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GAPIO PRESIDENT DR SUDHIR PARIKH INDUCTED AS TRUSTEE OF ASSOCIATION OF INDIANS IN AMERICA

Dr Sudhir Parikh, Padma Shri recipient and President of the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO), has been inducted as a Trustee of the Association of Indians in America (AIA), one of the oldest Indian American organizations in the United States.

The announcement was made by Ravishankar Bhooplapur, Chairman of the national AIA, who welcomed Dr. Parikh to the Board of Trustees and noted that his experience, leadership, and distinguished contributions would greatly benefit the organization.

Dr. Parikh, a respected physician, philanthropist, and community leader, currently serves as Chairman of the Center for Asthma & Allergy. He is also Chairman of Parikh Worldwide Media and ITV Gold, and has been actively involved in strengthening the Indian American community through healthcare, media, philanthropy, and public advocacy.

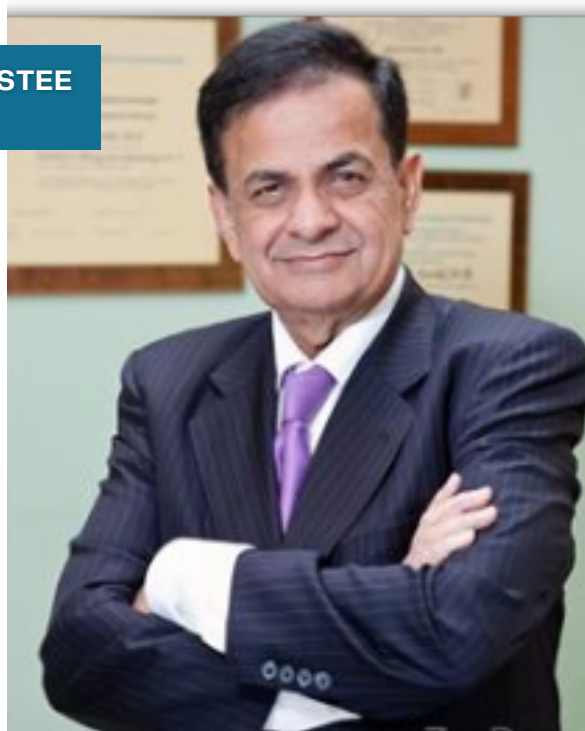
Over the years, Dr. Parikh has received several prestigious honours, including the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and the Knights of Malta recognition. He has also played an important role in promoting US-India relations and encouraging greater Indian American participation in public policy.

Dr. Parikh said it was a privilege to be appointed as Trustee of AIA, noting that the organization has played a pioneering role in bringing the Indian diaspora together socially, culturally, and politically.

This appointment recognizes Dr. Parikh's long-standing contribution to healthcare, community leadership, philanthropy, and diaspora engagement, further reflecting the impact of Indian-origin physicians beyond medicine.

Source: : News India Times, 08/06/2026

Link:<https://newsindiatimes.com/padma-shri-recipient-dr-sudhir-parikh-inducted-as-trustee-of-association-of-indians-in-america/>



DR KRISHAN KUMAR BESTOWED HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE BY NYITCOM

Dr. Krishan Kumar, M.D., FAAP, FACEP, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine at the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYITCOM), has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree at NYITCOM's 65th Commencement ceremony held on May 17, 2026, at its Long Island campus. The honorary degree recognized Dr. Kumar's decades-long contributions to medical education, mentorship, compassionate healthcare, and service to the medical community. A proud moment during the ceremony was when his son, Dr. Arjun Kumar, NYITCOM Class of 2021, placed the academic hood on his father's shoulders.

Dr. Kumar, who emigrated from India to the United States in 1984, has had a distinguished career in pediatrics and emergency medicine. Since joining NYITCOM in 2011, he has contributed significantly as a teacher, mentor, clinician, and member of the Dean's Advisory Board.

A graduate of Kanpur Medical College, Dr. Kumar has held several important academic and clinical roles, including former Chair and Program Director of Pediatrics at Nassau University Medical Center. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the Indian Academy of Pediatrics.

This honour highlights Dr. Kumar's outstanding contribution to medical education, pediatric and emergency care, and mentorship, reflecting the continued impact of Indian-origin physicians in shaping future generations of doctors.

Source: News India Times, 28/05/2026

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



15 DOCTORS AND HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTORS HONOURED WITH PADMA AWARDS 2026

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Padma Awards 2026, with 15 doctors and healthcare contributors recognized for their distinguished service to medicine, medical education, public health, research, and patient care.

Padma Bhushan

- *Dr. Kalilpatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy - Gastroenterology*
 - *Veteran gastroenterologist from Tamil Nadu, recognized for over five decades of work in digestive and liver disease management, medical education, and research.*

- *Dr. Nori Dattatreyudu - Radiation Oncology*
 - *Indian-American radiation oncologist honoured for his pioneering work in cancer treatment, brachytherapy, and advanced oncology care.*



Padma Shri

- *Dr. Arvinda Fernandes - Neonatology*
 - *Goa-origin neonatologist from Maharashtra, recognized for her contribution to neonatal care and improved survival of newborns.*

- *Dr. Guduru Venkat Rao - Gastrointestinal Surgery*
 - *Surgical gastroenterologist from Telangana, known for high-end GI surgical care and outreach services for poor and underserved patients.*

- *Dr. H. V. Hande - Public Health / Clinical Medicine*
 - *Veteran physician and public health reformer from Tamil Nadu, recognized for decades of service in affordable healthcare and medical education.*

- *Dr. Keval Krishan Thakral - Ayurveda*
 - *Ayurvedic surgeon from Uttar Pradesh, known for advancing Ayurvedic surgical practice and authoring books in the field.*

- *Dr. Padma Gurmet - Sowa-Rigpa Medicine*
 - *Practitioner and promoter of traditional Himalayan medicine from Ladakh, recognized for preserving and developing the Sowa-Rigpa system.*



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- *Dr. Palkonda Vijay Anand - Radiation Oncology*
 - *Oncologist from Telangana, honoured for his contributions to cancer care and radiation oncology.*
- *Dr. Prateek Sharma - Gastroenterology*
 - *Indian-American gastroenterologist and academic recognized for his work in Barrett's esophagus, GERD, and advanced endoscopic research.*
- *Dr. Punniamoorthy Natesan - Veterinary Medicine*
 - *Veterinary medicine expert from Tamil Nadu, recognized for scientific ethno-veterinary practices and livestock health innovations.*
- *Prof. Rajendra Prasad - Respiratory Medicine*
 - *Senior respiratory medicine specialist from Uttar Pradesh, known for his work in tuberculosis, MDR-TB care, and pulmonary health.*
- *Dr. Saroj Mandal - Cardiology*
 - *Cardiologist from West Bengal, recognized for advanced cardiac care, angioplasty, stenting, and service to underserved communities.*
- *Dr. Shyam Sundar Agrawal - Pharmaceutical Sciences*
 - *Researcher from Uttar Pradesh honoured for innovations in drug delivery systems, nanomedicine, and targeted therapies.*
- *Dr. Suresh H. Mangavadi - Hemophilia Care*
 - *Physician from Karnataka recognized for decades of work in hemophilia care, awareness, and support for patients with bleeding disorders.*
- *Dr. M. Srinivas - Medical Administration / Public Health*
 - *Former AIIMS Delhi Director, recognized for his contribution to medical administration, public healthcare delivery, and institutional leadership.*



Source: Medical Dialogues, 26/05/2026

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/president-murmu-confers-padma-awards-2026-2-honoured-with-padma-bhushan-13-receive-padma-shri-for-medicine-171367>

DR HASMUKH JAIN RECEIVES BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH YVONNE AWARD 2026

Dr. Hasmukh Jain, Professor and Consultant Medical Oncologist at Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, has been honoured with the Breakthrough Research Yvonne Award 2026 at the Yvonne Awards Ceremony held during the OncoDaily Party 2026 in Chicago.

The award recognizes Dr. Jain's pioneering contributions to hematologic oncology, cell therapy, clinical research, medical training, and access-oriented cancer innovation in India.

Dr. Jain has played a leading role in the clinical development of India's first indigenous CAR-T cell therapy, talicabtagene autoleucel, marketed as NexCAR19, for relapsed and refractory B-cell malignancies. The work was carried out in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay and has helped advance affordable, scalable cellular therapy for cancer patients in India.

At Tata Memorial Centre, Dr. Jain has also helped establish India's largest cell therapy program, with more than 200 patients treated. His work includes developing clinical protocols, training programs, toxicity management pathways, and systems to expand access to advanced cancer therapies beyond a single institution.

He has authored 85 peer-reviewed publications and has led several investigator-initiated research projects funded by leading organizations, including the Indian Council of Medical Research and the National Cancer Grid. He also serves as Co-Chair of the Leukemia Working Group of the Hematology Cancer Consortium and contributes to national resource-stratified guidelines for hematological cancers.

This recognition highlights Dr. Jain's outstanding contribution to hematologic cancer care, CAR-T cell therapy, clinical research, and affordable oncology innovation, further strengthening India's role in advancing cancer treatment for wider patient access.

Source: : Onco Daily, 29/05/2026

Link: <https://oncodaily.com/pulse/hasmukh-jain-2026>



DR SOUMYA SWAMINATHAN ELECTED FELLOW OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, renowned Indian physician-scientist and former Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization (WHO), has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS), one of the highest global honours for scientists.

With this recognition, Dr. Swaminathan enters the prestigious fellowship of the world's oldest scientific academy in continuous existence. She also becomes the second Indian woman scientist to be elected to the Royal Society, after noted vaccinologist Prof. Gagandeep Kang.

The recognition is especially historic as Dr. Swaminathan follows in the footsteps of her late father, Bharat Ratna Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, the eminent agricultural scientist and Father of India's Green Revolution, who was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1972. This makes them the first father-daughter FRS duo from India.

Dr. Swaminathan currently serves as Principal Advisor to the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), helping shape strategy and policy direction toward India's TB elimination goals. She has previously served as Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and played a key global role as WHO Chief Scientist during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Her work spans pediatric pulmonology, tuberculosis research, HIV, public health policy, and global health leadership. She is also a Fellow of several leading national and international science academies and has received honorary doctorates from reputed institutions.

This recognition highlights Dr. Swaminathan's outstanding contribution to medical science, public health, and global health policy, bringing immense pride to India and the medical fraternity.

Source: : Times of India, 20/05/2026

Link https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/people/meet-soumya-and-ms-swaminathan-indias-first-father-daughter-duo-to-be-awarded-the-fellowship-of-royal-society/amp_articleshow/131215925.cms



INDIAN-ORIGIN ONCOLOGISTS NAMED TO '40 UNDER 40 IN CANCER' CLASS OF 2026

Dr. Sundeep Grandhe and Dr. Urvi Shah, two Indian-origin oncologists, have been named to the Association for Value-Based Cancer Care's 2026 Class of 40 Under 40 in Cancer.

The recognition honours emerging leaders in oncology who have demonstrated excellence across clinical care, research, advocacy, innovation, and patient-focused cancer care. The 40 honorees were selected from a highly competitive pool of nearly 2,800 nominees.

Dr. Grandhe is a quadruple board-certified physician-executive who completed Harvard-affiliated fellowships in hospice and palliative medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and in bioethics at the Harvard Center for Bioethics. Originally from India, he earned his medical degree from Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai. His work focuses on culturally responsive, compassionate care for underserved patients, particularly those facing serious illness and end-of-life decisions.

Dr. Shah is an Assistant Attending Physician with the Myeloma Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York. A board-certified hematologist-oncologist, she specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of plasma cell disorders and has contributed to advancing care for patients with myeloma and related conditions.

This recognition highlights the growing contribution of Indian-origin physicians in oncology, value-based cancer care, and compassionate patient-centered medicine.

Source: : Newa India Times, 14/05/2026

Link:<https://newsindiatimes.com/indian-origin-oncologists-honored-in-national-40-under-40-in-cancer-awards/>



DR. SUNDEEP GRANDHE



DR. URVI SHAH

**DR P. C. RATH CONFERRED DOCTOR OF SCIENCE BY
DR NTR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

Dr. P. C. Rath, Director and Head of the Department of Cardiology at Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, and Apollo Hospitals, Bhubaneswar, has been conferred the prestigious Doctor of Science (DSc) degree by Dr NTR University of Health Sciences, Andhra Pradesh.

The honour will be presented during the 29th and 30th annual convocations of the university, scheduled to be held on June 2, 2026, in Vijayawada.

Dr. Rath is a globally renowned interventional cardiologist, widely recognized as a pioneer, innovator, and mentor in the field of cardiology. He has trained hundreds of cardiologists across India and abroad, contributing significantly to the growth of modern interventional cardiology.

He is the immediate past president of the Cardiological Society of India, President of the Indian College of Cardiology, Chairman of the Interventional Council of India, and Governor, India, of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Rath is also a Fellow of several prestigious institutions, including the American College of Cardiology, European Society of Cardiology, Indian College of Cardiology, and the Royal College of Physicians, London and Edinburgh.

This recognition highlights Dr. Rath's outstanding contribution to cardiology, medical education, mentorship, and patient care, bringing pride to the Indian medical fraternity.

Source: : New Indian Express, 26/04/2026

Link:<https://www.newindianexpress.com/amp/story/states/telangana/2026/Apr/26/apollo-doctor-conferred-dsc-by-dr-ntr-university-of-health-sciences>



THREE WOMEN DOCTORS APPOINTED DIRECTORS OF DELHI'S TOP CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

*In a historic first, three women doctors have been appointed as Directors of three of Delhi's leading central government hospitals, marking an important milestone in women's leadership in India's public healthcare system. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has appointed **Dr. Akhilandeshwari Prasad** as Director of ABVIMS and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, **Dr. Himani Ahluwalia** as Director of Lady Hardinge Medical College, and **Dr. Kavita Rani Sharma** as Director of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital.*

Dr. Prasad is a senior consultant in Radio Diagnosis and has been associated with RML Hospital and ABVIMS for nearly three decades in academic and administrative roles. Dr. Ahluwalia is a senior professor and Head of the Department of Physiology at VMMC, with extensive experience in academics and research. Dr. Sharma is a Director Professor of Anaesthesia and has been appointed to lead VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital.

Their appointments reflect the growing presence of women in senior healthcare leadership roles across India's major public institutions. These hospitals are among the busiest tertiary care centres in the country, serving large patient populations while also playing a vital role in medical education and research.

This milestone highlights the contribution of women physicians to clinical care, academics, administration, and public health leadership, and marks a proud moment for the Indian medical fraternity.

Source: : Medical Dialogues, 25/05/2026

Link:<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/historic-first-3-women-doctors-appointed-directors-of-delhis-top-central-govt-hospitals-171312>



DR KRISHNA KUMAR WINS GLOBAL TRAUMA SURGERY HONOUR

Dr. Krishna Kumar, Assistant Professor of General Surgery at AIIMS Bhopal, has been honoured by the International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC) for his outstanding contributions to trauma management, emergency surgery, and surgical critical care.

The honour was conferred during International Surgical Week 2026, held as part of the 51st World Congress of the International Society of Surgery (ISS/SIC) in Mexico City.

With more than seven years of clinical and academic experience, Dr. Kumar has contributed to improving trauma care and emergency surgical outcomes, particularly in resource-limited settings.

At the congress, he joined an international cohort of surgeons, presented his research, and participated in discussions on innovative approaches to improve patient outcomes.

This recognition highlights Dr. Kumar's contribution to trauma surgery, emergency care, and surgical critical care, and reflects the growing global impact of Indian medical professionals.

Source: : Health Economic Times, 09/05/2026

Link: <https://health.economicstimes.indiatimes.com/news/industry/aiims-bhopal-surgeon-wins-global-trauma-surgery-honour/130969621>



DR S. K. GUPTA AWARDED FAANA, SETS GLOBAL BENCHMARK IN ARTHROSCOPY

Dr. S. K. Gupta, Director of Arthroscopy and Joint Replacement at Apollo Sage Hospital, Bhopal, has been conferred the prestigious FAANA – Fellow of the Arthroscopy Association of North America.

The recognition places Dr. Gupta among leading global arthroscopic surgeons and marks a significant milestone for Indian orthopaedics and sports medicine. The FAANA designation is awarded to surgeons demonstrating clinical excellence, academic contribution, leadership, and expertise in minimally invasive orthopaedic surgery.

Dr. Gupta is widely known as the “Meniscus Man of India” for his work in knee meniscus preservation and reconstruction. He has been a strong advocate of meniscus-saving procedures, focusing on long-term joint preservation and prevention of early osteoarthritis.

His areas of expertise include ACL reconstruction, meniscus repair and transplantation, cartilage restoration, and shoulder arthroscopy for rotator cuff and instability conditions. At Apollo Sage Hospital, he leads an advanced sports injury and arthroscopy programme that attracts patients from India and abroad.

Beyond clinical practice, Dr. Gupta is actively involved in teaching and mentoring young orthopaedic surgeons through workshops, lectures, and national and international academic platforms.

This honour highlights Dr. Gupta’s contribution to arthroscopy, sports injury management, joint preservation, and minimally invasive orthopaedic care, further strengthening India’s presence in global sports medicine.

Source: : The Print, 05/05/2026

Link:<https://theprint.in/ani-press-releases/dr-sk-gupta-meniscus-man-of-india-awarded-faana-sets-global-arthroscopy-benchmark/2922937/>



DR TASADUK HUSSAIN ITOO CONFERRED FELLOWSHIP OF ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Dr. Tasaduk Hussain Itoo, a physician from Poshkreri village in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, has been conferred the Fellowship of the Royal Society for Public Health (FRSPH), United Kingdom.

The fellowship is awarded to professionals who have made notable contributions to public health and maintained recognized standards of academic and professional practice. It places Dr. Itoo among a global network of public health professionals.

Dr. Itoo has been actively engaged in clinical practice, academic work, preventive health initiatives, patient care, and public health awareness.

He is affiliated with several international medical and public health bodies, including the International Diabetes Federation, the Academy of Medical Educators, UK, the Faculty of Public Health under the Royal Colleges of Physicians, UK, the Royal Society of Biology, UK, and the American College of Physicians, USA.

He was also recently appointed as an assessor by the Academy of Medical Educators, UK, becoming the first medical professional from Jammu and Kashmir to receive this role.

This recognition highlights Dr. Itoo's contribution to public health, medical education, preventive healthcare, and clinical practice, bringing pride to Jammu and Kashmir and the Indian medical fraternity.

Source: Kashmir Life, 05/05/2026

Link: <https://kashmirlife.net/anantnag-doctor-awarded-frsph-fellowship-in-united-kingdom-435005/>



DR YETHINDRA VITYALA RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN-SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR 2026 AWARD

Dr. Yethindra Vityala has been honoured with the prestigious International Physician-Scientist of the Year 2026 Award at the Global Healthcare-Wellness Awards and Summit held in Hyderabad.

The award recognizes Dr. Vityala's contributions to medical science, clinical research, public health innovation, and academic initiatives. He was also a panelist at the summit, where he shared insights on emerging innovations in public health management.

Dr. Vityala, who hails from Warangal, Telangana, is the Founder and CEO of SCIVYT Research Technologies Private Limited, an emerging edtech and research company focused on advancing research education and academic innovation.

Known for his work across clinical medicine, translational research, and public health, Dr. Vityala has authored over 110 peer-reviewed research articles and has reviewed more than 200 scientific papers for internationally indexed journals. He has also received multiple awards and recognitions for his contribution to medical research.

This recognition highlights Dr. Vityala's contribution to physician-led research, healthcare innovation, and academic development, reflecting the growing impact of young Indian medical professionals on the global healthcare stage.

Source: : India.com, 12/05/2026

Link: <https://www.india.com/money/best-international-physician-scientist-of-the-year-2026-award-bagged-by-dr-yethindra-vityala-8411530/>



DR DILEEP YAVAGAL RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT AAN 2026

Dr. Dileep Yavagal, Chief of Interventional Neurology and Professor of Clinical Neurology and Neurological Surgery at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, has received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2026 American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Annual Meeting.

The award, presented by the Association of Indian American Neurologists (AINA) in collaboration with the American Brain Foundation, recognizes Dr. Yavagal's decades-long contribution to advancing stroke treatment and expanding access to life-saving care worldwide.

Dr. Yavagal has played a key role in establishing mechanical thrombectomy as a standard of care for acute ischemic stroke. His work on landmark clinical trials, including SWIFT PRIME, helped demonstrate the benefits of thrombectomy for patients with large-vessel occlusion stroke.

He is also the founder of Mission Thrombectomy, a global initiative active in more than 90 countries, focused on improving access to advanced stroke care through training, advocacy, data, and system-level collaboration, especially in resource-limited settings.

Born and trained in India, Dr. Yavagal has remained closely connected to global stroke care through research, mentorship, and capacity-building initiatives. His recent work also includes studies on affordable thrombectomy devices and rural stroke disparities.

This honour highlights Dr. Yavagal's outstanding contribution to interventional neurology, stroke care, public health leadership, and equitable access to advanced treatment, reflecting the global impact of Indian-origin physicians in improving patient outcomes.

Source: : NewsMed Miami, 01/05/2026

Link: <https://news.med.miami.edu/dr-dileep-yavagal-aan-2026-lifetime-achievement-award/>



DR ASHUTOSH TEWARI NAMED HONORARY FELLOW OF ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Professor Ashutosh Tewari, leading Indian American urologist at The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, has been awarded the prestigious Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, the College's highest honour.

The honour was conferred at a Diploma Ceremony on May 6, 2026, in recognition of his pioneering contributions to robotic surgery, prostate cancer treatment, and urological innovation.

Professor Tewari is known globally for his work in robotic prostate cancer surgery and has performed more than 10,000 operations. He currently serves as System Chair of the Milton and Carroll Petrie Department of Urology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

His work also includes research into prostate cancer genomics, advanced imaging, biomarkers, and the development of a prostate cancer vaccine supported by the US National Institutes of Health and Department of Defense.

This recognition highlights Professor Tewari's outstanding contribution to patient care, surgical innovation, and prostate cancer research, further reflecting the global impact of Indian-origin physicians.

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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