

# GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (DECEMBER 2024)

## DR. RAVI MAHAJAN HONORED WITH LIFETIME PATRON AWARD AT UK PLASTIC SURGERY CONFERENCE

*Dr. Ravi Mahajan, Head of the Department and Chief Plastic, Reconstructive, and Cosmetic Surgeon at Amandeep Hospital, was recently invited by the British Association of Plastic Surgeons to deliver a lecture at their prestigious annual conference.*

*The gathering, which brought together leading UK-trained plastic surgeons, provided Dr. Mahajan an opportunity to share his extensive knowledge of plastic surgery and highlight training prospects in India.*

*In recognition of his outstanding contribution, Dr. Mahajan was honoured with the Lifetime Patron Award by the Plastic Surgery Trainees Association of the UK.*

*“It is an honour to speak at such a prestigious platform and to receive this recognition,” he noted.*

**Source:** *The Tribune, 18/12/2024*

**Link:** <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/amritsar/uk-honour-for-city-doctor/>





## CITY DOCTOR HONORED FOR WORK WITH TB PATIENTS

*Dr. Nasser Yusuf, a cardiothoracic surgeon at Sunrise Hospital in Kochi, was conferred with the Dr. S.N. Tripathy Memorial Oration Award for his exemplary dedication and notable contributions to tuberculosis and chest disease research. The award was presented at the 79th National Conference of Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (NATCON 2024), where Dr. Yusuf delivered a lecture titled “Tuberculosis - The Phoenix of Thoracic Surgery.”*

*Notably, he is the first thoracic surgeon from Kerala to receive this accolade, reflecting his pioneering efforts in patient care and medical innovation for TB patients.*

**Source:** Times of India, 6/12/2024

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kochi/kochi-doctor-dr-nasser-yusuf-receives-prestigious-tb-award/articleshow/116020009.cms>

## COIMBATORE DOCTOR RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP AWARD

*Dr. Balamurugan, Chief Diabetologist of the Coimbatore Diabetes Centre, was presented with the National Academy of Medical Specialty Fellowship Award at the recent State Conference of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) in Salem. The award was conferred by Dr. Abdul Hassan, President of IMA Tamil Nadu, in the presence of Dr. Senguttuvan, newly appointed State President of IMA Tamil Nadu, and Dr. Karthik Prabhu, Secretary of IMA Tamil Nadu.*

*Dr. Balamurugan also presented a research paper titled “Diabetic Reversal: Can Early-Stage Diabetes Be Cured?” during the conference, which was attended by over 1,000 doctors from across Tamil Nadu. In addition, he received the national-level IMA AMS (Academy of Medical Specialties) Fellowship Award from the Coimbatore branch of the IMA for his outstanding work last year.*

*Further recognizing his contributions, Dr. Balamurugan has been elected Joint Secretary of the Coimbatore IMA and appointed Chairman of this year’s Diabetes Awareness Committee, a role through which he aims to strengthen diabetes awareness and education among doctors and the general public throughout the state.*

**Source:** Covai Mail, 17/12/2024

**Link:** <https://covaimail.com/coimbatore-doctor-receives-fellowship-award/>



## DR. SURENDRA NATH SENAPATI ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AROI

*Dr. Surendra Nath Senapati, Professor and Head of Radiation Oncology at the Acharya Harihar Post Graduate Institute of Cancer in Cuttack, has been elected President of the Association of Radiation Oncologists of India (AROI). Announcing his priorities for the two-year term, Dr. Senapati called for establishing Radiation Oncology departments in all medical colleges and introducing specialized training programs in Radiation or Clinical Oncology at both the MBBS and DM levels.*

*“Patients in remote regions are deprived of healthcare aided by advanced technology,” he noted, emphasizing that most modern cancer care facilities are limited to major urban areas.*

*Citing World Health Organization estimates, Dr. Senapati highlighted the urgency of improving access to oncology services, with 29.5 million new cancer diagnoses and 16 million cancer-related deaths projected worldwide by 2040. He added that AROI will advocate making cancer a notifiable disease and push for broader expansion of cancer care nationwide.*

**Source:** *New Indian Express, 05/12/2024*

**Link:** <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/odisha/2024/Dec/05/dr-surendra-nath-senapati-elected-president-of-aroi>

## DR. TANUJ BHATIA PRESENTED WITH “INDIA’S BEST DOCTORS AWARD”

*Dr. Tanuj Bhatia, Senior Cardiologist and Director of the Cath Lab Research & Clinical Trials at Shri Mahant Indires Hospital (SMIH), has been honored with the “India’s Best Doctors Award.” Dr. Bhatia’s adoption of the Avis Protocol has reportedly saved the lives of numerous patients suffering from Acute Heart Attacks, making his contribution one of the highest in India.*

*In a ceremony organized by ‘Brand Impact’ at Hotel Vivanta by Taj in New Delhi, Bollywood actress Vani Kapoor conferred this prestigious award on Dr. Bhatia. Seven renowned cardiologists from across the country were recognized for their outstanding contributions to healthcare. Dr. Bhatia fielded multiple questions about the Avis Protocol, a procedure that he believes can save thousands of heart patients worldwide.*

**Source:** *Garhwal Post, 28/12/2024*

**Link:** <https://garhwalpost.in/senior-cardiologist-smih-dr-tanuj-bhatia-presented-indias-best-doctors-award/>





## DR. V. MOHAN RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS IDF HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

*Dr. V. Mohan, Chairman of Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre & Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF)—one of the most esteemed recognitions in global diabetes care. Dr. Mohan, alongside Dr. A. Ramachandran, is among only 17 individuals worldwide, and two from India, to receive this honor, reflecting his decades-long commitment to advancing diabetes research and improving care for those affected by the condition.*

*Over his thirty-year career, Dr. Mohan has conducted pioneering studies on diabetes in India, helped establish comprehensive care programs, and influenced public health policies and medical education.*

*Author of over 1,750 research publications—which have garnered more than 213,000 citations—he holds an h-index of 157, placing him second only to Bharat Ratna laureate Prof. C. N. R. Rao among Indian scientists. This recognition underscores Dr. Mohan's significant impact on diabetes prevention, treatment innovation, and patient advocacy.*

**Source:** *Medical Dialogues* , 24/11/2024

**Link:** <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-kaushik-bhattacharya-conferred-with-imas-national-best-medical-teacher-award-for-second-time-138589>

## A. RAMACHANDRAN HONORED WITH IDF HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

*Dr. A. Ramachandran, Chairman of Dr. A. Ramachandran's Diabetes Hospital and President of the India Diabetes Research Foundation in Chennai, has been awarded an honorary fellowship by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). The IDF recognized 17 researchers worldwide for their outstanding contributions to diabetes research, honoring Dr. Ramachandran for over three decades of pioneering work in the epidemiology and primary prevention of diabetes in India.*

*Among the 17 global honorees, two scientists are from India, both based in Chennai. The other recipient, Dr. V. Mohan, is also a leading diabetologist. According to a press release, this accolade highlights Dr. Ramachandran's significant role in shaping diabetes care and prevention strategies throughout the country.*

**Source:** *The Hindu*, 14/12/2024

**Link:** <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/diabetologist-honoured-by-idf/article68981594.ece>





## KIRAN MARTIN CONFERRED HONORARY DOCTORATE BY UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

*Dr. Kiran Martin, an Indian pediatrician and social worker, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Melbourne on December 22, 2024. Celebrated for her extensive work in uplifting Delhi's slum communities, Martin founded Asha in 1988 during a cholera outbreak and has since led initiatives benefiting over one million residents.*

*The honor was conferred at a ceremony attended by more than 400 graduates, with the university's Presiding Chancellor, Professor Lou Harms, officiating. Martin is the first Indian in 14 years—and the only Indian woman—to receive this distinction from the University of Melbourne. She also holds the unique record of receiving honorary doctorates from multiple Australian universities within a single year.*

*In her acceptance speech, Martin acknowledged the slum residents she works with, calling them “the true heroes” whose resilience continues to inspire her. The citation from Melbourne Medical School Dean Professor Jane Gunn praised Martin's efforts in advancing healthcare, sanitation, education, and gender equity among marginalized communities.*

**Source:** Health Economic Times, 22/12/2024

**Link:** <https://health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/industry/indian-pediatrician-kiran-martin-conferred-honorary-doctorate-by-university-of-melbourne/116564166>

## ASHOK KONDUR NAMED TO CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Dr. Ashok Kondur, an Indian-American interventional cardiologist, has been appointed by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer to serve on the Central Michigan University (CMU) board of trustees. A recognized expert in peripheral vascular disease and limb salvage, Dr. Kondur holds leadership roles at Henry Ford Health and Garden City Hospital, and also directs the Cardiovascular Medicine Fellowship at Garden City Hospital.*

*With his appointment, Dr. Kondur will begin an eight-year term starting January 1, 2025, extending through December 31, 2032. He joins the board at a pivotal time for CMU, bringing extensive experience in healthcare, research, and academic leadership. University President Neil MacKinnon welcomed the move, noting that Dr. Kondur's expertise will be an invaluable asset in shaping the university's strategic direction.*

**Source:** New India Abroad , 23/12/2024

**Link:** <https://www.newindiaabroad.com/english/people/ashok-kondur-named-to-central-michigan-university-board-of-trustees#:~:text=Michigan%20Governor%20Gretchen%20Whitmer%20has.by%20outgoing%20trustee%20Isaiah%20Oliver.>



## JHARKHAND'S TWO YOUNG DOCTORS SELECTED FOR IMA JDN NATIONAL AWARD

**Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Rathore**, serving at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College Hospital (MGMMCH) in Jamshedpur, and final-year MBBS student **Dr. Aman Kumar Singh** of Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Ranchi have been chosen for the prestigious Indian Medical Association (IMA) Junior Doctors Network (JDN) National Award. Recognized for their notable contributions to modern healthcare and advocacy in Jharkhand, both doctors will receive their honors on December 27 at the National Conference Utsav 2024 in Hyderabad. Dr. Rathore, General Secretary of the Jharkhand JDN, and Dr. Singh, President of the Medical Students Network, have been lauded by senior physicians for their efforts in advancing medical services, mobilizing doctors and students statewide, and championing key issues such as reducing the mandatory service bond period.

**Source:** The Jharkhand Story, 23/12/2024

**Link:** <https://thejharkhandstory.co.in/jharkhands-2-young-doctors-to-get-ima-jdn-national-award/>



**Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Rathore    Dr. Aman Kumar Singh**

## IMA CONFERS HONOUR ON CARDIOLOGIST DR. SRINIVAS RAMAKA

**Dr. Srinivas Ramaka**, Chairman of the Srinivasa Heart Foundation in Hanamkonda, was awarded the Dr. K. Shran Cardiology Excellence Award for research by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) at its two-day meeting, which concluded in Hyderabad on Saturday, December 28, 2024. Renowned for his pioneering community-based initiatives, Dr. Srinivas launched the National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Challenge in 2018 and has been conducting community CPR training programs since 2009.

During the conference, Dr. Srinivas delivered a lecture titled “Training Public in High-Quality CPR and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Use – A National Campaign to Improve Survival from Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest.”

He emphasized the importance of teaching CPR to all sections of the population and urged the IMA to adopt it as a national campaign. Additionally, he called for installing AEDs in public places, underlining the urgent need to address out-of-hospital cardiac arrests as a significant public health issue.

**Source:** The Hindu , 28/12/2024

**Link:** <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tehran/ima-confers-honour-on-cardiologist-srinivas-ramaka/article69037669.ece>



## DR. T. V. DEVARAJAN AWARDED IMA DR. V. PARAMESHVARA AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

*Dr. T. V. Devarajan, a senior physician, received the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Dr. V. Parameshvara Award for lifetime achievement in medicine and commitment to the art of healing.*

*He was presented the award by the IMA's national president at the 99th All India Medical Conference, held in Hyderabad on December 27 and 28.*

**Source:** : The Hindu Bureau, 28/12/2024

**Link:** <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/physician-awarded/article69034492.ece>



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## 15TH ANNUAL GAPIO CONFERENCE IN MYSORE DRAWS GLOBAL ATTENDANCE AND HONORS TOP PHYSICIANS

*The 15th Annual Conference of the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO), held on January 18-19 at Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza, concluded with resounding success, drawing over 400 participants from 58 countries. The two-day event featured more than 70 expert speakers and moderators discussing a wide range of topics including Cardiac Sciences, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Infectious Disease, Oncology, Pediatrics and OBGY, Nutrition & Diabetes Care, and Physiotherapy. The Karnataka Medical Council accredited the conference with 2 Credit Hours.*

*Chief Guest Maharaja Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Member of Parliament - Mysore, inaugurated the conference and addressed delegates at the award ceremony. GAPIO President Dr. Nandakumar Jairam shared his vision for strengthening ties among Indian-origin physicians worldwide during the Executive Committee meeting. A special leadership session by Tejasvi Surya, Member of Parliament from Bangalore South, and Supriya Salian, Managing Director of Plansee, Mysuru, was among the key highlights. Vice President of GAPIO, Dr. Sudhir Parikh, delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the dedication of organizers, volunteers, and sponsors.*

*A central feature of the conference was the presentation of prestigious GAPIO Awards, recognizing leading clinicians and rising stars in medicine:*

- **GAPIO Lifetime Achievement Award**
  - Padma Bhushan & Padma Shri Awardee Dr. Ashok Seth, Chairman, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute
- **Dr. Prathap C Reddy Philanthropy Award**
  - Dr. Abhay Bang and Dr. Rani Bang, Founding Directors, SEARCH, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra
- **Distinguished Clinician Category**
  - a. Dr I A Modi Award: Prof. Nikhil Tandon, Endocrinology, AIIMS, New Delhi
  - b. GAPIO Surgical Excellence Award: Dr. Pankaj Garg, Colorectal Surgery, Indus International Hospital, Punjab, Garg Fistula Research Institute (GFRI)
  - c. GAPIO Excellence in Diagnostics Award: Dr. Arvind Kumar Chaturvedi, Radiology and Interventional Oncology, Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center (RGCIRC), New Delhi
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- **Young Clinician Category**
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## Glimpses of 15th Annual Conference – Mysore, Karnataka



President of GAPIO, Dr. Nandakumar Jairam, shared his vision during the Executive Committee meeting



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## Glimpses from the Award Function



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