



DR. RAJESH VENKAT INDALA CONFERRED FELLOWSHIP BY AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY – YOUNGEST NEUROLOGIST IN THE REGION TO RECEIVE FAAN HONOUR

Dr. Rajesh Venkat Indala, Senior Consultant Neurologist at Apollo Hospitals, Visakhapatnam, has been conferred the Fellowship of the American Academy of Neurology (FAAN)—one of the highest global honours in the field of neurology.

Recognised for his exceptional expertise in stroke care and clinical excellence, Dr. Indala is now the youngest neurologist in the region to receive this distinguished title. The FAAN designation is awarded to neurologists who demonstrate sustained contributions to neurological sciences and uphold the highest standards of patient care.

“It’s truly an honour,” said Dr. Indala. “This fellowship reflects years of learning, collaboration, and a deep commitment to patient-centered neurology.”

Apollo Hospitals, Vizag celebrated the recognition, calling it a proud milestone for the institution and for Indian neurology on the global stage.

Source: BW Healthcare World , 23/07/2025

Link:<https://www.bwhealthcareworld.com/article/apollo-vizag-neurologist-honoured-with-prestigious-fellowship-by-american-academy-of-neurology-564541>



**DR. RACHANA KULKARNI NAMED NJBIZ PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR FOR
TRANSFORMATIVE WORK IN CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH**

Dr. Rachana Kulkarni, a leading cardiologist and Regional Director of Cardiovascular Services at RWJBarnabas Health, has been named Physician of the Year by NJBIZ. The recognition celebrates her exceptional contributions to women's heart health, her leadership in community cardiology, and her ongoing advocacy for health equity.

Dr. Kulkarni also serves as Director of the RWJBarnabas Women's Heart Center and President of Medicor Cardiology. With over two decades of clinical service, she has consistently ranked among New Jersey's Top Doctors and is widely respected for her focus on gender-specific heart disease awareness and prevention.

As a driving force behind the creation of Heart Care Centers for Women across the state, she has made measurable impact in early detection and care delivery for women with cardiovascular conditions. Her efforts have also extended to state-level advocacy, where she has supported policies to improve heart health education in schools.

Previously Chief of Cardiology at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital - Somerset, Dr. Kulkarni currently chairs AAPI New Jersey and plays an active role in healthcare leadership at the national level.

Beyond medicine, she is Vice Chair of Akshaya Patra USA, working to combat child hunger through mid-day meal programs across India.

"This award is not just a personal honor—it reflects the collective work of our teams and communities committed to saving lives through education and prevention," said Dr. Kulkarni.

Source: The Indian Eye , 09/07/2025

Link: <https://theindianeye.com/2025/07/09/dr-rachana-kulkarni-recognized-as-njbiz-physician-of-the-year/>



DR. PANKAJ DANGLE AND DR. HARSHIT GARG AWARDED 2025 UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN GRANTS

Dr. Pankaj Dangle and Dr. Harshit Garg, both of Indian origin, have been named recipients of the 2025 Urology Care Foundation Humanitarian Grant, an initiative of the American Urological Association supporting global efforts to improve urologic care in underserved regions.

Dr. Dangle, a pediatric urologist at Riley Hospital for Children and associate professor at Indiana University Health, completed his medical training at the University of Mumbai before advancing his expertise in the United States. His pediatric fellowship was undertaken at the University of Pittsburgh's Children's Hospital.

Dr. Harshit Garg, recognized for his work in India, joins Dr. Dangle as part of a global cohort of awardees from countries including Kenya and Trinidad. The announcement was made by the Foundation on July 9, 2025.

This recognition highlights the critical work being done by Indian-origin doctors to expand access to urologic care and improve outcomes in low-resource communities.

Source: *New India Abroad, 09/07/2025*

Link: <https://www.newindiaabroad.com/english/people/indian-origin-doctors-win-urology-care-foundation-humanitarian-grants>



Dr. Pankaj Dangle

Dr. Harshit Garg

**DR. LOKESWARA RAO SAJJA INDUCTED INTO
SIGMA XI SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HONOR SOCIETY**

Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja, Senior Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon at STAR Hospitals and Chairman of the Sajja Heart Foundation, has been inducted as an Associate Member of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society—one of the world’s most prestigious scientific organizations.

Founded in 1886 at Cornell University, Sigma Xi honors individuals with outstanding contributions to scientific research. Dr. Sajja was recognized for his pioneering work in cardiovascular surgery, including leading India’s first multi-centre randomized cardiac surgery trial (PROMOTE Patency Trial) and developing a mechanical heart valve that eliminates the need for long-term anticoagulation—an innovation holding both Indian and U.S. patents.

Membership in Sigma Xi is by invitation only and is extended to scientists who exemplify excellence in research and innovation. Dr. Sajja joins the ranks of renowned members like Albert Einstein, Richard Feynman, and Jennifer Doudna.

Expressing gratitude, Dr. Sajja remarked that this recognition strengthens his resolve to promote collaborative, patient-centric cardiovascular research from India on a global stage. His induction is expected to inspire young Indian researchers to pursue evidence-based science aligned with global standards.

This honor highlights the growing global recognition of Indian contributions in medical innovation, clinical research, and translational science.

Source: The Wire , 08/07/2025

Link: <https://thewire.in/ptiprnews/renowned-indian-cardiac-surgeon-dr-lokeswara-rao-sajja-inducted-as-associate-member-of-prestigious-sigma-xi-scientific-research-honor-society>



DR. FRANCISCO COLAÇO HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS FASE TITLE BY AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

Dr. Francisco Colaço, one of Goa's most respected cardiologists, has been named an Honorary Fellow of the American Society of Echocardiography (FASE), a global recognition awarded to select individuals outside the United States for their exceptional contributions to cardiovascular ultrasound.

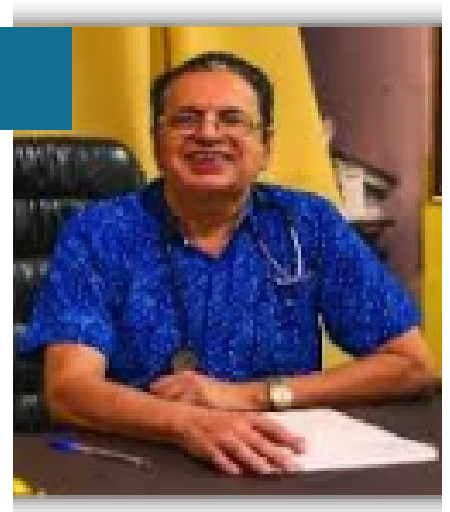
The formal announcement is scheduled to take place during the ASE 2025 Annual Scientific Sessions in Nashville, Tennessee, on September 6. This international honor marks a proud moment for India and highlights Dr. Colaço's decades-long commitment to non-invasive cardiac imaging and patient care.

Known for his pioneering work in echocardiography, Dr. Colaço has played a pivotal role in promoting advanced cardiac diagnostics in Goa and beyond. His expertise and advocacy for accessible, high-quality heart care have made him a respected figure in the global cardiology community.

The FASE title is considered one of the highest distinctions in the field of cardiovascular ultrasound, and Dr. Colaço's inclusion reflects both his clinical excellence and his impact on advancing the science of echocardiography in India.

Source: Herald Goa, 12/07/2025

Link: <https://www.heralddgoa.in/goa/goas-dr-francisco-cola%C3%A7o-named-honorary-fellow-of-american-society-of-echocardiography/424901>



GAPIO MEMBER DR. S.K. SOGANI HONORED WITH JAN SEWA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICE

GAPIO Member Dr. S.K. Sogani has been conferred the prestigious Jan Sewa Award on July 14, 2025, in recognition of his exemplary contributions to the medical and social sectors, particularly in the area of charitable healthcare services.

The award was presented by Hon'ble Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah during a special ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. This honor highlights Dr. Sogani's lifelong commitment to serving society through accessible and compassionate medical care.

Dr. Sogani's recognition adds to GAPIO's proud legacy of members dedicated to social impact and community service across India and beyond.



DR. PARAG SAHASRABUDHE AWARDED HONORARY FRCS BY ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

Dr. Parag Sahasrabudhe, senior consultant plastic surgeon from Pune, has been conferred the prestigious honorary fellowship (FRCS Ed) by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, UK. The award recognizes his exceptional contributions to cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery, as well as his academic and clinical leadership.

The honorary FRCS is among the most esteemed accolades in global surgery, awarded without examination to individuals with a distinguished record in education, research, and service. The formal ceremony took place recently at the Royal College's historic campus in Edinburgh.

Dr. Sahasrabudhe heads the Plastic Surgery Department at BJ Government Medical College and Sassoon General Hospital and is the Director of Revive Laser Centre. A respected postgraduate teacher and examiner, he is the first plastic surgeon from Pune to receive this honor.

This recognition marks a proud moment for Indian surgical academia and highlights Dr. Sahasrabudhe's impactful work in advancing plastic surgery education and patient care nationwide.

Source India Times , 20/07/2025

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/pune/pune-plastic-surgeon-gets-honorary-frcs/articleshow/122789954.cms>



**DR. ANUP KUMAR BARMAN APPOINTED PART-TIME MEMBER OF
NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION, BRINGING NE EXPERTISE TO
NATIONAL STAGE**

*In a proud moment for Assam, **Dr. Anup Kumar Barman**, Director of Medical Education, Training, and Research (Assam), has been appointed as a part-time member of the National Medical Commission (NMC) by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.*

Dr. Barman is widely respected for his contributions to medical education and nephrology. He currently serves as President of the Assam Council of Medical Registration and is a member of key bodies like the Medical & Health Recruitment Board and Assam Medical Services Corporation Ltd. He also represents Assam in the Medical Advisory Council (MAC) of the NMC.

An alumnus of Assam Medical College, Dr. Barman completed his MD in Internal Medicine and DM in Nephrology from AIIMS Delhi. He has trained internationally in the UK and the US, specializing in peritoneal dialysis and renal transplant.

With over three decades of academic service, Dr. Barman has been instrumental in launching the DM course in Nephrology in Assam and has published extensively. He is affiliated with several national and international medical societies and has served as a journal editor and peer reviewer. His appointment to the NMC is seen as a significant boost for medical representation from the Northeast in national healthcare policy and regulation.

“It’s an honor to represent Assam at the national level. I remain committed to serving the best interests of doctors and patients,” said Dr. Barman.

Source: Medical Dialogues, 26/07/2025

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-anup-kumar-barman-appointed-part-time-member-of-national-medical-commission-152463>



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. MILIND JAMBAGI APPOINTED GLOBAL CHAIRPERSON FOR PEDIATRIC ICU EDUCATION BY WFPICCS

Dr. Milind Jambagi, Consultant Pediatric Intensivist and Head of the Pediatric Critical Care Unit and Emergency Department at Ankura Hospital for Women and Child, has been appointed as the Global Chairperson of the Education Committee of the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS).

WFPICCS, a global federation of national pediatric organizations, plays a vital role in shaping education, training, and policy standards in pediatric intensive care worldwide. Dr. Jambagi's appointment is a recognition of his long-standing dedication to the advancement of pediatric critical care and his contributions over the past four years to the global pediatric community.

In his new role, Dr. Jambagi will lead global efforts to promote education, innovation, and equitable access to life-saving pediatric intensive care for critically ill children. He emphasized the importance of grassroots-level training and global collaboration to improve child survival and quality of life outcomes.



Source: Healthcare Radius, 14/07/2025

Link: <https://www.healthcareradius.in/people/milind-jambagi-pediatric-icu>

DR. SUCHETA KULKARNI HONORED AS 'WOMAN LEAD FOR EYE CARE' AT VISION 2020 CONFERENCE

Dr. Sucheta Kulkarni, Medical Director of PBMA's H V Desai Eye Hospital, has been conferred the 'Woman Lead for Eye Care' award at the 2025 edition of the Vision 2020 National Conference held in Ahmedabad. The award celebrates her outstanding contributions to eye care services and ophthalmic education in India.

Presented by senior dignitaries including Vinay Nehra from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and leaders from the Blind People's Association, the award recognizes Dr. Kulkarni's consistent efforts toward advancing community eye care, public awareness, and training of eye health professionals.

Under her leadership, PBMA's H V Desai Eye Hospital has played a pivotal role in delivering high-quality ophthalmic services and education, especially in underserved communities. The hospital has been instrumental in vision screening, cataract surgeries, and educational outreach for preventable blindness.

The award was presented during the 19th edition of the Vision 2020: The Right to Sight India conference, a flagship platform dedicated to eliminating avoidable blindness. Organized by the Blind People's Association, the event brought together ophthalmologists and experts from across India for scientific exchanges and collaborative action in eye health.

Dr. Kulkarni's recognition is a proud moment for the Pune medical community and further strengthens India's commitment to equitable eye care.

Source: Times of India, 22/07/2025

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/pune/dr-sucheta-kulkarni-conferred-with-prestigious-award/articleshow/122831534.cms>



GAPIO MEMBER DR. PROF. RAJU VAISHYA APPOINTED CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF PRESTIGIOUS GLOBAL JOURNAL SICOT-J

Dr. Prof. Raju Vaishya, a renowned orthopaedic surgeon from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, and a respected member of GAPIO, has been appointed as the Co-Editor-in-Chief of SICOT-J, the official journal of the Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie (SICOT).

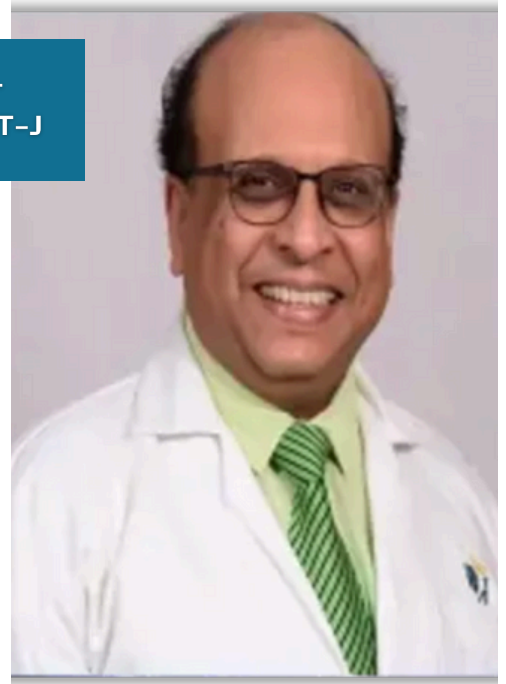
This appointment marks a significant milestone as Dr. Vaishya becomes the first Indian orthopaedic surgeon to hold this prestigious editorial role, reflecting global recognition of India's growing contributions to orthopaedic science.

SICOT-J is a leading international peer-reviewed journal with an impact factor of 2.3 and a Cite Score of 3.4, ranking in Q2 among orthopaedic journals.

Dr. Vaishya's selection underscores his exceptional academic and clinical achievements, and his leadership is expected to enhance India's presence in global orthopaedic literature.

Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Vaishya stated, "I am deeply honoured and humbled by this appointment. My focus will be on upholding the journal's scientific rigour and fostering innovative research that strengthens SICOT-J's global voice."

This development is seen as a major achievement not just for Dr. Vaishya but for the entire Indian medical community, particularly the orthopaedic fraternity.



Source: : MEDical Dialogues, 17/07/2025

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/orthopaedic-surgeon-dr-prof-raju-vaishya-appointed-co-editor-in-chief-of-sicot-j-151922>



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