

GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (FEBRUARY 2025)

DR. SENTHIL SADHASIVAM APPOINTED UPMC ENDOWED CHAIR IN ANESTHESIOLOGY RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Dr. Senthil Sadhasivam, Executive Vice Chair for Clinical Quality, Patient Safety, and Clinical Research at the University of Pittsburgh, has been appointed as the UPMC Endowed Chair in Anesthesiology Research Excellence, effective March 1, 2025. This prestigious faculty honor is one of the highest academic recognitions at the university and celebrates Dr. Sadhasivam's remarkable contributions to perioperative medicine, opioid pharmacogenetics, and personalized pain management.

On receiving the news, Dr. Sadhasivam expressed gratitude for the honor, stating, "This appointment is a reflection of the tireless work of my research teams and our shared mission to improve patient safety and outcomes through scientific innovation. I'm deeply honored and motivated to continue advancing precision medicine in anesthesiology." He also thanked the University of Pittsburgh for its commitment to research excellence and reiterated his vision to build scalable solutions for safer and more effective pain care globally.

Since joining the University of Pittsburgh in 2021, Dr. Sadhasivam has played a pivotal role in expanding the department's NIH-funded research initiatives, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and mentoring future leaders in anesthesiology. He also serves as Associate Dean for Perioperative Research and Director of the Perioperative Genomics Program, and is the Founder and Chief Medical Officer of OpalGenix, a startup translating genomic research into clinical tools for safer opioid use.

Dr. Sadhasivam now joins a distinguished group of endowed faculty at UPMC and continues to shape the future of anesthesiology research, education, and innovation—not just in the U.S., but globally.

Source: Indica News, 22/02/2025

Link: <https://indicaneews.com/upmc-appoints-indian-origin-prof-as-endowed-chair-in-anesthesiology-research-excellence/>



TRIPURA DOCTORS HONOURED WITH DIABETES INDIA 2025 FELLOWSHIP AT WORLD CONGRESS OF DIABETES

Dr. Swapan Sarkar, Head of the Department of Medicine at Tripura Santiniketan Medical College, and **Dr. Debaprasad Chakraborty**, Head of the Department of Medicine at Tripura Medical College, were awarded the prestigious Diabetes India 2025 Fellowship at the World Congress of Diabetes held in Ahmedabad.

The recognition, conferred by Diabetes India, honors their outstanding contributions to diabetes research and clinical care. Upon receiving the award, Dr. Sarkar and Dr. Chakraborty expressed their shared commitment to improving diabetes management, stating, “This fellowship strengthens our resolve to continue advancing solutions for one of the world’s most pressing health challenges.”

Their work underscores the growing role of Tripura’s medical community in shaping national and global conversations around chronic disease care. As diabetes remains a major global health concern, such recognitions spotlight the critical need for continued research, innovation, and collaboration in combating its complications.

Source: Tripura Times, 16/02/2025

Link: <https://tripuratimes.com/times/tripura-doctors-receive-prestigious-fellowship-at-world-congress-of-diabetes-25284.html>



DR. SANDEEP PATEL IDENTIFIES 'PATEL-SHARMA FRACTURE FRAGMENT' IN LANDMARK ORTHOPEDIC DISCOVERY

In a historic breakthrough, Dr. Sandeep Patel, Associate Professor at the Department of Orthopaedics, PGI Chandigarh, has described a previously undocumented ankle fracture, now officially termed the Patel-Sharma Fracture Fragment. This pioneering work, published in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery Case Connector, marks the first time a fracture has been named after an Indian doctor in published orthopedic literature.

Dr. Patel explained that the fracture involves a fibular-sided avulsion of the Posterior Inferior Tibiofibular Ligament (PITFL)—a rare and critical injury pattern not previously recognized. “Proper fixation of this unique fragment is crucial,” he said, noting its significant role in maintaining joint stability between the tibia and fibula. Failure to treat this injury can lead to chronic pain, joint instability, and long-term ankle dysfunction.

The case involved a 30-year-old patient whose condition was managed with surgical fixation and stabilizing screws. At 13-month follow-up, the patient showed successful recovery, emphasizing the importance of recognizing and addressing this newly defined injury pattern.

This discovery not only highlights Dr. Patel’s contribution to advancing orthopedic science but also places India on the global map in fracture classification and research.

Source: Times of India, 06/02/2025

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/indian-doctor-names-novel-ankle-fracture-introducing-the-patel-sharma-fracture-fragment/articleshow/117959187.cms>



DR. SANJAY KUMAR ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEURO SCIENCE ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN INDIA

*Renowned neuro and spine surgeon **Dr. Sanjay Kumar**, Managing Director of Cuesta Hospital, Ranchi, has been elected as the President of the Neuro Science Association of Eastern India, marking a significant milestone in his distinguished career spanning over three decades.*

On being elected, Dr. Kumar shared, “This honor is not just personal—it reflects our collective journey toward improving neuro care in underserved regions. I look forward to contributing further to the growth and impact of this association.”

Dr. Kumar, an expert in micro neurosurgery and minimally invasive spinal surgery, has played a transformative role in expanding access to neurosurgical care in rural India. He was instrumental in establishing the Department of Neurosurgery at ARAM Memorial Weavers Hospital and the Institute of Neurosciences at Bhagwan Mahavir MEDICA Superspeciality Hospital, both in Ranchi.

In addition to his new role, he also serves as Secretary of the Jharkhand Neurosciences Society and has held several leadership roles that have advanced standards in neurocritical care. His dedication to improving patient outcomes continues to inspire the next generation of neurosurgeons across the country.

Source: Medical Dialogies , 18/02/2025

Link:<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-sanjay-kumar-elected-president-of-neuro-science-association-of-eastern-india-143481>



DR. M.I. SAHADULLA APPOINTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AHPI FOR 2025-27 TERM

Dr. M.I. Sahadulla, Chairman and Managing Director of KIMSHEALTH, has been elected as the National President of the Association of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI) for the 2025-27 term. The announcement was made during AHPI's annual general meeting held in Kochi.

Expressing gratitude on his appointment, Dr. Sahadulla said, "It is an honor to serve an organization that stands at the forefront of healthcare advocacy in India. I look forward to continuing AHPI's mission to enhance accessibility, quality, and affordability in healthcare across the country."

A veteran in healthcare administration with nearly five decades of experience, Dr. Sahadulla has previously led AHPI's Kerala chapter and played a central role in building KIMSHEALTH into a leading healthcare brand across India and the Middle East.

Source: AHPI Official Announcement, 05/02/2025

Link: <https://www.healthcareradius.in/people/ahpi-appoints-dr-m-i-sahadulla-as-national-president-for-2025-27>



DR. ABDUL D KHAN RECEIVES SILVER JUBILEE EXCELLENCE AWARD AT OSSAP 2025



Dr. Abdul D Khan, Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon at Apollo Hospitals, was conferred the Silver Jubilee Excellence Award at the Orthopaedic Surgeons of Andhra Pradesh (OSSAP) Annual Conference 2025, held recently in Visakhapatnam.

The award was presented in recognition of his best original research paper, which focused on the therapeutic outcomes of ankle arthroscopy for chronic synovitis, supported by a minimum two-year follow-up. Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Khan said, "This award reinforces the value of evidence-based clinical research in advancing orthopedic care." With over 60 publications, including articles in international peer-reviewed journals and global conference monographs,

Dr. Khan continues to be a prominent contributor to orthopaedic research and innovation. His recognition at OSSAP 2025 highlights his commitment to clinical excellence and research leadership in musculoskeletal health.

Source: The Live Nagpur, 08/02/2025

Link: <https://thelivenagpur.com/2025/02/08/citys-dr-barkha-rathi-honoured-with-indian-dental-talent-of-the-year-award/>

BIDAR ONCOLOGIST DR. VIPIN GOEL TO SPEAK AT INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE IN ETHIOPIA

Dr. Vipin Goel, a noted oncologist from Bidar, has been invited to speak at an international conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Thursday, where he will present on the topic "Healthcare in India".

The event, titled "Building Bridges to Better Health: Tradition, Innovation and Collaboration", is being organized by the Embassy of India to Ethiopia and the Permanent Mission to the African Union.

Dr. Goel, who practices in Bidar and Hyderabad, specializes in treating various cancers including head and neck, stomach, gynecological, skin, soft tissue sarcomas, and performs advanced oncological surgeries, including HIPEC. His participation reflects India's growing role in global health dialogue.



Source: The Hindu, 18/02/2025

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/bidar-oncologist-to-speak-at-ethiopia-conference/article69234432.ece>



DR. P VIJAYA WINS PAUL DUDLEY WHITE INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR AWARD AT ISC 2025

Renowned neuro-scientist Dr. P Vijaya was awarded the prestigious Paul Dudley White International Scholar Award at the International Stroke Conference (ISC) 2025 held in Los Angeles, recognizing her abstract as the highest-ranked submission from India.

Representing India on a global platform, Dr. Vijaya—President-elect of the Indian Stroke Association (ISA)—presented her collaborative research on a new platelet-targeting drug developed with neuroscientists from Barcelona. "Standardizing stroke care and accreditation can significantly improve outcomes across India," she stated during her session.

Her participation underscored India's growing footprint in stroke innovation, quality care, and research excellence, especially through the joint efforts of the ISA and the American Stroke Association (ASA).

Source: Times of India, 12/02/2025

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vijayawada/indian-neuro-scientist-dr-vijaya-bags-prestigious-paul-dudley-white-international-scholar-award/articleshow/118171112.cms>

AIIMS BHOPAL'S PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY UNIT WINS 2025 SCHRIER AWARD AT WORLD CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY

Dr. *AIIMS Bhopal has earned global recognition after its Pediatric Nephrology Unit was awarded the 2025 Schrier Award by the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). The honor was presented during the World Congress of Nephrology held in New Delhi, acknowledging the impactful partnership between AIIMS Bhopal and the Montreal Children's Hospital, McGill University Health Center, Montreal.*

Receiving the award, Dr. Girish Bhatt, Professor of Pediatric Nephrology, said, "This partnership is now among the 57 globally recognized ISN Sister Renal Centre pairs, and we are proud to represent India on this international platform."

Highlighting the unit's achievements, Dr. Shikha Malik, HoD, shared that the Pediatric Dialysis Unit at AIIMS Bhopal successfully conducted over 1,000 dialysis sessions and 150 plasma exchanges in the past year alone, offering life-saving care to numerous children with kidney conditions.

The award underscores AIIMS Bhopal's leadership in pediatric kidney care and its commitment to global collaboration in advancing nephrology services for young patients.

Source: *Times of India, 12/02/2025*

Link: <https://www.mid-day.com/buzz/article/padma-shri-professor-dr-m-wali-bags-lifetime-achievement-award-for-exemplary-contribution-to-indian-healthcare-3992>



DR. CHINTA RAMAKRISHNA PRESENTS BREAKTHROUGH AI KIDNEY SCREENING MODEL AT WORLD CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY

Dr. Chinta Ramakrishna, a leading nephrologist from Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, made a remarkable impact at the World Congress of Nephrology (WCN) 2025, held in New Delhi, by presenting his groundbreaking AI-based kidney disease screening platform - HelloKidney.ai. His innovation received widespread acclaim from global health leaders, including officials from the World Health Organization (WHO), who recognized the platform's potential to transform kidney care delivery in underserved regions.

On receiving recognition at the congress, Dr. Ramakrishna shared, "HelloKidney.ai is more than a screening tool –it's a community-level solution aimed at saving lives through early detection and timely intervention. I dedicate this success to the frontline healthcare workers and patients in rural Andhra Pradesh who shaped this journey."

The AI model, piloted across primary health centers in Uddhanam, Konduru, Guntur, and Mangalagiri in 2024, screened over 2,000 participants, identifying chronic kidney disease (CKD) in under 10 minutes. The study revealed that 60% of diabetic patients had kidney disease, with 26% in advanced stages, highlighting the urgency for scalable digital health interventions.

Dr. Ramakrishna's presentation not only marked a milestone in India's nephrology research but also underscored the growing importance of AI in public health. His work is now seen as a template for integrating technology with rural healthcare systems to tackle chronic disease burdens effectively.

Source: Times of India , 10/02/2025

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vijayawada/guntur-doctor-develops-ai-tool-to-detect-kidney-disease/articleshow/118124393.cms>



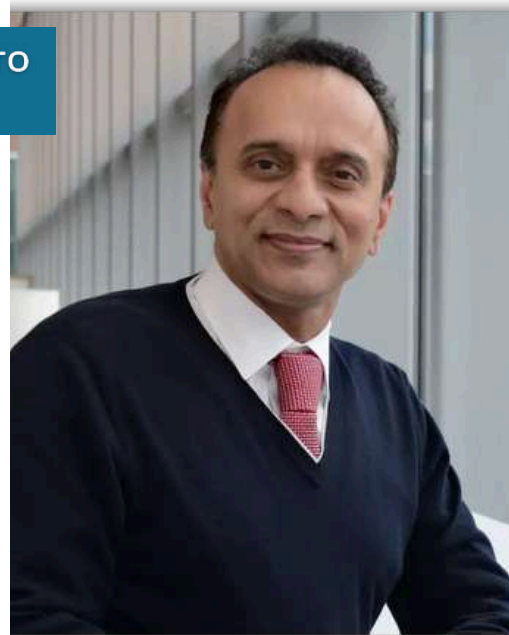
DR. PRATEEK SHARMA SELECTED FOR VAIBHAV FELLOWSHIP TO ADVANCE AI-POWERED GI CANCER DETECTION IN INDIA

Dr. Prateek Sharma, Professor of Medicine and Director of the GI Fellowship Program at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, has been selected as a fellow under the prestigious VAIBHAV Fellowship launched by India's Department of Science and Technology (DST).

As part of the program, Dr. Sharma will collaborate with Indian institutions on AI-driven gastrointestinal cancer detection, focusing on esophageal and gastric cancers, two of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths in India. His proposed research leverages AI-assisted endoscopy to improve early diagnosis, treatment outcomes, and patient survival rates.

Speaking on the fellowship, Dr. Sharma shared, "The goal is to translate cutting-edge technologies into impactful solutions for India, where early detection remains a significant challenge in cancer care."

Currently a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology (FACG) and Elaine Blaylock Endowed Professor at the Kansas University Cancer Center, Dr. Sharma brings global expertise to this initiative. His work will build on pilot studies by AIIMS New Delhi, integrating AI-assisted endoscopy with patient health data to personalize cancer care and improve nationwide outcomes.



Source: : Times of India, 26/02/2025

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/technology/tech-news/gastroenterologist-dr-prateek-sharma-to-join-indian-research-effort-through-vaibhav-fellowship/articleshow/118575327.cms>



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