



DR. RAJI KRISHNAN HONOURED WITH AMA PRESIDENT'S AWARD IN AUSTRALIA FOR CULTURALLY SENSITIVE CARE

Dr. Raji Krishnan, a seasoned Indian-origin physician based in Perth, has been awarded the Australian Medical Association (AMA) President's Award for her pioneering contributions to trauma-informed, culturally appropriate healthcare for First Nations communities.

Her journey in Australia began in the 1980s, working at an Aboriginal Medical Service clinic. There, she learned the critical importance of listening – not just to symptoms, but to stories, lived experiences, and cultural identities. Over more than four decades, this ethos has defined her practice and advocacy.

Dr. Krishnan was recognised for delivering care across six generations of Aboriginal families and founding Pramana Medical Centre in Gosnells, alongside her daughter Dr. Priya Krishnan and co-director Kate Fulford. The centre supports over 6,500 patients, including many from marginalised and linguistically diverse backgrounds, under the vision of “Health without Barriers.”

“This award is most importantly a tribute to my patients,” Dr. Krishnan said. “Equitable care starts with a commitment to cultural sensitivity.”

Her story is a powerful example of Indian-origin leadership in global healthcare, bridging gaps with empathy, equity, and excellence.

Source: Indian Link , 28/08/2025

Link: <https://www.indianlink.com.au/dr-raji-krishnan-healing-journey-india-to-australia/>



**44 DOCTORS & ORGANIZATIONS HONORED AT
BLACKBUCK AWARDS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH 2025**



In a celebration of excellence in Indian medical innovation and research, 44 distinguished doctors and organizations across 19 cities and 15 states were honored with the Blackbuck Awards for Medical Research 2025.

The awards were presented by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri (Union Minister), Shri Janardan Gehlot (President, International Kabaddi Federation), Dr. Rajeev Wadhwa, and Dr. Mukesh Verma, among other dignitaries.

Pioneer Researcher Award

For consistent research and academic excellence.

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| > Prof Anil Kumar Jain | > Dr Arvind Kumar. | > Dr Arun Sharma. |
| > Prof Sudhir Bhandari. | > Dr Neeraj Mahajan | > Dr Abhishek Kumar Bhasker |
| > Dr Gayatri Ghosh | > Prof (Lt Col) Meenakshi Sharma | > Dr Jay Kumar Chauhan |
| > Dr Manish Bimali | > Dr Naveen Jain | > Prof Poonam Malhotra Kapoor |
| > Dr Pushpendra Nath Renjan. | > Dr Satyanarath Sengupta. | > Dr Sangeeta Sharma. |
| > Prof (Dr) Sanjeev Gulati. | > Dr Santosh Kumar Swain. | > Prof (Dr) Tanu Kumar Sinha |

Rising Researcher Award

For promising contributions by young researchers.

- > Prof Dr Abhiraj Rawandale, Lehar Pathology Laboratory
- > Dr Isaber Kumar, AIIMS New Delhi
- > Dr Divytej Singh, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS New Delhi
- > Dr Jeminbu Pourround, KIMS Health, Trivandrum
- > Dr Mangesh Londhe, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Pimpri, Pune
- > Dr Mohammed Shaquil P., Government Medical College, Kurnool
- > Dr Rajkesawi Minzuda, AIIMS Rishikesh
- > Dr Sowmita Ranjan Sahoo, Site Auditor at India Limited, HICU STILL PLAN-T BHUBANESWAR
- > Dr Sudarshan Reddy C, BLD E D U, Shri B M Patil Medical College
- > Dr Sujit Kumar Tripathy, AIIMS Bhubaneswar
- > Dr Suniti Aggarwal, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi
- > Dr Yuvraj Krishnamoorhy, PROPL LifeScience LLP
- > Sunny Dutta Gupta, TrailBlazer Award for Medical Publishing

Stellar Research Award

For exemplary 10+ years of work in research.

- > *Praveen Gholap, Sun Pharma Laboratories Limited.* > *Dr Raghav Gupta, AIIMS Delhi*
- > *Sumeer Jadhavar, Galdema India Pvt Ltd* > *Dr Rohit Kumar DV Reddy*

Outstanding Research Institution Award

- > *KIMS Healthcare Management Ltd.* > *Pfizer Limited*
- > *Sajja Heart Foundation.* > *Sun Pharma Laboratories Limited*
- > *Translumina Therapeutics Private Limited*

Blackbuck Outstanding Medical Journal Award

- > *Indian Journal of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprology.* > *Indian Journal of Medical Research*
- > *Indian Journal of Nephrology.* > *Scientific Scholar (Leading Open Access Medical Publisher Award)*

Source: *The Indian Eye* , 11/08/2025

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/44-doctors-organisations-receive-blackbuck-award-for-medical-research-2025-153271>

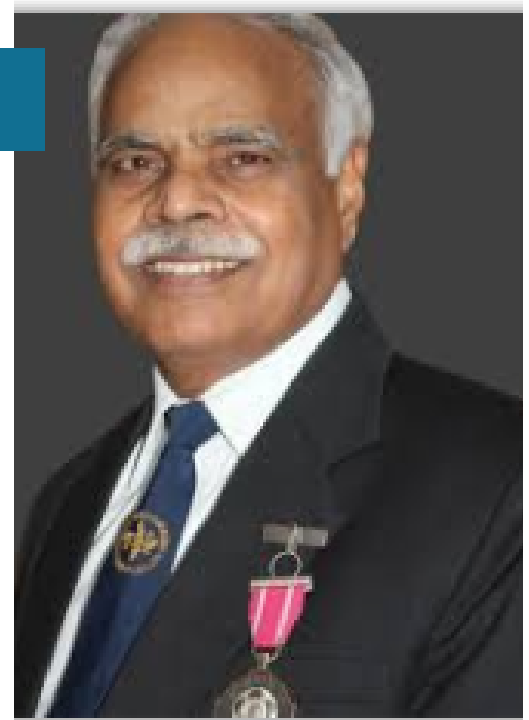
PADMA SHRI AWARDEE DR. BKS SANJAY APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF AIIMS GUWAHATI

Dr. BKS Sanjay, Padma Shri awardee and acclaimed orthopaedic surgeon from Dehradun, has been appointed as the President of AIIMS Guwahati by the Government of India. This prestigious role reflects his lifelong dedication to medical excellence, research, and community service.

With over 45 years of experience, Dr. Sanjay has contributed extensively to clinical research, medical education, and social health initiatives. He trained in orthopaedics at Kanpur, PGI Chandigarh, and the Central Institute of Orthopaedics, New Delhi, followed by advanced fellowships in Sweden, Switzerland, Japan, the USA, and Russia.

AIIMS Guwahati, one of 19 premier AIIMS institutions in India, was set up to deliver high-quality healthcare and education in the northeastern region. Under Dr. Sanjay's leadership, the institution is expected to play a key role in furthering the objectives of the Viksit Bharat Mission.

Dr. Sanjay's work has been widely published in reputed journals such as *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, *International Orthopaedics*, and *Journal of Hand Surgery*. His appointment is seen as a major step toward strengthening tertiary care and bridging regional disparities in Indian healthcare.



Source: *Times of India* , 19/08/2025

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/dehradun/doon-based-orthopaedic-surgeon-appointed-president-of-aiims-guwahati/articleshow/123385940.cms>

DR. MOHANA RAO PATIBANDLA WINS ECONOMIC TIMES AWARDS AND TEDx INVITE FOR ADVANCING NEUROSURGERY IN INDIA

Dr. Mohana Rao Patibandla, founder and chief neurosurgeon at Dr. Rao's Hospital in Guntur, has received significant national recognition for his work in neurosurgery. In recent weeks, he has been honored with multiple Economic Times awards and was invited to deliver a TEDx talk in Mumbai.

At the Economic Times Health Conclave 2025, held at the Grand Hyatt in New Delhi, Dr. Rao received the "Best Minimally Invasive Neurosurgeon, Spine Surgeon, and Endovascular Neurosurgeon" award. His work in keyhole brain and spine surgeries has made a strong impact, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and other underserved regions of India.

Dr. Rao was also recognized at the Economic Times Business Excellence & Innovation Summit with the award for "Excellence in Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Spine Surgery." The event celebrated individuals who are helping shape India's healthcare system through innovation and leadership.

In addition to these awards, Dr. Rao delivered a TEDx talk on August 3, 2025, at RGIT in Mumbai. His talk, titled "A Journey to Bring Healing Home: A Neurosurgeon's Quest in Guntur," focused on his personal journey, the importance of healthcare access, and the need for precision and compassion in treatment. The talk was well received, earning a standing ovation.

Dr. Rao has performed over 12,000 minimally invasive surgeries and has trained in the U.S. across multiple neurosurgical sub-specialties. He is a Fellow of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and several other international bodies. Through his hospital, he aims to make world-class neurosurgical care accessible and affordable in India.

Source: Newsmatics, 06/08/2025

Link: <https://www.cbs42.com/business/press-releases/ein-presswire/837329792/dr-mohana-rao-patibandla-dr-rao-wins-economic-times-awards-delivers-tedx-talk-in-mumbai/>



**DR. MANISH KHAITAN CROSSES 8,000 BARIATRIC SURGERIES,
ADVANCES INDIA'S FIGHT AGAINST OBESITY**

Dr. Manish Khaitan, one of India's foremost bariatric and metabolic surgeons based in Ahmedabad, has achieved a remarkable milestone—successfully completing over 8,000 bariatric surgeries. This landmark not only reflects his unmatched clinical expertise but also signifies a transformational contribution to obesity care and chronic disease management across India.

With India grappling with the rapid rise of obesity and metabolic disorders like diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases, Dr. Khaitan's work is a beacon of innovation, precision, and compassion. Through advanced laparoscopic procedures such as gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, and revision surgeries, he has helped thousands reclaim healthier lives.

Currently serving as Chief Bariatric & Metabolic Surgeon and Director at Nobesity Bariatric Surgery Centre and Head of Bariatric Surgery at KD Hospital, Dr. Khaitan is widely recognized for training over 150 surgeons across India, shaping the next generation of obesity care experts.

A Gold Medalist and alumnus of B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad, Dr. Khaitan completed his MS in Surgery followed by a fellowship under renowned bariatric surgeon Dr. Kelvin Higa (USA). As a former President of OSSSI (Obesity Surgery Society of India), he has played a pivotal role in setting national standards and protocols in bariatric surgery.

"Bariatric surgery is not merely about weight loss—it is a powerful metabolic intervention that transforms lives," Dr. Khaitan emphasizes.

Internationally, he has represented India at top surgical platforms including IFSO, ASMBS, and Duke Bariatric Master Class, contributing to global conversations on advanced techniques, research, and outcomes.

Recent multicenter studies involving Dr. Khaitan have shown the positive impact of bariatric surgery on diabetes remission and long-term quality of life in Indian patients. His approach combines surgical precision with postoperative lifestyle support and nutritional guidance, underscoring a holistic model of care.

GAPIO proudly recognizes Dr. Manish Khaitan for his relentless pursuit of clinical excellence, leadership in bariatric science, and for shaping India's healthcare response to the obesity epidemic.



Source: Business Standard , 11/08/2025

Link:https://www.business-standard.com/content/specials/with-8-000-surgeries-ahmedabad-surgeon-s-bariatric-care-marks-a-significant-contribution-to-india-s-healthcare-125080801629_1.html

DR. SPANDANA RAYALA APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Spandana Rayala has been appointed Co-Director of the Pediatric Palliative Care Fellowship Program, a collaborative initiative by the Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration and the Hyderabad Centre for Palliative Care.

Dr. Rayala brings over a decade of experience in pediatric palliative care. She is trained in India and the UK (MD Pediatrics, MRCPCH, Fellowship in Pediatric Palliative Care), and has worked across South Asia and the Middle East. Her work focuses on direct patient care, medical education, mentorship, and health system strengthening.

Since 2020, the Fellowship program has trained over 20 pediatricians from eight countries and more than 2,000 health workers, improving care for at least 16,000 children with serious illnesses.

Dr. Rayala has played a key role in shaping the program alongside Dr. Megan Doherty and Dr. Gayatri Palat, contributing to curriculum design and long-term sustainability.

As Director, Dr. Rayala will focus on expanding access, quality assurance, and supporting future leaders in pediatric palliative care across South and Southeast Asia.

Her leadership is expected to further the Fellowship's mission of building equitable, compassionate, and high-quality care networks for children and families in need.

Source Ehospice , 28/08/2025

Link:https://ehospice.com/inter_childrens_posts/announcement-dr-spandana-rayala-appointed-director-of-pediatric-palliative-care-fellowship/



**DR. BHARAT BARAI HONORED WITH INAUGURAL DR. SAMPAT SHIVANGI
LEGACY AWARD AT AAPI CONVENTION 2025**

Dr. Bharat Barai, a respected Indian American physician and long-standing leader in the diaspora, was honored with the inaugural Dr. Sampat Shivangi Legacy Award during the 43rd Annual Convention of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) held in Cincinnati on July 26, 2025. The award recognizes his contributions to healthcare, community leadership, and his decades-long association with the late Dr. Sampat Shivangi.

The award was presented by U.S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson in the presence of over a thousand physicians, public figures, and community members. Dr. Barai reflected on his friendship with Dr. Shivangi and the shared mission they pursued to strengthen Indo-U.S. relations, particularly in healthcare and policy advocacy.

Originally from Mumbai, Dr. Barai is based in Indiana and serves as Medical Director of the Cancer Institute at Methodist Hospitals and Clinical Assistant Professor at Indiana University Medical School. He is also Secretary and former President of the Indiana State Medical Licensing Board, a position he has held since 2000. His medical training includes an MD from the University of Illinois and advanced specialization in oncology and hematology from Northwestern and Rush University.

Over the years, Dr. Barai has served in several key leadership roles at Methodist Hospitals and has been part of various medical advisory panels for U.S. senators and members of Congress.

The award was established by the Dr. Sampat Shivangi Foundation, which continues Dr. Shivangi's commitment to compassion, mental wellness, women's empowerment, and policy-level healthcare reform. Dr. Shivangi was instrumental in strengthening Indo-U.S. relations and had worked closely with both the Clinton and Bush administrations.

Dr. Barai's acceptance of this award is seen as a continuation of this legacy. In his remarks, he emphasized the responsibility of the Indian American physician community to take on greater philanthropic and leadership roles in both the United States and India.

He said, "My hope and prayer is that many more will follow in this path. Let us be the change and bring about a better tomorrow. I dream of a world where all humanity lives with dignity and hope."

Source: India Tribune, 03/08/2025

Link: <https://www.indiatribune.com/public/index.php/dr-sampat-shivangi-legacy-award-presented-to-dr-bharat-barai-during-aapi-convention-in-cincinnati>



DR. SAMEER GUPTA HONOURED AS SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR – CARDIOLOGY AT FE HEALTHCARE AWARDS 2025

Dr. Sameer Gupta, Group Head - Cardiac Cath Lab and Senior Interventional Cardiologist at Metro Group of Hospitals, has been conferred the Specialist of the Year - Cardiology award at the prestigious FE Healthcare Awards 2025.

The recognition highlights Dr. Gupta's exceptional commitment to clinical excellence and innovation in cardiac care. Through his leadership and advanced interventions, he has played a pivotal role in improving heart health outcomes across India.

A respected figure in the medical community, Dr. Gupta continues to inspire the next generation of heart specialists through his pioneering work and dedication to patient-centric care.

Metro Hospitals celebrated the achievement as a proud moment for the institution and lauded Dr. Gupta for his continued efforts in transforming cardiology practice nationwide.



Source: Metro Heart Institute Facebook Page, 19/07/2025

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/MetroHeartInstituteFaridabad/posts/a-proud-achievement-for-metro-hospitalsdr-sameer-gupta-group-head-cardiac-cath-l/1172698111548228/>

DR. V.K. JAIN HONOURED WITH RAJASTHAN STATE AWARD FOR LIFESAVING PUBLIC HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS

Dr. V.K. Jain, widely acclaimed as the “CPR Doctor of India”, has been conferred with the State Award by the Government of Rajasthan for his outstanding contributions to public health, environment, and community empowerment. The award was presented by Chief Minister Shri Bhajan Lal on August 15, 2025, in Jaipur.

Over the years, Dr. Jain has trained more than 2 lakh citizens in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and has been a driving force in advocating for mandatory CPR training in schools across India—empowering the next generation to act as first responders in emergencies.

His work also extends to sustainability initiatives, including solar power projects, rainwater harvesting, cleanliness campaigns, and plantation drives—all aimed at creating a cleaner, greener, and more prepared India.



Source: Hindustan Times, 19/08/2025

Link: https://www.hindustantimes.com/genesis/rajasthan-doctor-v-k-jain-honoured-with-state-award-for-lifesaving-work-sustainability-efforts-towards-viksit-bharat-101755601656662.html#google_vignette

DR. SUMITA SHANKAR AWARDED FOR BREAKTHROUGH IN LYMPHEDEMA CARE WITH PATENTED THERAPEUTIC SLEEVE

Dr. Sumita Shankar, an acclaimed plastic and reconstructive surgeon from Guntur, has earned national attention for her pioneering contributions to lymphedema care and chronic wound management. In a rare achievement for women surgeons in India, Dr. Shankar has been granted a design patent for an innovative therapeutic sleeve that simplifies and enhances the delivery of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT).

With this development, she was recently honored with the 2024 Blackbuck Pioneer Research Award—a recognition of her groundbreaking work that bridges surgical science, patient-centered innovation, and affordable care access.

A veteran of several decades in surgical care, Dr. Shankar first introduced NPWT to underserved Indian regions in the early 2000s, long before it became standard in tertiary centers. However, she saw firsthand how costly, time-consuming setups often delayed care in rural hospitals. Her patented device—a user-friendly sleeve—now offers a low-cost, easy-to-use alternative, already benefitting over two dozen patients with severe lymphedema.

“I realised if the process wasn’t simplified, it would never reach the people who needed it most,” said Dr. Shankar.

The sleeve not only reduces application time but also works in complex end-stage cases, even where conventional lymphatic pumps fail. Dr. Shankar is now working with engineers and policymakers to scale this innovation for nationwide adoption in India and beyond.

Already decorated with honors like the PEET Prize and the TRB Award for reconstructive surgery, her work stands as a testament to the transformative potential of research-led, grassroots healthcare innovation.

“Every wound has a story. My job is to keep pushing until hope is restored,” reflects Dr. Shankar.

GAPIO congratulates Dr. Sumita Shankar for her extraordinary leadership in medical innovation and dedication to making high-quality wound care accessible to every patient—regardless of geography or resources.



Source: New Indian Express, 24/08/2025

Link: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/good-news/2025/Aug/24/guntur-surgeons-therapeutic-sleeve-redefines-wound-care>

DR. R. JAYANTHI APPOINTED INTERNATIONAL ADVISOR BY ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Dr. R. Jayanthi, senior physician and academician, has been appointed as an international advisor by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Dr. Jayanthi has had a distinguished career, having served over 30 years in the Tamil Nadu medical service. She was formerly the Dean of Madras Medical College and Government Medical College, Omandurar Estate. Speaking about the appointment,

Dr. Jayanthi said her role will focus on building global partnerships, strengthening healthcare standards, and supporting professional development through collaboration. She emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards in medical education and promoting innovation in healthcare practices.



Source: : The Hindu, 19/08/2025

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/senior-physician-appointed-as-international-advisor/article69947952.ece>



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