Appreciation Award' by the American Nephrologists of Indian Origin (ANIO) at the American Society of Nephrology's Kidney Week 2024 in San Diego. This honor recognizes her exceptional contributions to nephrology, especially in the field of onconephrology, where she addresses the complex kidney-related challenges faced by cancer patients.*

*Dr. Wanchoo, who leads Northwell's dialysis unit and co-directs its onconephrology services, has earned national acclaim for her commitment to clinical excellence. "It's a privilege to be recognized by ANIO," said Dr. Wanchoo, expressing her dedication to advancing kidney care and improving patient outcomes.*



**Source:** Northwell Edu , 25/10/2024

**Link:** <https://www.northwell.edu/news/the-latest/rimda-wanchoo-honored-american-nephrologists-indian-origin>

## DR. RÜÜZENO KUOTSU RECEIVES SUSHRUTA AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

*Dr. Rüüzeno Kuotsu, an MS in ENT from AIIMS Raipur, has been honored with the prestigious Sushruta Award for Academic Excellence by the President of India, Droupadi Murmu. This recognition celebrates her remarkable achievement as the top performer in her field.*

*Named after the ancient Indian physician Sushruta, the “Father of Plastic Surgery,” the award acknowledges exceptional contributions to medical education and practice. Dr. Kuotsu, hailing from Tsiepama village, has made her community and the Naga people proud, setting a new benchmark in academic and professional excellence in the medical field.*

**Source:** Nagaland Post, 27/10/2024

**Link:** <https://nagalandpost.com/index.php/2024/10/27/nagaland-dr-ruuzeno-awarded-sushruta-award-for-academic-excellence/>



## DR. SAMEER ARBAT RECEIVES 'PRESIDENT APPRECIATION AWARD' AT WORLD CONGRESS OF BRONCHOLOGY IN BALI

*Dr. Sameer Arbat, renowned interventional pulmonologist from Nagpur was recently honored with the prestigious 'President Appreciation Award' at the 17th World Congress of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (WCBIP), held in Bali, Indonesia, on October 23, 2024. This distinguished event brought together top experts in bronchology and interventional pulmonology from around the world. Dr. Arbat received the award from Dr. Stefano Gasparini, Chair of the World Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (WABIP), in recognition of his significant contributions to the growth and development of the field.*

*Dr. Arbat joined an esteemed group of global awardees, including Dr. Hideo Saka from Japan, Dr. Ali Musani from the USA, and Dr. Levent Dalar from Turkey, all of whom have made notable contributions to the WABIP.*

*In addition to receiving this honor, Dr. Arbat presented two research papers at the congress, further showcasing his expertise and commitment to advancing interventional pulmonology.*

*Currently practicing at One Healthcare in Nagpur, Dr. Arbat has performed over 1,000 interventional procedures, including cryotherapy, EBUS, endobronchial debulking, and thoracoscopy.*

**Source:** Times of India, 28/10/2024

**Link:** [https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nagpur/dr-sameer-arbat-receives-prestigious-president-appreciation-award-at-world-congress-of-bronchology-in-bali/amp\\_articleshow/114703122.cms](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nagpur/dr-sameer-arbat-receives-prestigious-president-appreciation-award-at-world-congress-of-bronchology-in-bali/amp_articleshow/114703122.cms)





## TWO INDIAN DOCTORS ELECTED TO KEY POSITIONS IN WMA JUNIOR DOCTORS' NETWORK

In a proud moment for India, **Dr. Shiv Joshi** and **Dr. Venkatesh Karthikeyan** have been elected to prestigious positions in the World Medical Association Junior Doctors' Network (WMA-JDN) during the recent WMA General Assembly in Helsinki, Finland.

- Dr. Shiv Joshi, now serving his third term, has been elected as the WMA-JDN Medical Ethics Officer. Dr. Joshi's role focuses on ensuring that global policies related to ethical workplace practices are inclusive, non-discriminatory, and encompass critical aspects like gender, ethnicity, and grievance redressal mechanisms.
- Dr. Venkatesh Karthikeyan has been appointed as the Publications Director for WMA-JDN. His responsibilities include overseeing publications addressing public health issues targeted at doctors, leading the publication team, and ensuring the quality and relevance of all content. Dr. Karthikeyan is also the National Convenor for the Antimicrobial Resistance Committee at the Indian Medical Association and serves as a Senior Resident at AIIMS Patna.

**Source:** The Hindu Business Line, 20/10/2024

**Link:** <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/two-indian-doctors-elected-to-the-world-medical-association-junior-doctors-network/article68775411.ece>



*Dr. Shiv Joshi*



*Dr. Venkatesh Karthikeyan*



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