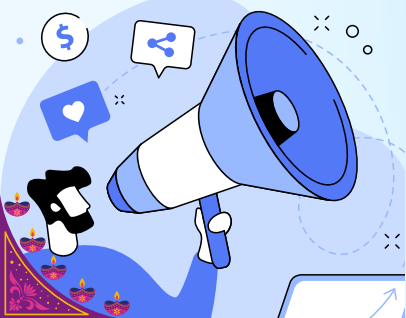


# GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS (APRIL 2026)



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## DR RACHNA SHROFF APPOINTED INAUGURAL DUVAL ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP HOLDER AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CANCER CENTER

*Dr. Rachna Shroff, Associate Director of Clinical Research at the University of Arizona Comprehensive Cancer Center, has been appointed as the first holder of the John F. and Valli S. Duval Endowed Professorship for Gastrointestinal Oncology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson.*

*The professorship was established through a generous \$1 million gift from John and Valli Duval to support cancer research, clinical innovation, and continued investment in clinical trials at the University of Arizona Comprehensive Cancer Center, the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center headquartered in Arizona.*

*Dr. Shroff, who also serves as Chief of the Division of Hematology and Oncology at the College of Medicine-Tucson and Medical Director of the Oncology Service Line at Banner-University Medical Center Tucson, has made significant contributions to gastrointestinal oncology. She is internationally recognized for her pioneering work in bile duct cancer, or cholangiocarcinoma, and has led landmark clinical trials that have helped advance new treatment options for this rare and difficult-to-treat disease.*

*Her work has played an important role in strengthening personalized cancer care, expanding access to innovative therapies, and improving outcomes for patients. This appointment recognizes Dr. Shroff's outstanding contributions as a physician-scientist, mentor, and leader in oncology.*

*This honour reflects the growing global impact of Indian-origin physicians in advancing cancer research, clinical trials, and compassionate patient-centered care.*

**Source:** News India Times, 10 /04/2026

**Link:** <https://newsindiatimes.com/dr-rachna-shroff-appointed-first-head-of-new-cancer-center-initiative-at-university-of-arizona/>



## DR D. NAGESHWAR REDDY INDUCTED INTO AIMBE COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

*Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman of Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIG) Hospitals, Hyderabad, has been inducted into the prestigious American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) College of Fellows, one of the highest global honours in the field of medical and biological engineering.*

*The honour was conferred by AIMBE President Lola Eniola-Adefeso and Chair Stuart Cooper. With this recognition, Dr. Reddy joins an elite group representing the top two per cent of innovators worldwide in medical and biological engineering.*

*Dr. Reddy, a renowned gastroenterologist, has made significant contributions to advancing gastrointestinal endoscopy and transforming it from a diagnostic tool into a therapeutic procedure. His pioneering work has helped improve treatment approaches and outcomes in complex gastrointestinal and pancreatic conditions.*

*Among his notable innovations is the “Nagi Stent,” which has contributed to improved management of pancreatic diseases. His work reflects the important role of clinical innovation, multidisciplinary collaboration, and technology-driven healthcare in improving patient care.*

*On receiving the honour, Dr. Reddy expressed gratitude and emphasized the need for collaboration among doctors, biomedical engineers, researchers, industry stakeholders, and the government to accelerate healthcare innovation. This international recognition highlights Dr. Reddy’s outstanding contributions to gastroenterology and medical innovation, and further places Hyderabad and India on the global map of advanced healthcare research and clinical excellence.*

**Source:** : ETV Bharat, 20/04/2026

**Link:**<https://www.etvbharat.com/en/state/hyderabad-aig-hospitals-chairman-dr-reddy-joins-aimbe-college-of-fellows-enn26042002861>



## NEELA MUKHERJEE LOCKEL AND DR ANITHA SRINIVASAN TO BE HONOURED AS HEALTHCARE HEROES IN NEW YORK

*Neela Mukherjee Lockel, President and CEO of EAC Network, and Dr. Anitha Srinivasan, Chief Medical Officer at NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan, have been recognized by Schneps Media as Healthcare Heroes for their outstanding dedication and contributions to healthcare and community service in New York City.*

*The honour will be presented at a special ceremony in Queens in May 2026, bringing together leading healthcare professionals and community leaders to celebrate service, leadership, and impact across New York's healthcare ecosystem.*

*Neela Mukherjee Lockel, MSW, MPA, leads EAC Network, one of the region's prominent human services nonprofits, overseeing more than 100 programs that support children and families, older adults, vulnerable communities, individuals involved in the justice system, and those in need of behavioral health care and workforce support. Under her leadership, EAC Network serves over 65,000 people across Long Island and New York City.*

*Dr. Anitha Srinivasan, MD, MPH, FACS, is the first woman to serve as Chief Medical Officer at NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan. A career surgeon and long-serving leader in the city's public hospital system, she founded the Metropolitan Breast Cancer Center and has played a key role in advancing surgical care, robotic surgery, clinical excellence, and equitable healthcare access for East Harlem's diverse communities.*

*This recognition highlights their exemplary leadership, compassion, and commitment to improving healthcare outcomes for underserved populations. Their achievements reflect the growing contribution of Indian-origin healthcare leaders in strengthening public health, community care, and patient-centered services in the United States.*

**Source:** : News India Times, 05/04/2026

**Link:**<https://newsindiatimes.com/healthcare-heroes-to-be-honored-at-terrace-on-the-park/>



Neela Mukherjee Lockel



Dr. Anitha Srinivasan

## DR OMesh GOYAL RECEIVES 'ASIAN FUTURE LEADER' AWARD AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SEOUL

*Dr. Omesh Goyal, Professor in the Department of Gastroenterology at Dayanand Medical College & Hospital (DMC&H), Ludhiana, has been conferred with the prestigious 'Asian Future Leader in Neurogastroenterology' Award at the recently held Asian Neurogastroenterology and Motility Conference in Seoul, South Korea.*

*The recognition highlights Dr. Goyal's significant contributions to the field of gastroenterology, particularly in neurogastroenterology, gut-brain interaction, and motility disorders.*

*Adding to this achievement, Dr. Goyal's research paper focusing on the impact of psychological comorbidities in patients with disorders of gut-brain interaction, including irritable bowel syndrome, dyspepsia and acidity, was awarded the 'Best Research Presentation Award' at the same conference.*

*These international honours reflect Dr. Goyal's commitment to advancing clinical care, research, and academic excellence in gastroenterology. His work contributes to a better understanding of complex gastrointestinal disorders and supports improved patient care through evidence-based research.*

*The recognition also brings pride to DMC&H, strengthening its reputation as a centre of excellence in medical education, research, and patient care. It further highlights the growing contribution of Indian physicians to global medical research and innovation.*

*This achievement underscores Dr. Goyal's dedication to advancing gastroenterology on the international stage and serves as an inspiration for young medical professionals pursuing excellence in clinical practice and research.*

**Source:** : City Air News, 12/04/2026

**Link:**<https://www.cityairnews.com/content/dmch-gastro-doctor-conferred-asian-future-leader-award-at-international-conference-in-seoul-south-korea>



## DR NIKHIL TANDON GETS INTERIM CHARGE AS AIIMS DELHI DIRECTOR

**Dr. Nikhil Tandon**, senior endocrinologist, Padma Shri awardee, and Professor and Head of the Department of Endocrinology & Metabolism at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, has been given interim charge as Director of AIIMS Delhi.

According to an office memorandum issued by the institute on April 27, 2026, Dr. Tandon will look after the duties of Director in addition to his existing responsibilities. The arrangement has been made after Dr. M. Srinivas was relieved from the post of AIIMS Director following his appointment as a full-time Member of NITI Aayog.

The institute clarified that the arrangement is temporary for a period of six months or until a regular Director is appointed, whichever is earlier. Dr. Tandon will not receive any additional remuneration or honorarium for taking on the additional responsibility.

Dr. Tandon is a distinguished endocrinologist, medical academician, and clinician-researcher with over 25 years of service in India's public healthcare system. His work has focused on cardio-metabolic diseases, diabetes, metabolic bone disorders, thyroid epidemiology, and clinical and public health research.

A recipient of the prestigious Dr. B. C. Roy Award, India's highest medical honour, Dr. Tandon was also conferred the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2015 for his contributions to medicine.

He has been associated with several national and international research and advisory bodies, including the Indian Council of Medical Research, National Institutes of Health, World Health Organization expert groups, and other committees working on diabetes, non-communicable diseases, and chronic disease care. His research group has contributed significantly to large-scale epidemiological studies on cardio-metabolic risk factors, childhood obesity genetics, and diabetes prevention.

Dr. Tandon's interim appointment reflects his long-standing academic leadership, clinical excellence, and contribution to public health research. His stewardship is expected to support continuity in AIIMS Delhi's academic, clinical, and administrative responsibilities during the transition period.

**Source:** : Medical Dialogues, 27/04/2026

**Link:**<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-nikhil-tandon-gets-interim-charge-as-aiims-delhi-director-169525>



## DR OMESH BHARTI JOINS WHO PANEL ON TROPICAL DISEASES

**Dr. Omesh Bharti**, Padma Shri awardee and globally recognized rabies expert from Himachal Pradesh, has been nominated by the World Health Organization (WHO) to the oversight committee of the Strategic Technical Advisory Group working group under its Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Department.

Dr. Bharti has been included as an independent expert on neglected zoonotic diseases in the 18-member committee. The committee has been tasked with conducting a midterm evaluation of the department's programmes under the Neglected Tropical Diseases Road Map 2021-2030.

The evaluation aims to assess progress toward global targets and ensure that the roadmap remains on track. The oversight committee will provide strategic and technical guidance to make the evaluation credible, objective, and effective in improving programme outcomes.

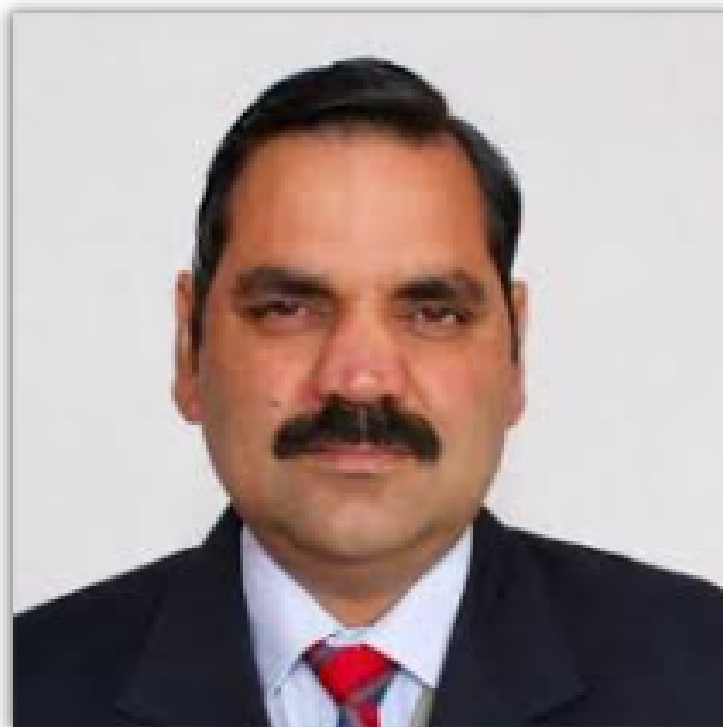
Dr. Bharti was awarded the Padma Shri in 2019 for developing a low-cost rabies prevention protocol, which was later adopted by the WHO. He is currently involved in snakebite research and serves as Deputy Director with the National Health Mission in Shimla.

He is also associated with the national task force and WHO expert panels on rabies and snakebite envenoming. His inclusion in the WHO committee reflects India's growing contribution to global strategies for neglected tropical diseases, zoonotic disease control, and public health innovation.

This recognition highlights Dr. Bharti's outstanding contribution to rabies prevention, tropical disease research, and public health, further strengthening India's voice in shaping global health priorities.

**Source:** : Times of India, 16/04/2026

**Link:**<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/hp-doctor-joins-who-panel-on-tropical-diseases/articleshow/130309904.cms>



## PROFESSOR PRIYABRATA MUKHERJEE RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH BY UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

**Professor Priyabrata Mukherjee, Ph.D.,** Professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, has been honoured with the 2026 Stanton L. Young Excellence in Research Award for his outstanding contributions to basic and translational science.

The recognition was announced by the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, which also honoured Mary Moon, Ph.D., with the 2026 Stanton L. Young Master Teacher Award. The awards recognize excellence in teaching, research, mentorship, and academic leadership within the medical sciences.

Dr. Mukherjee also serves at OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center as Senior Director of Research Partnership and Collaboration and Co-Director of the Nanomedicine Program. He has been recognized for his leadership in the fields of nanoscience, molecular oncology, and translational cancer research.

His research has been continuously supported by prestigious National Institutes of Health R01 grants, and he currently serves as principal investigator and co-principal investigator on multiple funded research projects. He leads a multidisciplinary laboratory, publishes high-impact scientific papers, and has contributed to the development of patentable technologies.

Dr. Mukherjee is also widely recognized as an outstanding mentor, guiding early-career faculty, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, research technicians, and students across different levels of academic training. His previous honours include the George Lynn Cross Professorship, the Presbyterian Health Foundation Presidential Professorship, and the Peggy and Charles Stephenson Endowed Chair in Cancer Laboratory Research.

He is a foreign fellow of the Indian National Science Academy and Chair of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Medical and Biomedical Engineering. He also co-chairs the Web of Life Conference, which brings together experts from diverse fields to encourage scientific dialogue and collaboration.

This recognition highlights Dr. Mukherjee's exceptional contributions to biomedical research, cancer science, nanomedicine, and academic mentorship, further reflecting the growing global impact of Indian-origin scientists and physicians in advancing medical innovation.

**Source:** : News India Times, 15/04/2026

**Link:**<https://newsindiatimes.com/professor-priyabrata-mukherjee-recognized-for-outstanding-teaching-by-university-of-oklahoma/>



**DR MANU K. VORA RECEIVES 2026 BALDRIGE FOUNDATION AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE**

*Dr. Manu K. Vora, Founder, Director and President of the Blind Foundation for India (BFI), has been honoured with the prestigious 2026 Baldrige Foundation Award for Leadership Excellence in Nonprofit by the Foundation for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, Inc.*

*The award recognizes Dr. Vora's extraordinary leadership in advancing performance excellence, nonprofit governance, and sustainable social impact across the United States and India. This recognition also marks a historic milestone, as Dr. Vora becomes the first Indo-American nonprofit leader to receive this esteemed national honour.*

*Since founding the Blind Foundation for India in 1989, Dr. Vora has led the organization with a strong focus on visionary leadership, effective governance, volunteer engagement, donor-centricity, and measurable outcomes. Under his stewardship, BFI has followed the Baldrige Excellence Framework as a strategic foundation for more than three decades.*

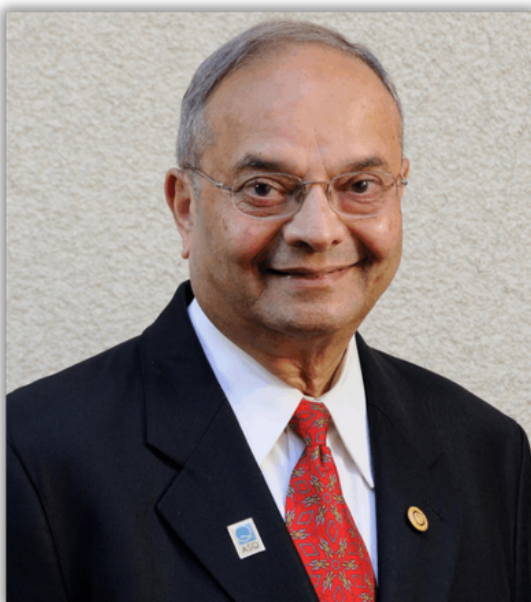
*Through its mission-driven initiatives, BFI has positively impacted over 15 million visually challenged individuals across India. The organization has raised more than \$8 million to support vision care, enabled over 300,000 free cataract surgeries, facilitated 3 million free eye examinations, deployed 151 mobile medical vans, and distributed 10,000 Braille kits to support education for blind children.*

*Dr. Vora's leadership has helped build BFI into a model nonprofit organization committed to preventing blindness, restoring sight, and empowering visually impaired individuals to live independent and productive lives. His work reflects the power of disciplined nonprofit leadership, continuous improvement, and compassionate service.*

*This honour highlights Dr. Vora's outstanding contribution to humanitarian service and community health, further strengthening the global recognition of Indian-origin leaders making a lasting impact through healthcare, social service, and nonprofit excellence.*

**Source:** : News India Times, 19/04/2026

**Link:** <https://newsindiatimes.com/dr-manu-k-vora-receives-2026-baldrige-award-for-work-with-blind-foundation-for-india/>



## IISC TEAM AND SURGEON DEVELOP DISSOLVING STENT FOR ABDOMEN SURGERIES

*A team from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, in collaboration with liver transplant surgeon **Dr. Sonal Asthana** of Aster CMI Hospital, has developed a small dissolving tube called the “Asthana Stent”, designed for use in major abdominal surgeries.*

*The innovation has been developed by researchers led by Prof. Kaushik Chatterjee at IISc, spanning the departments of Materials Engineering and Bioengineering. The device has now been licensed to Advanced Medtech Solutions Private Limited under an Indian patent, marking an important step from laboratory prototype toward clinical use.*

*The stent addresses a recurring problem seen after liver transplant and abdominal surgeries, where surgeons must join bile ducts, a delicate connection that may later leak or narrow. Such complications can affect patients and often require repeat procedures.*

*Existing solutions commonly rely on plastic tubes or stents to keep the duct open while it heals. However, these may either protrude outside the body and require careful management or remain inside and need to be removed later through an additional procedure.*

*The new stent is made from polydioxanone (PDS), a biodegradable polymer used in dissolvable surgical stitches. Once placed inside the body, it holds the duct open for around six weeks and then gradually breaks down and is absorbed, eliminating the need for removal.*

*The engineering work involved contributions from Thaseeb Rehman of IISc’s Department of Materials Engineering and Saswat Choudhury of the Department of Bioengineering. The team designed the tube to remain open under pressure, resist migration, and allow placement even when duct openings are misaligned.*

*Tests showed that the stent could withstand pressure well above what bile ducts experience and maintain its structure over the critical six-week healing period in both laboratory conditions and human bile. The device has also received support from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).*

*With the technology now licensed, the next focus will be manufacturing and regulatory approvals through the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). If approved, the stent could help patients by reducing the need for repeat procedures and lowering the risk of post-surgical complications.*

*This innovation highlights India’s growing strength in clinician-led biomedical engineering, translational research, and patient-focused surgical technology.*

**Source:** : Times of India, 26/04/2026

**Link:**<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/iisc-team-surgeon-develop-dissolving-stent-for-abdomen-surgeries/articleshow/130521528.cms>



## GEM HOSPITAL PERFORMS INDIA'S FIRST DUAL-CONSOLE LONG-DISTANCE ROBOTIC TELESURGERY

*A surgical team at GEM Hospital, Perungudi, Chennai, led by **Dr. Sreeram Seshadhri**, in collaboration with **Dr. P. Senthilnathan**, Lead Surgeon and Director, GEM Hospital Chennai, operating remotely from Vapi, Gujarat, has successfully performed one of India's first long-distance dual-console robotic telesurgery procedures.*

*The surgery was performed on a 23-year-old patient suffering from Gastro-Esophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), a chronic digestive condition in which stomach acid repeatedly flows back into the esophagus, causing irritation and discomfort.*

*The procedure used the Mizzo Endo 4000, an advanced robotic platform developed by Meril Life Sciences. The dual-console system enabled surgeons in Chennai and Vapi, approximately 1,500 km apart, to collaborate in real time and share control of robotic surgical movements during the operation.*

*Unlike conventional telesurgery models, where a single remote surgeon operates independently, the dual-console approach allowed a lead surgeon and a bedside surgical team to work together simultaneously. This ensured greater precision, coordination, and safety throughout the procedure.*

*The operation marks a significant milestone in India's progress in robotic surgery, telemedicine, and digitally enabled healthcare delivery. It demonstrates how advanced connectivity and surgical robotics can help bridge geographical barriers and expand access to specialized surgical expertise.*

*Robotic surgery offers several patient benefits, including smaller incisions, reduced blood loss, less pain, faster recovery, and improved surgical accuracy. The dual-console model also creates new opportunities for surgical training, mentoring, and expert collaboration across distant locations.*

*This achievement highlights India's growing strength in indigenous medical technology, minimally invasive surgery, and patient-focused healthcare innovation, further strengthening the country's position in advanced surgical care.*

**Source:** The South First, 13/04/2026

**Link:** <https://thesouthfirst.com/health/how-a-gujarat-surgeon-operated-on-chennai-patient-and-why-it-matters/>



**DR. SREERAM SESHADHRI**



**DR. P. SENTHILNATHAN**

**DR PRIA ANAND WINS PEN/E.O. WILSON LITERARY SCIENCE WRITING AWARD**

*Dr. Pria Anand, an Indian American neurologist and physician-author, has won the 2026 PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award for her debut book, **The Mind Electric: A Neurologist on the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains**.*

*The award, which carries a \$10,000 prize, was announced during the 62nd Annual PEN America Literary Awards ceremony held at Town Hall in New York City on March 31, 2026. The honour recognizes outstanding science writing that makes complex biological and physical science concepts accessible to the general public.*

*Dr. Anand’s book has been recognized for blending clinical case studies, personal memoir, and reflections on culture, identity, illness, and the human brain. Her writing draws from her work at Boston Medical Center as well as her formative childhood experiences in India.*

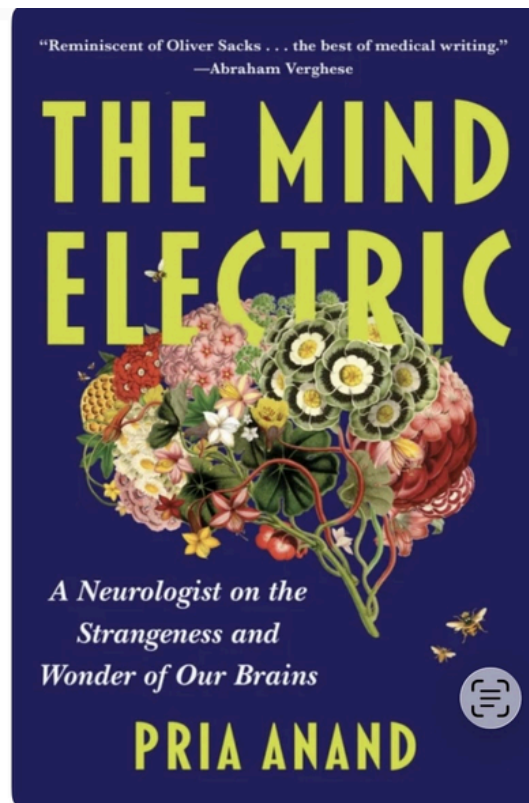
*Dr. Anand is currently Assistant Professor of Neurology at the Boston University School of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Hospital Neurology. She earned her undergraduate degree from Yale University and her medical degree from Stanford University, followed by specialized training in neuro-infectious diseases and neuroimmunology at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital.*

*Her work highlights the importance of viewing patients not only through their diagnoses, but also through their personal histories, cultural experiences, and lived realities. She has also written for leading publications including *The New York Times* and *The New Yorker*.*

*This recognition celebrates Dr. Anand’s contribution to medicine, science communication, and literary writing, and reflects the growing impact of Indian-origin physicians in bringing medical science closer to society through powerful storytelling.*

**Source:** : *American Bazaar* , 14/04/2026

**Link:**<https://americanbazaaronline.com/2026/04/14/indian-american-neurologist-pria-anand-wins-literary-science-writing-award-478875/>



## DR T. B. YUVARAJA PERFORMS INDIA'S FIRST CROSS-BORDER REMOTE ROBOTIC SURGERY

*Dr. T. B. Yuvaraja of Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai, has performed India's first-ever cross-border remote robotic surgery, marking a landmark achievement in global healthcare and surgical innovation.*

*The successful robotic kidney removal surgery was performed on a 55-year-old patient in Muscat, Oman, who was diagnosed with cancer. Dr. Yuvaraja conducted the procedure remotely from Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai, while the patient was stationed hundreds of miles away at Medical City Hospital in Muscat.*

*The robotic radical nephrectomy was carried out using the advanced Medbot Toumai Robotic Surgery System, enabling real-time surgical precision across international borders.*

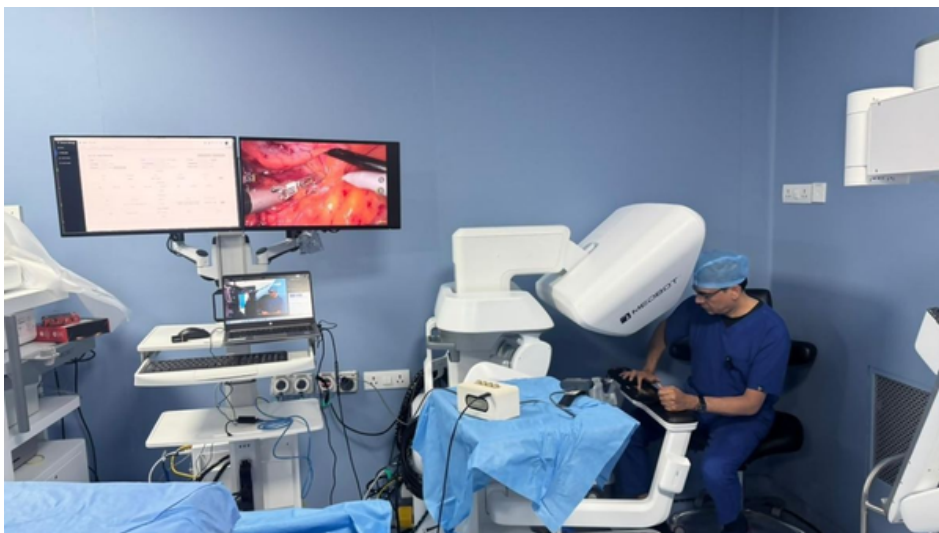
*This milestone demonstrates the growing potential of robotic surgery and telemedicine in expanding access to specialized surgical expertise beyond geographical limitations. It also highlights how Indian surgical excellence can support patients internationally through advanced digital healthcare systems.*

*The achievement is significant for the future of minimally invasive surgery, cross-border healthcare collaboration, and technology-enabled patient care. Such innovations may help improve access to expert surgical treatment for patients in regions where advanced specialty care may not be easily available.*

*This recognition underscores India's growing leadership in robotic surgery, medical technology, and global healthcare innovation.*

**Source:** *The Week*, 13/03/2026

**Link:** <https://www.theweek.in/news/health/2026/04/13/beyond-the-borders-mumbai-doctor-performs-remote-robotic-surgery-on-oman-woman.html>



## DR DIVA KANT MISRA HONOURED WITH 'INTERNATIONAL HERO OF OPHTHALMOLOGY' AWARD AT AIOC 2026

*Dr. Diva Kant Misra, Director of Swarnjyoti Eye Hospital, Lucknow, has been honoured with the prestigious "International Hero of Ophthalmology" Award by the All India Ophthalmological Society (AIOS) at the All India Ophthalmological Conference 2026 held in Jaipur.*

*Dr. Misra, one of India's leading vitreoretinal surgeons, has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to ophthalmology, retinal surgery, academic excellence, and global eye care.*

*Over the years, he has performed more than 10,000 retinal procedures and has worked to make advanced retinal care accessible to patients in Uttar Pradesh and surrounding regions. His training at institutions such as Harvard Medical School and Stanford University has further strengthened his clinical expertise and international outlook.*

*Dr. Misra has previously received several recognitions, including the Top 20 Asia Pacific Rising Stars of Ophthalmology by the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology, the Yasuo Tano Award for excellence in vitreoretinal surgery, and the Ophthalmic Hero of India honour.*

*He has also served in important leadership roles, including as President of the Young Ophthalmologists Society of India, and has contributed to key committees within AIOS and APAO.*

*This recognition reflects Dr. Misra's dedication to surgical excellence, patient-centred care, and the advancement of ophthalmology, bringing pride to Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, and the Indian medical community.*

**Source:** : Thw Wire, 09/04/2026

**Link:** <https://thewire.in/ptiprnews/lucknows-dr-diva-kant-misra-honoured-with-international-hero-of-ophthalmology-award-at-aioc-2026-jaipur>



## DR MADHURI NISHTALA RECEIVES WISCONSIN MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S OUTSTANDING RESIDENT TEACHING AWARD

*Dr. Madhuri Nishtala, a general surgery resident at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been named the recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Resident Teaching Award by the Wisconsin Medical Alumni Association (WMAA). The award, voted on by medical students, recognizes residents who demonstrate exceptional commitment to clinical teaching, mentorship, and the development of future physicians.*

*Dr. Nishtala has been recognized for her empathetic and student-centered approach to teaching in the surgical ward. Students praised her ability to make learners feel comfortable, support their clinical growth, and guide them through both procedural skills and the demanding journey of medical training.*

*An Indian American physician, Dr. Nishtala's background has shaped her commitment to advocacy, health equity, and compassionate care. She is currently pursuing an NIH-funded fellowship under the mentorship of Dr. Ben Zarzaur, focusing on how financial hardship affects health outcomes for injured patients.*

*Dr. Nishtala completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Chicago and earned her medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in 2018. Her work reflects a strong blend of surgical excellence, mentorship, and commitment to vulnerable patients.*

*This recognition highlights Dr. Nishtala's dedication to medical education and patient-centered care, and celebrates the growing contribution of Indian-origin physicians in shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals.*

**Source:** : American Bazaar Online, 08/04/2026

**Link:**<https://americanbazaaronline.com/2026/04/08/madhuri-nishtala-wins-wisconsin-medical-alumni-associations-top-teaching-award-478459/>



## DR PRABHU KUMAR CHELLAGALI HONOURED AT 2.0 HEALTH CONFERENCE IN LAS VEGAS

*Dr. Prabhu Kumar Chellagali, senior physician and President of the Indian Medical Association, Hyderabad, has received international recognition in the United States for his contributions to global healthcare and medical advocacy.*

*Dr. Chellagali was invited as a keynote speaker at the 2.0 Health Conference held in Las Vegas, which brought together delegates from 163 countries to discuss healthcare innovation and global health challenges. In his address, he highlighted the transformative role of artificial intelligence in healthcare and emphasized the need for scalable, technology-led delivery models to improve access to care in rural and underserved communities.*

*Dr. Chellagali was also felicitated in Chicago by prominent dignitaries, including US Congressman Danny Davis, and was presented with the Reverend Jesse Jackson Award for his contribution to healthcare, humanitarian service, and global medical advocacy.*

*This recognition reflects his commitment to public health, innovation, and equitable healthcare access, bringing pride to India and the medical fraternity.*

**Source:** *New Indian Express, 22/04/2026*

**Link:** <https://www.newindianexpress.com/india/2026/Apr/22/hyderabad-based-physician-honoured-at-20-health-conference-las-vegas>



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