



## DR. SOUMYA SWAMINATHAN AWARDED HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

**Dr. Soumya Swaminathan**, former Chief Scientist at the World Health Organization (WHO) and Chairperson of the M S Swaminathan Foundation, has been conferred with an Honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) by the University of Guelph, Canada.

The honour recognizes Dr. Swaminathan's outstanding global contributions to medicine, healthcare, public policy, and social welfare. Her pioneering work has advanced the One Health approach, integrating human, animal, and environmental health in addressing some of the world's most pressing challenges, including antimicrobial resistance and equitable access to care.

Expressing her gratitude, Dr. Swaminathan said it was a privilege to be recognized by one of Canada's leading agricultural and veterinary universities. She emphasized her hope to foster future collaborations on One Health and Anti-Microbial Resistance initiatives with the University of Guelph.

In its citation, the university commended Dr. Swaminathan as "an international health policymaker and global citizen whose excellence and integrity have advanced equitable healthcare for underserved communities across the Global South."

Dr. Swaminathan's career continues to inspire the global medical community. A former WHO Chief Scientist and now Principal Advisor to India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, she remains a beacon of scientific leadership, bridging research, policy, and compassion in her pursuit of better health for all.

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## DR. MOHANA RAO PATIBANDLA HONoured WITH BEST MINIMALLY INVASIVE NEUROSURGEON AWARD AT ABDUL KALAM INSPIRATION AWARDS 2025

**Dr. Mohana Rao Patibandla**, leading neurosurgeon from Andhra Pradesh has been honoured with the “Best Minimally Invasive Neurosurgeon, Spine Surgeon and Stereotactic Neurosurgeon” award at the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Inspiration Awards 2025, organised by the Topnotch Foundation in New Delhi.

The felicitation ceremony was held at Hotel The LaLiT, where eminent personalities including Brij Bhushan and Bollywood actor Randeep Hooda graced the event as chief guests. The award recognizes Dr. Patibandla’s pioneering contributions to advanced neurosurgical procedures in India, particularly in the fields of minimally invasive brain and spine surgery and stereotactic radiosurgery.

The official citation highlighted Dr. Patibandla’s exceptional work in transforming complex neurosurgical care and expanding access to cutting-edge medical technologies. Photographs from the ceremony captured Dr. Patibandla receiving the honour in the presence of dignitaries, marking a proud milestone in his distinguished medical career.

Dr. Patibandla has undergone extensive neurosurgical training in both India and the United States and currently leads Rao’s Hospital in Guntur, a specialized centre for brain, spine, and nerve care. Over the years, he has performed numerous complex procedures and played a pivotal role in introducing advanced minimally invasive skull base and spine surgery techniques in Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Patibandla shared, “This award is truly special because it carries the name of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, a visionary who continues to inspire every Indian. This recognition belongs to my entire team who work tirelessly to provide world-class neurosurgical care to patients.”

The Abdul Kalam Inspiration Awards, hosted annually, celebrate excellence across healthcare, education, entrepreneurship, and social impact. Recipients are selected for their measurable contributions and leadership in their respective domains.

**Source:** Times of India, 16/10/2025

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/entertainment/events/dr-mohana-rao-patibandla-honoured-with-best-minimally-invasive-neurosurgeon-award-at-abdul-kalam-inspiration-awards-2025/articleshow/124604309.cms>



## INDIAN DOCTORS RECOGNIZED IN STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S GLOBAL TOP 2% SCIENTISTS LIST

*A remarkable group of Indian physicians and medical researchers have been featured in the Stanford University-Elsevier Data Repository's list of the world's top 2% scientists, a prestigious global ranking that evaluates scientific impact, research contributions, and citation performance across multiple disciplines.*

*Honorees include:*

- *Dr. Naresh Trehan - Recognized for pioneering contributions in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery.*
- *Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty - Honoured for advancing affordable and high-impact cardiac surgery.*
- *Dr. Randeep Guleria - Acknowledged for impactful research in pulmonology and public health.*
- *Dr. Ashok Seth - Listed for global leadership in interventional cardiology and stent innovation.*
- *Dr. S. K. Sarin - Celebrated for transformative work in hepatology and liver disease research.*
- *Dr. Mahesh Verma - Recognized for contributions to dental science and public oral-health systems.*
- *Dr. Alka Kriplani - Honoured for research in reproductive endocrinology and women's health.*
- *Dr. Purshotam Lal - Featured for pioneering high-risk and complex cardiac interventions.*
- *Dr. Harsh Mahajan - Listed for advancements in diagnostic imaging and radiology innovation.*
- *Dr. J. C. Mohan - Recognized for expertise and research in clinical and non-invasive cardiology.*
- *Dr. Manjula Rao - Acknowledged for contributions to cataract, corneal, and refractive surgery.*
- *Dr. Anjan Trikha - Honoured for research in anaesthesiology, trauma care, and critical medicine.*

**Source:** Medical Dialogues, 09/10/2025

**Link:** <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/21-indian-dermatologists-doctors-scientists-listed-in-stanford-university-2025-list-of-worlds-top-2-scientists-156557>



## INDIAN DOCTOR COUPLE'S LANDMARK RESEARCH INFLUENCES MAJOR WHO POLICY ON TUBERCULOSIS CARE

*A groundbreaking study led by **Dr. Anurag Bhargava and Dr. Madhavi Bhargava**, physician-researchers from Mangaluru, has directly shaped the World Health Organization's revised global guidelines on tuberculosis (TB) and undernutrition—marking one of the most significant contributions by Indian clinicians to global TB policy in recent years.*

*Their multicentre field study, the RATIONS trial (Reducing Activation of Tuberculosis by Improvement of Nutritional Status), published in *The Lancet*, provided compelling evidence that nutritional support to household contacts of TB patients can drastically reduce the risk of TB activation. The study demonstrated a 48% reduction in new pulmonary TB cases among household contacts who received nutritional supplementation.*

*Findings from the trial also showed that among TB patients, better nutritional status was closely linked to improved treatment outcomes and survival, reinforcing the importance of integrating nutrition into TB care.*

*Recognizing the strength and real-world relevance of this evidence, WHO has now, for the first time, recommended food assistance for household contacts of TB patients in food-insecure settings—a major shift from earlier guidelines that focused solely on patient nutrition. The policy change reflects acknowledgement of the Bhargava team's work and represents a paradigm shift toward addressing social determinants in TB management.*

*This achievement highlights the profound global impact of high-quality research led by Indian clinicians. Dr. Anurag Bhargava and Dr. Madhavi Bhargava's contribution stands as a milestone in shaping equitable, community-centred TB care worldwide, reinforcing the role of Indian medical research in informing global health policy.*

**Source:** NDTV Health, 13/10/2025

**Link:** <https://www.ndtv.com/health/study-by-indian-doctor-couple-inspires-major-who-change-in-tuberculosis-treatment-and-care-9444252>





## DR. BANGARI RAJANI PRIYADARSHINI HONOURED WITH TIMES OF INDIA HEALTHCARE ICON AWARD 2025

*Dr. Bangari Rajani Priyadarshini, Chairman of Rajani Fertility Centre, Karimnagar, and Managing Director of Rene Hospital, has been conferred with the prestigious Times of India Healthcare Icon Award 2025 in recognition of her exemplary contributions to infertility medicine in Telangana.*

*The award, presented annually to outstanding medical professionals for clinical excellence and service to society, was bestowed upon Dr. Priyadarshini by Dr. Nageshwar Rao, Chairman of L.V. Prasad Eye Hospital, at a ceremony held in Hyderabad.*

*Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Priyadarshini emphasized the growing challenge of infertility among young couples and underscored the*

*importance of healthy lifestyle practices and regular exercise. She also shared that every year her centre provides free infertility treatment to ten couples, in memory of her mother-in-law, K.S. Bangari Lakshmi, as part of her ongoing commitment to community service.*



**Source:**The Hans India, 10/10/2025

**Link:**<https://www.thehansindia.com/telangana/dr-bangari-rajani-priyadarshini-gets-healthcare-icon-award-1013420>

## DR. S. K. SARKAR HONOURED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT ISTSCON 2025

**Dr. S. K. Sarkar**, eminent thoracic surgeon from Jaipur with over five decades of distinguished service, has been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ISTS) and Trust at the Seventh International Conference of Thoracic Surgeons - ISTSCON 2025, held at AIIMS Jodhpur.

The honour recognizes Dr. Sarkar's pioneering contributions to thoracic surgery in India, including his extensive work in interventional diagnostics, carotid angioplasty and stenting, cardiac ablation, heart and lung interventions, and advanced surgical techniques.

With more than 51 years of clinical experience, Dr. Sarkar has served at Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Medical College and Hospital and currently leads Dr. Sarkar's Bronchoscopy Centre in Jaipur.



**Source:** Medical Dialogues , 21/10/2025

**Link:**<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-s-k-sarkar-honoured-with-lifetime-achievement-award-at-istscon-2025-156995>

## PADMA SHRI DR. B. K. S. SANJAY CONFERRED WITH THE WELLNESS EXCELLENCE AWARD 2025

*Padma Shri Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Singh Sanjay, renowned orthopaedic surgeon and distinguished medical leader, has been honoured with the Wellness Excellence Award 2025 at the 2nd International Conference on Wellness (Wellness Con 2025) held in Lucknow. The award recognises his exceptional contributions to promoting public awareness on preventive healthcare, wellness, and healthy living.*

*At the conference, organised by PRAYATNA in association with the Hind Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr. Sanjay delivered a keynote address emphasising that “Health is not only an asset, but a national resource which must be nurtured.” He highlighted the importance of the Health, Education and Nutrition (HEN) model as the foundation of national progress, and presented his practical wellness framework DEWS – Diet, Exercise, Work and Sleep, describing it as a cost-effective model to improve population health.*

*Dr. Sanjay urged regular medical check-ups, early diagnosis, and basic home health monitoring tools such as weighing scale, thermometer, blood pressure monitor, glucometer, and pulse oximeter for every household. He also called for a nationwide Health Screening Awareness Campaign, reiterating that “prevention is better than cure” and linking preventive health with nation-building and India’s vision of Viksit Bharat.*

*A pioneering orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Sanjay has been recognized globally for his remarkable surgical feats, including setting a world record in 2005 for successfully removing the largest tumour of bone recorded worldwide. His contributions are documented in the Limca Book of Records, the Guinness World Records, and the India Book of Records.*

**Source:** Medical Dialogues, 19/10/2025

**Link:** <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/padma-shri-dr-b-k-s-sanjay-conferred-with-wellness-excellence-award-157068>



## INDIAN DOCTORS RECOGNISED IN STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S GLOBAL TOP 2% SCIENTISTS LIST

*Several eminent Indian medical professionals have been featured in the Stanford University-Elsevier global list of the Top 2% Scientists, acknowledging their exceptional scientific contributions, research impact, and leadership in their respective fields.*

### **Immunology**

- *Dr. R. Gopal - Recognised for influential work in immunology and molecular medicine.*
- *Dr. D. Rajasekhar - Honoured for research contributions in immunopathology and clinical immunology.*
- *Dr. K. Sudhakaran - Acknowledged for advancing understanding of immune system disorders.*

### **Pharmaceutical Sciences**

- *Dr. Ramesh K. Goyal - Cited for leadership in pharmacology, diabetes science, and drug development.*
- *Dr. B. N. Vedanayakam - Recognised for contributions in pharmaceutical chemistry and drug delivery.*
- *Dr. Ravindra B. Patil - Listed for impactful work in pharmaceuticals and formulation research.*
- *Dr. Amar P. Garg - Featured for scientific contributions in microbiology and pharmaceutical sciences.*
- *Dr. S. N. Pandey - Honoured for sustained research in medicinal chemistry.*
- *Dr. Ashish Kumar Jain - Recognised for work in pharmacokinetics and drug design.*
- *Dr. Kiran Dadigala - Acknowledged for contributions to molecular pharmaceuticals.*

### **Physiology & Anatomy**

- *Dr. Anil Kumar - Recognised for impactful research in physiology and metabolic regulation.*
- *Dr. Abdul Khader - Listed for contributions to human physiology and biomedical science.*
- *Dr. Nazeeruddin Mohammad - Featured for research in physiological sciences.*
- *Dr. Bhagirath Majmudar - Honoured for influential global work in pathology and medical education.*

### **Neurology**

- *Dr. Dilip Kumar Jha - Recognised for significant contributions in stroke neurology and neuroimmunology.*
- *Dr. R. K. Singh - Acknowledged for clinical research in neurological disorders.*

### **Oncology**

- *Dr. Rahul Vishnoi - Featured for research on cancer biology and tumour genetics.*
- *Dr. S. K. Rawat - Recognised for contributions in oncopathology.*
- *Dr. S. K. Agarwal - Honoured for oncology research in radiation and cancer therapeutics.*

### **Cardiology & Cardiovascular Research**

- *Dr. Sanjay Mittal - Listed for contributions in preventive cardiology and cardiovascular science.*
- *Dr. Rishi Sethi - Recognised for interventional cardiology and cardiovascular research.*
- *Dr. K. S. Puttaraju - Featured for scientific work in cardiac physiology.*

**Source:** Medical Dialogues, 03/10/2025

**Link:** <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/16-indian-immunologists-scientists-shine-in-stanford-university-2025-top-2-scientists-list-156291>

## DR. SANDEEP SHARMA LEADS INDIAN DELEGATION AND DELIVERS PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AT BAAPS CONFERENCE IN LONDON

*Dr. Sandeep Sharma, renowned plastic surgeon from Vadodara and Founder of Aesthetic Cosmetic & Plastic Surgery Centre, brought global recognition to India after being invited by the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (BAAPS) to deliver the Presidential Address at its annual conference held in London. He is the first Indian to be accorded this honour at the prestigious international gathering.*

*In addition to delivering the keynote address, Dr. Sharma served as a faculty member during the conference on October 2-3 and led a 30-member Indian delegation representing the Indian Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (IAAPS).*

*The team included eminent experts such as Dr. Aditya Aggarwal, Dr. Milind Wagh, Dr. Venkataramana, and Dr. Rajat Gupta, showcasing India's growing leadership in aesthetic surgery and strengthening global collaborations.*

*Dr. Sharma emphasised that representing India on such a prominent global platform provides opportunities to exchange knowledge, adopt new innovations, and bring world-class, safer surgical techniques back to Indian patients. He also highlighted the strong academic ties between India and the UK, where he previously completed a fellowship in London.*



**Source:** Times of India, 18/10/2025

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/vadodara-plastic-surgeon-leads-indian-delegation-at-british-conference-in-london/articleshow/124641898.cms>



## DR. SAIRAJ PHALDESSAI APPOINTED COLLABORATOR IN RURAL HEALTH BY THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

*Dr. Sairaj Phaldessai, a Goa Medical College graduate and son of the late Dr. Satish Phaldessai, has been appointed as a Collaborator in Rural Health by The University of Tokyo. In this esteemed role, he will present research papers on rural healthcare in India, contributing to global academic discussions on community health systems.*

*This international appointment recognizes Dr. Phaldessai's ongoing commitment to strengthening rural healthcare and advancing the legacy of his father, a respected figure in Goa's rural medical service. His work aims to highlight the unique challenges faced in India's rural health landscape and promote evidence-based solutions to bridge gaps in care.*

**Source:** Herald Goa, 16/10/2025

**Link:** [https://www.heraldgoa.in/goa/goan-doctor-dr-sairaj-phaldessai-appointed-by-university-of-tokyo-for-rural-health-research/449400/#google\\_vignette](https://www.heraldgoa.in/goa/goan-doctor-dr-sairaj-phaldessai-appointed-by-university-of-tokyo-for-rural-health-research/449400/#google_vignette)



## DR. RAJIV YERAVDEKAR CONFERRED HONORARY FELLOWSHIP BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, GLASGOW

**Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar**, Provost, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences at Symbiosis International University (SIU), has been awarded the prestigious Honorary Fellowship by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow (RCPSG) at a special convocation held in Glasgow.

This distinguished international honour recognises Dr. Yeravdekar's outstanding contributions to advancing healthcare and medical education over several decades. One of the highest accolades conferred by the Royal College, the fellowship is awarded to individuals who have made a significant and lasting impact in medicine, healthcare delivery, and professional excellence.

Through his visionary leadership at Symbiosis, Dr. Yeravdekar has been instrumental in strengthening integrated models of medical education, fostering academic-clinical collaboration, and enhancing community

health initiatives. The Royal College, in its citation, commended his dedication to nurturing high-quality medical education, compassion-driven clinical training, and forging global partnerships in healthcare.

**Source:** : Indian Express, 29/10/2025

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## DR. PROBAL NEOGI REPRESENTS INDIA AT THE 16TH CONGRESS OF RUSSIAN SURGEONS

**Dr. Probal Neogi**, renowned laparoscopic surgeon and Professor of Surgery at Motilal Nehru Medical College, Prayagraj, represented India at the 16th Congress of Russian Surgeons held in Moscow from October 21-23, 2025. This marks the first-ever invitation extended by the Russian Society of Surgeons to Indian surgeons for their annual scientific congress.

A past National President and Convener of International Affairs of the Association of Surgeons of India (ASI), Dr. Neogi attended the conference alongside current ASI President Prof. Pravin Suryawanshi. The visit resulted in the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at strengthening surgical collaboration, academic exchange, and research partnerships between India and Russia.

Prof. Aleksey Vasilievich Shabunin, President of the Russian Society of Surgeons, praised the expertise of Indian surgeons in managing trauma and war-related injuries, noting that their experience would significantly benefit both nations' health and defence sectors.

The delegation also visited the Botkin Multidisciplinary Research and Clinical Center in Moscow, engaging with directors of trauma surgery and specialty care departments.

Speaking about the honour, Dr. Neogi said it was an emotional and proud moment to represent India on a prestigious global platform, adding that the collaboration would open new pathways for advanced surgical training, research, and technological exchange between the two countries.



**Source:** : Times of India, 27/10/2025

**Link:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/allahabad/city-doctor-represents-india-at-16th-congress-of-russian-surgeons/articleshow/124856303.cms>



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