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DR. SHAUN SETTY APPOINTED CHIEF OF PEDIATRIC CARDIAC SURGERY AT KAISER PERMANENTE OAKLAND

Dr. Shaun Setty, Dr. Shaun Setty, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Division of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at Stanford, has been appointed Chief of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, California, effective 1 July 2026. He will lead the pediatric cardiac surgery programme, overseeing surgical care for complex congenital heart disease and programme development, while continuing his clinical activities at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford and his roles as Director of the Global Cardiac Care and Adult Congenital Heart Disease programmes.

Dr. Setty is triple-board-certified in surgery, thoracic surgery and congenital heart surgery, with extensive experience in pediatric and adult congenital cardiac surgery. His academic research includes cardiac surgery outcomes, social determinants of health, big data applications in international humanitarian cardiac surgery centres, and congenital heart disease. His specialist training included fellowships at the University of Minnesota/Lillehei Heart Institute and the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia.

A strong advocate for global health, Dr. Setty has participated in numerous surgical missions, including in India, Haiti, the South Pacific and the Philippines. His appointment recognises his clinical expertise, research leadership and commitment to advancing care for patients with congenital heart disease.

Source: Stanford News, 1/07/2026

Link: <https://med.stanford.edu/ctsurgery/about-the-department/news/2026/dr-setty-named-chief-of-pediatric-cardiac-surgery-at-kp.html>



RAJASTHAN-BORN CARDIOLOGIST DR. SAMIN K. SHARMA APPOINTED CHIEF OF CLINICAL CARDIOLOGY AT MOUNT SINAI

Dr. Samin K. Sharma, an Indian-American interventional cardiologist from Rajasthan, has been appointed Chief of Clinical Cardiology at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, one of the leading medical institutions in the United States. In his new role, he will oversee the strategic direction and day-to-day clinical operations of the hospital's cardiology division.

Dr. Sharma has worked in complex coronary care at Mount Sinai for more than three decades. The institution has recognised his longstanding contributions to patient care and medical innovation, describing him as a prominent figure in interventional cardiology.

His appointment has been welcomed by organisations representing the Rajasthani diaspora in the United States, including the Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA) New York, Jaipur Foot USA and BRUHUD NY Seniors. RANA has announced plans to honour him at a special luncheon as part of its RANA Day celebrations. Beyond his clinical work, Dr. Sharma has been involved in humanitarian initiatives connecting Mount Sinai and India. During the Covid-19 pandemic, he worked with Jaipur Foot USA to help send ventilators to India and supported efforts to arrange essential medicines during shortages. Nearly two decades ago, he founded EHCC Hospital in Jaipur, which provides advanced cardiac care to patients from Rajasthan, neighbouring states and abroad.

Dr. Sharma's appointment recognises a career spanning decades in interventional cardiology, patient care and medical innovation. His achievement also reflects the significant contribution of Indian-origin physicians to clinical leadership and healthcare advancement in the United States while maintaining strong professional and humanitarian links with India.

Source: The Economic Times, 11/07/2026

Link: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/nri/latest-updates/rajasthan-born-cardiologist-samin-sharma-appointed-chief-of-clinical-cardiology-at-mount-sinai-new-york/articleshow/132324992.cms?from=mdr>



DR. R.B. SINGH HONoured WITH INTERNATIONAL 'SCROLL OF HONOUR' FOR HYPERTENSION WORK

Dr. R.B. Singh, a senior cardiologist from Muzaffarnagar, has received the international 'Scroll of Honour' in recognition of his contribution to cardiovascular medicine and hypertension management. The award was jointly presented by the World Hypertension League, European Society of Hypertension and Indian Society of Hypertension at the Global Summit on Hypertension and Cardiometabolic Disorders in Hyderabad.

Dr. Singh, 74, has served as a heart specialist in Muzaffarnagar for 49 years, including at the district hospital, and currently runs a private clinic in the Sadar Bazaar area. He was recognised for his work in managing hypertension and cardiometabolic disorders and for his contribution to patient care over several decades.

The international recognition highlights Dr. Singh's longstanding dedication to cardiovascular medicine and his contribution to improving the management of hypertension and cardiometabolic disorders.

Source: Times of India, 22/07/2026

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/agra/mnagar-cardiologist-gets-intl-honour-for-hypertension-work/articleshow/132564656.cms>



DR. RAVI THADHANI APPOINTED INAUGURAL CHIEF PHYSICIAN EXECUTIVE AT CEDARS-SINAI

Dr. Ravi Thadhani has been appointed Cedars-Sinai's inaugural Executive Vice President, Chief Physician Executive and Dean of the Medical Faculty, effective September 1. In this newly established role, he will lead the academic and clinical operations of the Los Angeles-based academic medical centre.

Dr. Thadhani currently serves as Cedars-Sinai's Executive Vice President of Clinical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer. His expanded responsibilities will include oversight of clinical quality, safety and medical standards, as well as academic affairs, including the Burns and Allen Research Institute and Cedars-Sinai Health Sciences University.

Born in India, Dr. Thadhani earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and a Master of Public Health in epidemiology from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. His academic leadership career has included senior roles at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Mass General Brigham and Emory University.

An accomplished researcher, Dr. Thadhani has authored or co-authored more than 300 peer-reviewed scientific articles, with research focusing on kidney disease and preeclampsia. He has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine and is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Thadhani's appointment recognises his extensive contributions to clinical leadership, medical research and academic medicine, and highlights the impact of Indian-origin physicians in advancing healthcare and medical education globally.

Source: American Bazaar Online, 27/07/2026

Link: <https://americanbazaaronline.com/2026/07/27/cedars-sinai-names-dr-ravi-thadhani-as-inaugural-chief-physician-executive-485271/>



INDIAN-ORIGIN PHYSICIANS DR. RESHMA KEWALRAMANI AND DR. SANJIV CHOPRA NAMED 2026 GREAT IMMIGRANTS, GREAT AMERICANS

Indian-origin physicians Dr. Reshma Kewalramani and Dr. Sanjiv Chopra have been named among the Carnegie Corporation of New York's 2026 Great Immigrants, Great Americans honourees. The annual recognition celebrates naturalised U.S. citizens for their outstanding contributions to American society. The 2026 class comprises 25 individuals from 21 countries.

Mumbai-born Dr. Kewalramani completed a combined undergraduate and medical degree at Boston University and began her career as a transplant nephrologist before moving into biotechnology. She joined Vertex Pharmaceuticals in 2017 and became its Chief Executive Officer and President in 2020, becoming the first woman to lead a major publicly traded biotechnology company. Under her leadership, Vertex advanced treatments for cystic fibrosis and helped bring the first CRISPR-based gene-editing therapy for sickle cell disease to receive approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Chopra, who was born in India and studied medicine at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, moved to the United States in 1972 for advanced medical training. Over the following decades, he established a distinguished career as a physician, educator and researcher. He has served on the faculty of Harvard Medical School for more than four decades and has also held clinical and teaching roles at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

The recognition of Dr. Kewalramani and Dr. Chopra highlights the significant contributions of Indian-origin physicians to American medicine, biotechnology, research and medical education, while reflecting the wider impact of the Indian medical diaspora on healthcare and scientific advancement.

Source: Indian Eagle, 03/07/2024

Link: <https://www.indianeagle.com/traveldiary/four-indian-origin-leaders-2026-great-immigrants-list/>



DR. RESHMA KEWALRAMANI



DR. SANJIV CHOPRA

DR. VISHAL AKULA TO RECEIVE IMA'S DR. KETAN DESAI AAO GAON CHALEN AWARD

Dr. Vishal Akula, Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry at Government Medical College (GMC), Nizamabad, has been selected for the prestigious Dr. Ketan Desai Aao Gaon Chalen Award (Rural Services) by the Indian Medical Association (IMA). He will receive the honour at the National Doctors' Day awards ceremony on 18 July at the Constitution Club of India.

A senior neuropsychiatrist and specialist in drug de-addiction, Dr. Akula has been recognised for his significant contributions to rural healthcare, community mental health services, de-addiction programmes and public health awareness, as well as his sustained service to society over the years. He has also recently become President-elect of the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS), Telangana State Branch.

Dr. Akula expressed gratitude to the Indian Medical Association and acknowledged his patients, colleagues, students and healthcare professionals working to provide quality healthcare in rural areas. He reaffirmed his commitment to serving communities through compassionate care, scientific rigour and healthcare programmes focused on local needs.

The recognition highlights Dr. Akula's dedication to strengthening mental healthcare and extending essential services to rural communities, while acknowledging his contribution to psychiatry, de-addiction care and public health in Telangana.

Source: Medical Dialogues 02/07/2024

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-vishal-akula-to-receive-imas-dr-ketan-desai-aao-gaon-chalen-award-174163>



DR. SHUSHRUTHA GOWDA PROVIDES TELE-NEUROLOGY CARE TO PATIENTS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Dr. Shushrutha Gowda, a Mysuru-based neurologist, is providing real-time specialist neurological care to patients located more than 15,000 km away in the United States through an advanced tele-neurology network. His work covers routine neurological consultations as well as emergencies including acute ischaemic stroke, intracerebral haemorrhage and subarachnoid haemorrhage.

Dr. Gowda is among a small group of Indian super-specialists providing tele-neurology support to patients in the United States. Each month, he spends nearly 130 hours delivering emergency neurological consultations to hospitals across four central US states – Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

A graduate of BLDE Medical College, Vijayapura, Dr. Gowda moved to the United Kingdom in 2002 and subsequently to the United States in 2005, where he completed his neurology residency at the University of Florida. He later joined the University of New Mexico as Director (Stroke) and subsequently served at Baptist Health, Kentucky, before returning to India in 2019.

During his tenure at the University of New Mexico, Dr. Gowda was part of an established telemedicine programme providing specialist neurological care to rural populations, including low-income communities, reservations and patients living in remote and hilly regions.

His continued delivery of specialist neurological expertise across international boundaries demonstrates the potential of tele-neurology to extend timely access to neurological care, particularly during emergencies when rapid specialist intervention can be critical.

Source: Times of India, 07/07/2024

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mysuru/mysuru-based-neurologist-provides-tele-neurology-care-to-patients-in-us/articleshow/132230298.cms>



DR. NAVIN C. SHAH HONOURED WITH AAPI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dr. Navin C. Shah, a Maryland-based urologist and co-founder of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), has been honoured with AAPI's Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his decades of leadership, advocacy, and contributions to Indian American physicians and global healthcare initiatives.

Dr. Shah grew up in Pune and graduated from B.J. Medical College before moving to the United States, where he became a leading urologist in the Washington, D.C., area. In 1981, while serving as president of the Indian Medical Association in Washington, D.C., he appealed to Indian medical associations across the country to establish a national body, leading to the formation of AAPI in 1982.

As AAPI's second president, Dr. Shah helped build a coalition of foreign-trained physicians to challenge discrimination faced by foreign medical graduates in the United States. The campaign ultimately contributed to federal legislation passed by Congress and signed by President George H.W. Bush in March 1992, establishing greater equality for foreign medical graduates.

Dr. Shah also helped expand AAPI's work in India through continuing medical education programmes, trauma care training for surgeons, infectious disease initiatives, and equipment donations to hospitals. His current efforts include prostate cancer screening initiatives and partnerships between medical institutions in the United States and India, including collaborations involving B.J. Medical College in Pune.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognises Dr. Shah's longstanding service to AAPI and his advocacy for physicians of Indian origin. His contributions reflect the important role of Indian-origin physicians in strengthening professional collaboration, medical education, patient care, and healthcare links between India and the United States.

Source: Times of India, 11/7/2026

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/nri/us-canada-news/aapi-honors-co-founder-dr-navin-c-shah-with-lifetime-achievement-award/articleshow/132303789.cms>



**DR. KARTIKEYA KOHLI, DR. NAVIN DANG AND PADMA BHUSHAN DR. ANIL KOHLI
HONOURED BY IMA**

Three distinguished medical professionals – Dr. Kartikeya Kohli, Dr. Navin Dang and Padma Bhushan Dr. Anil Kohli – were honoured at Indian Medical Association (IMA) Doctors' Day 2026 celebrations in New Delhi, recognising their contributions to clinical medicine, diagnostics, medical education, research and public service.

Dr. Kartikeya Kohli, Senior Consultant in Internal Medicine and an expert in diabetes, obesity and lifestyle disease management, was conferred the prestigious Chikitsa Ratan Award during the Doctors Day Celebration. A Consultant in Internal Medicine at Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research, Fortis Vasant Kunj and Apollo Clinic, East of Kailash, he has also contributed extensively to medical education, research and academic activities, including organising more than 35 Continuing Medical Education programmes and authoring over 200 medical articles.

Dr. Navin Dang, Founder and Chairman of Dr Dangs Lab, received the IMA Lifetime Achievement Award for his distinguished service to medical practice. He established Dr Dangs Lab in 1983 with his wife and co-founder Dr Manju Dang, developing it into a specialised diagnostic institution. His work has focused on maintaining high standards in diagnostic medicine, quality assurance, laboratory education and training, and he has also served in several professional and advisory roles.

Padma Bhushan Dr. Anil Kohli, an eminent dental surgeon, was conferred a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Doctors' Day Celebration and Awards 2026 organised by the South Delhi Branch of the IMA. The recognition honoured his longstanding contributions to oral healthcare, dental education, research and public service. Dr. Kohli is the first dentist in India to receive both the Padma Shri and the Padma Bhushan and has also served as President of the Dental Council of India and as Honorary Dental Surgeon to several Presidents and Prime Ministers of India.

The honours recognise the sustained contributions of these physicians to healthcare and medical advancement across their respective fields. Their achievements reflect a shared commitment to clinical excellence, professional education, research, quality healthcare and service to the wider medical community

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<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/dr-navin-dang-honoured-with-ima-lifetime-achievement-award-176027>

<https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/padma-bhushan-dr-anil-kohli-honoured-with-lifetime-achievement-award-at-ima-doctors-day-celebration-174407>



DR. KARTIKEYA KOHLI, DR. NAVIN DANG AND PADMA BHUSHAN DR. ANIL KOHLI

SURGEON VICE ADMIRAL ARTI SARIN HONoured WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ONCOLOGY

Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin, Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS), has been conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association of Radiation Oncologists of India (AROI) in recognition of her outstanding contributions to oncology, medical education and the advancement of cancer care in India.

The prestigious award was presented by Dr Umesh Mahantshetty, Director of Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre and Vice President of AROI, during Oncovision 2026, held at Army Hospital (Research & Referral), New Delhi.

With a distinguished career spanning nearly four decades, Surg VAdm Sarin has made significant contributions to radiation oncology, clinical excellence, medical research and teaching. Her work has also encompassed healthcare leadership within the Armed Forces Medical Services.

As Director General Armed Forces Medical Services, Surg VAdm Sarin continues to lead the tri-services medical organisation while contributing to advancements in military healthcare, medical education and specialised cancer treatment, strengthening the medical capabilities of the Armed Forces.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognises Surg VAdm Sarin's sustained contribution to oncology and healthcare leadership. Her distinguished service reflects the important role of physician leaders in advancing cancer care, medical education and healthcare delivery in India.

Source: Indian Defence News, 05/07/2026

Link: <https://www.ssbscrack.com/2026/07/surgeon-vice-admiral-arti-sarin-receives-lifetime-achievement-award-for-excellence-in-oncology.html>



DR. PAWANINDRA LAL HONOURED WITH CHIKITSA VIBHUSHAN SAMMAN

Dr. Pawanindra Lal, a distinguished laparoscopic, robotic and gastrointestinal surgeon, has been conferred the Chikitsa Vibhushan Samman by the Indian Medical Association (IMA), East Delhi branch, in recognition of his contributions to patient care, medical education and healthcare advancement.

The award was presented by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta at the Poorva Sanskritik Kendra on July 1 during National Doctors' Day celebrations. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister of State Harsh Malhotra, former Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, Krishna Nagar MLA Dr Anil Goyal and members of the medical fraternity.

A pioneer of minimal access surgery in India, Dr. Lal has spent decades advancing laparoscopic and robotic gastrointestinal procedures. He serves as Senior Consultant in the Department of Robotic, Minimal Access and General Surgery at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, and as President of the International College of Laparoscopic Surgeons.

Dr. Lal also played an important role in establishing the country's first Department of Minimal Access Surgery in a government medical college, contributing to surgical training and the wider adoption of minimally invasive techniques.

Receiving the honour, Dr. Lal dedicated the recognition to his mentors, colleagues, students and the entire healthcare team. The Chikitsa Vibhushan Samman recognises his sustained contributions to clinical practice, surgical innovation, patient care and medical education in India.

Source: Tribune India , 03/07/2026

Link: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/delhi/delhi-cm-rekha-gupta-honours-surgeon-pawanindra-lal-with-chikitsa-vibhushan-samman/>



PROF. DR. SRI GANESH RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS APACRS LIM LECTURE HONOUR

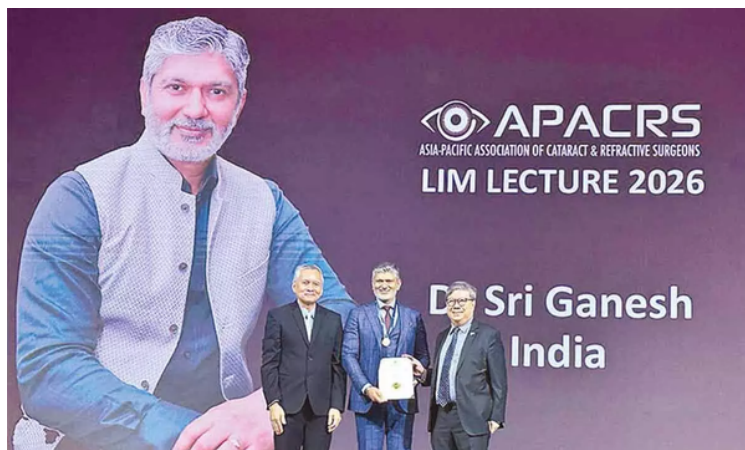
Prof. Dr. Sri Ganesh, Founder and Chairman of Nethradhama Super Speciality Eye Hospital, Bengaluru, has been conferred the prestigious LIM Lecture by the Asia-Pacific Association of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (APACRS). He is only the third Indian to receive the distinction in its 35-year history.

With a career spanning more than three decades, Prof. Dr. Sri Ganesh has performed over 75,000 refractive procedures and more than 1.2 lakh cataract surgeries.

His work has contributed to advances in refractive surgery, including corneal lenticule extraction and tissue-addition techniques.

He has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed scientific publications and has contributed extensively to ophthalmic research, innovation and education. Receiving the honour, he dedicated the recognition to the Nethradhama team and Indian ophthalmology.

The APACRS recognition highlights Prof. Dr. Sri Ganesh's contributions to innovation, research and patient care, and reflects the growing global impact of Indian ophthalmologists.



Source: The Hans India , 01/07/2026

Link: <https://www.thehansindia.com/karnataka/global-ophthalmology-body-honours-dr-sri-ganesh-1092421>



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