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DR ARUN PRASAD HONOURED WITH DISTINGUISHED TEACHER'S AWARD 2026

Dr Arun Prasad, Senior Consultant in GI, Bariatric and Robotic Surgery at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, has received the Distinguished Teacher's Award 2026 from the Association of National Board Accredited Institutions (ANBAI), recognising his contribution to surgical education, training and mentorship.

The award was presented during the ANBAI National Conclave held on 29-30 August 2026. Dr Prasad's professional work encompasses gastrointestinal, bariatric and robotic surgery alongside his contribution to the education and training of medical professionals.

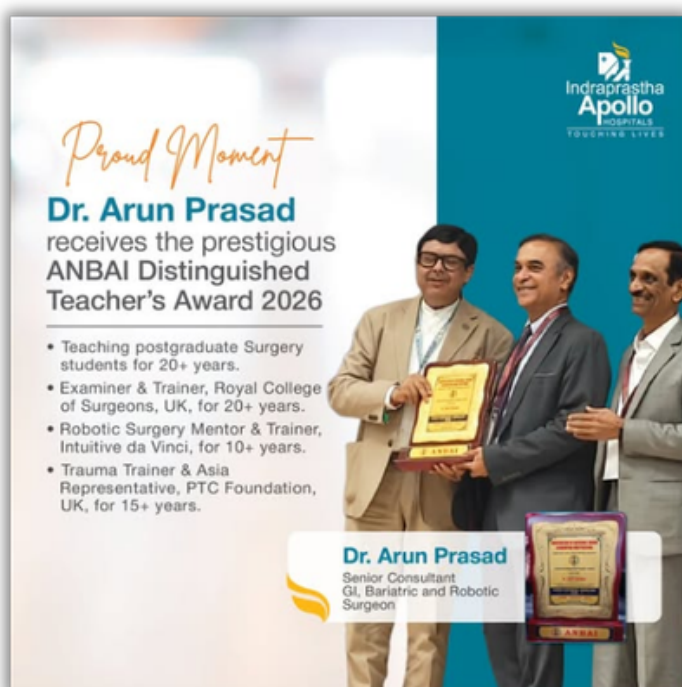
The Distinguished Teacher's Award acknowledges his role in surgical education and mentorship and recognises the importance of experienced clinicians in developing the skills and knowledge of future specialists.

Alongside his clinical responsibilities, Dr Prasad's contribution to teaching reflects the close relationship between specialised patient care and high-quality postgraduate medical training.

The recognition celebrates Dr Prasad's contribution to surgical education and mentorship and highlights the important role of Indian surgeon-educators in strengthening medical training and advancing specialised healthcare.

Source: Apollo Hospitals website, 30/08/2026

Link: https://www.apollohospitals.com/la/apollo-in-the-news/apollo-hospitals-dr-arun-prasad-honoured-with-distinguished-teacher-s-award-at-anbai-national-conclave-2026?utm_source=chatgpt.com



PROF. SAMIRAN NUNDY HONOURED WITH NOTTO LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Prof. Samiran Nundy, a distinguished Indian surgeon, has received the Lifetime Achievement Award to Transplant Professional from the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. The honour was presented during the 16th Indian Organ Donation Day held in New Delhi on 3 August 2026.

The award recognises Prof. Nundy's longstanding contribution to transplantation and surgery. Through his career in medicine, he has contributed to the development of surgical practice and the advancement of transplantation in India.

The recognition by NOTTO acknowledges his sustained professional contribution to the field and his role in strengthening transplant-related healthcare.

Presented as part of Indian Organ Donation Day, the award also draws attention to the importance of organ donation and transplantation in improving and saving the lives of patients requiring transplant care.

The Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates Prof. Nundy's distinguished contribution to surgery and transplantation and recognises his enduring service to Indian healthcare.

Source: Sir Gangaram Hospital Website, 06/08/2026

Link: <https://sgrh.com/news-details/lifetime-achievement-award-to-transplant-professional-by-notto---prof-samiran-nundy>



THREE INDIAN-ORIGIN SCIENTISTS RECEIVE ASTRO FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANTS TO ADVANCE RADIATION MEDICINE

Three Indian-origin scientists are among 14 recipients of new research grants announced by the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) and Speed of Light - The ASTRO Foundation. A total of \$2.4 million has been awarded to support research aimed at advancing patient care in radiation medicine.

Dr Rohan Katipally of the University of Chicago received an Innovation Award to Optimize Combination Radiation Therapy and Immunotherapy. His research investigates how immunotherapy can be effectively combined with radiotherapy in the curative treatment of head and neck cancer. Building on the DEPEND trial, his team will study tumour tissue, blood samples and clinical data to identify biological factors associated with treatment response, cancer recurrence and patient survival in aggressive HPV-negative head and neck cancer.

Dr Meghana Pagadala, MD, PhD, of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center received the James D. Cox Resident Research Award. Her research examines the spatial immune microenvironment of brain metastases, which can affect patients with common cancers including breast and lung cancer. Using spatial transcriptomics, she is studying how radiation therapy reshapes immune cells and their organisation within tumours, with the aim of understanding why some patients achieve durable tumour control while others experience regrowth.

Dr Akshat Patel of Mass General Brigham received the ASTRO Residents/Fellows in Radiation Oncology Seed Grant. His research builds on a National Cancer Institute-sponsored clinical trial evaluating FOLFIRINOX chemotherapy followed by chemoradiation and surgery for patients with locally advanced gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma. With more than five years of follow-up available, the research will examine long-term outcomes and integrate advanced biomarkers to help personalise treatment and support organ-preserving approaches for selected patients.

The 2026 awards are the first annual research grants announced since ASTRO relaunched its foundation as Speed of Light, with a renewed emphasis on accelerating scientific research and strengthening the radiation oncology workforce. The grants are supported through donors and partnerships with cancer research organisations including the American Cancer Society, American Association of Physicists in Medicine, Breast Cancer Research Foundation, LUNgevity Foundation and Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Source: New India Abroad, 11/08/2026

Link: <https://www.newindiaabroad.com/english/people/radiation-oncologist-rohan-katipally-wins-2026-astro-innovation-award>



Meghana Pagadala, Rohan Katipally and Akshat Patel.

DR RAMESH KHANNA RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD AT 2026 MIZZOU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLD STANDARD AWARDS

Dr Ramesh Khanna, an Indian-American nephrologist, has received the Distinguished Faculty Award at the 2026 Mizzou Alumni Association Gold Standard Awards in recognition of his sustained achievements in medicine, scholarship and student mentorship.

A specialist in nephrology, Dr Khanna has contributed to academic medicine through his work as a physician, scholar and educator. His career has combined medical practice with a strong commitment to teaching and mentoring students.

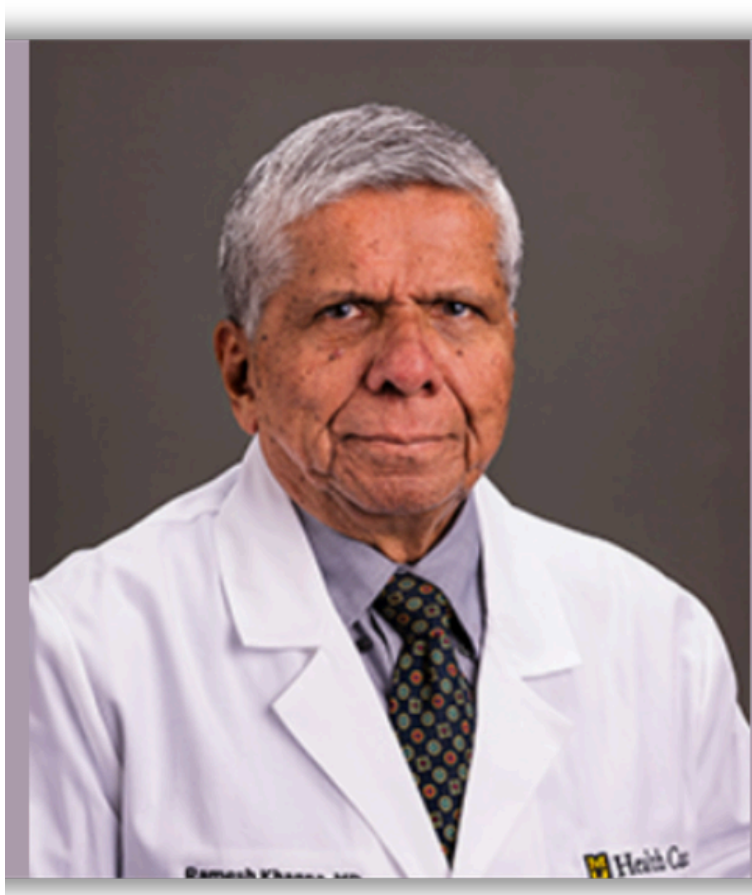
The Distinguished Faculty Award recognises his sustained professional achievements and contribution to the academic community. His work in medical education and mentorship has supported the development of future generations of healthcare professionals.

Alongside his contributions to nephrology, Dr Khanna's recognition highlights the important role of experienced physician-educators in strengthening academic medicine and fostering excellence among medical students and trainees.

The honour celebrates Dr Khanna's contributions to medicine, scholarship and mentorship and reflects the continuing impact of Indian-origin physicians on medical education and healthcare in the United States.

Source: American Bazaar Online, 18/08/2026

Link: <https://americanbazaaronline.com/2026/08/17/ramesh-khanna-gets-missouri-med-schools-distinguished-faculty-award-486511>



DR CHINMAY JANI WINS \$50,000 BINAYTARA LUNG CANCER RESEARCH AWARD

Dr Chinmay Jani, an Indian-origin physician-scientist at the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, has received the \$50,000 Binaytara Lung Cancer Research Award New York 2026 for his work in lung cancer research.

Dr Jani received the award following the Impact Pitch competition held during the Brooklyn Lung Cancer Conference on 7-8 August 2026. The recognition supports his research in the field of lung cancer and acknowledges the importance of innovative physician-led investigation in oncology.

As a physician-scientist, Dr Jani contributes to efforts aimed at advancing scientific understanding of lung cancer and developing research that can support improvements in cancer care.

The Binaytara Lung Cancer Research Award provides \$50,000 in support, strengthening opportunities to pursue research addressing important challenges in lung cancer.

Dr Jani's achievement highlights the contribution of Indian-origin physician-scientists to cancer research in the United States and the wider global effort to advance knowledge, innovation and patient care in oncology.

Source: American Bazaar Online, 17/08/2026

Link:<https://americanbazaaronline.com/2026/08/19/chinmay-jani-wins-50000-binaytara-lung-cancer-research-award-486634>



DR SATHEESH K. KATHULA HONOURED WITH EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARD

Dr Satheesh K. Kathula, an Indian-American haematologist-oncologist and former President of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), has received the Excellence in Medicine Award at the American Telugu Association convention held in Baltimore on 1 August 2026.

The recognition honours Dr Kathula's contributions to oncology, medical education, public health and patient care. As a specialist in haematology and oncology, he has combined clinical practice with broader engagement in healthcare leadership and education.

Dr Kathula has also played an important leadership role within the Indian-American medical community through his association with AAPI, including serving as its President. His work has encompassed initiatives related to medicine, public health and professional engagement.

The Excellence in Medicine Award recognises his sustained contributions across clinical medicine, medical education and healthcare service, as well as his commitment to advancing patient care.

The honour reflects Dr Kathula's contribution to medicine and highlights the continuing impact of Indian-origin physicians on healthcare, professional leadership and medical service in the United States.

Source: TIGI Global, 03/08/2026

Link: <https://tigi.global/articles/dr-satheesh-kathula-honored-with-excellence-in-medicine-award-at-american-telugu>



DR V. MOHAN RECEIVES DR A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM AWARD 2026

***Dr V. Mohan**, a renowned Indian diabetologist, has received the **Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award 2026** from the Government of Tamil Nadu in recognition of his contributions to scientific advancement, healthcare, diabetes research and public health.*

A leading specialist in diabetology, Dr Mohan has devoted his professional career to advancing the understanding, prevention and management of diabetes. His work encompasses clinical care, research and initiatives addressing the wider public health impact of the disease.

*The **Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award** recognises contributions to scientific development and innovation. According to the reported information, Dr Mohan is the first medical doctor to receive the award, marking an important recognition of medical and healthcare research within the scope of the honour.*

His contributions to diabetes research and healthcare have helped strengthen attention to one of the major public health challenges facing India. His work demonstrates the role of physician-scientists in connecting research with clinical practice and population health.

The recognition celebrates Dr Mohan's contribution to diabetes care, scientific research and public health and underscores the important role of Indian physicians in advancing medical science and improving healthcare outcomes.

Source: Biospectrum India, 15/8/2026

Link:<https://biospectrumindia.com/news/113/28316/dr-v-mohan-receives-dr-a-p-j-abdul-kalam-award-by-government-of-tamil-nadu.html>



DR A.K. GROVER HONOURED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BY ISCKRS

Dr A.K. Grover, a distinguished Indian ophthalmologist, has been honoured with the *Lifetime Achievement Award* by the Indian Society of Cornea and Kerato-Refractive Surgeons (ISCKRS) in recognition of his contributions to ophthalmology, particularly corneal and kerato-refractive surgery.

The honour recognises Dr Grover's longstanding professional contribution to eye care and his work in advancing specialised ophthalmic practice in India.

Throughout his career, Dr Grover has contributed to the development of ophthalmology through clinical practice and his engagement with the wider professional community. The *Lifetime Achievement Award* acknowledges the sustained nature of his contribution to the specialty.

The recognition was presented in New Delhi and celebrates his commitment to advancing corneal and kerato-refractive surgery and strengthening standards of specialised eye care.

The honour reflects Dr Grover's contribution to Indian ophthalmology and recognises the important role of experienced clinicians and surgeons in advancing specialised medical care.

Source: Vision Eye Care Hospital , 11/8/2026

Linka: <https://www.visioneyecentre.com/news-and-events/award-by-isckrs>



PROF. RUSSELL D'SOUZA HONOURED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEDICAL EDUCATION

Prof. Russell D'Souza, a psychiatrist and bioethicist, has been honoured in New Delhi for his contribution to medical education. The recognition was presented on 26 August 2026 by Dr Abhijat Sheth, Chairman of the National Medical Commission.

Prof. D'Souza's professional work spans psychiatry, bioethics and medical education, bringing together clinical medicine with ethical and educational dimensions of healthcare.

The recognition acknowledges his contribution to medical education and his work in an area that plays an important role in preparing healthcare professionals for the clinical, ethical and professional responsibilities of medical practice.

His work in psychiatry and bioethics also reflects the increasing importance of incorporating ethical considerations and a broader understanding of patient care into contemporary medical education.

The honour recognises Prof. D'Souza's contribution to medical education and highlights the role of physician-educators in strengthening the training and professional development of future generations of healthcare professionals.

Source: Medical Dialogues , 26/08/2026

Link: <https://medicaldialogues.in/amp/news/health/doctors/prof-russell-dsouza-psychiatrist-and-bioethicist-honoured-in-delhi-178176>



DR CYRES K. MEHTA HONOURED AS LEADING EYE SURGEON OF MAHARASHTRA

Dr Cyres K. Mehta, an Indian ophthalmologist and eye surgeon, has been honoured with the *Leading Eye Surgeon of Maharashtra Award 2026*, recognising his contribution to ophthalmology and specialised eye surgery.

The recognition acknowledges Dr Mehta's professional work as an eye surgeon and his contribution to specialised ophthalmic care in Maharashtra.

Through his clinical practice, Dr Mehta has been associated with the delivery of specialised eye care and surgical treatment. The award recognises his work and professional contribution within the field.

The honour adds to the professional recognition accorded to Indian ophthalmologists for their contribution to specialised surgical care and the advancement of eye health.

Dr Mehta's recognition highlights the continuing contribution of Indian eye surgeons to ophthalmology and patient care and marks an important professional achievement in his medical career.

Source: Parsi Times , 08/08/2026

Link: <https://parsi-times.com/2026/08/dr-cyres-mehta-named-maharashtras-leading-eye-surgeon-once-again>



INDIAN-ORIGIN ONCOLOGIST DR RAMASWAMY GOVINDAN RECEIVES WASHU MEDICINE DEAN'S MEDAL FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

Dr Ramaswamy Govindan, an Indian-origin oncologist, has received the 2026 WashU Medicine Dean's Medal for Clinical Excellence in recognition of his contributions to lung cancer research and patient care. Dr Govindan has made significant contributions to the field of oncology, with particular emphasis on lung cancer. His work has combined clinical care with research aimed at advancing understanding and treatment of the disease.

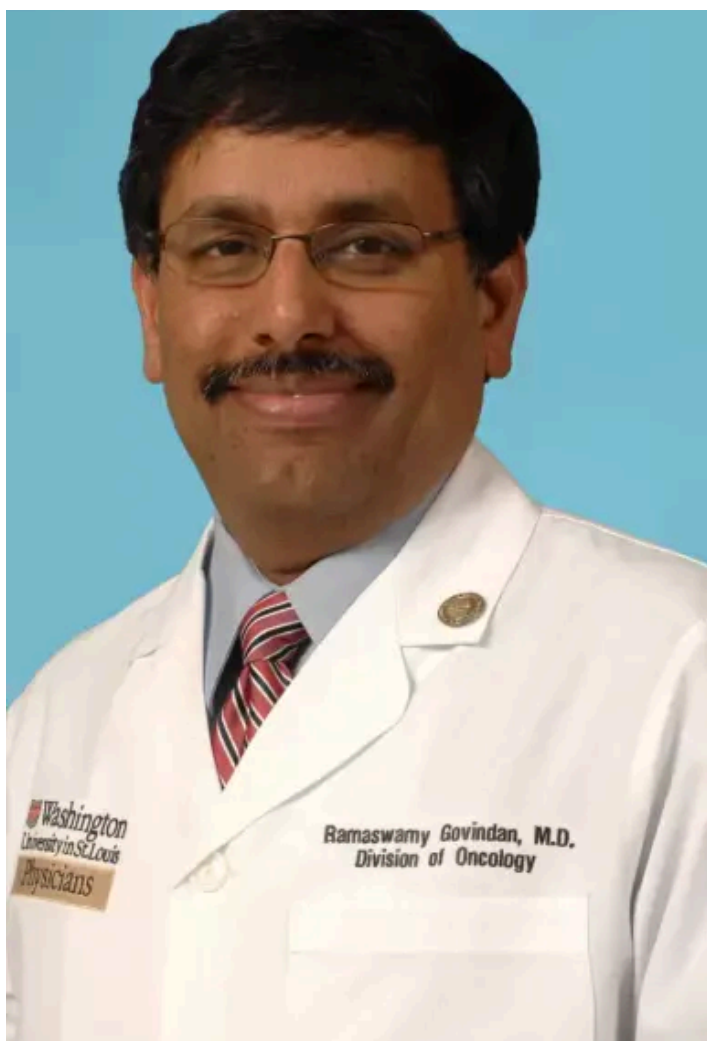
The Dean's Medal for Clinical Excellence recognises distinguished contributions to medicine and patient care. Dr Govindan's recognition acknowledges his work in advancing lung cancer research alongside his commitment to clinical excellence.

His career exemplifies the important contribution of physician-scientists who integrate research with clinical practice to improve the understanding and management of cancer.

The honour reflects Dr Govindan's contribution to oncology and highlights the significant role of Indian-origin physicians in advancing cancer research and patient care in the United States and globally.

Source: New India Abroad, 25/06/2026

Link: <https://www.newindiaabroad.com/gujarati/people/indian-origin-oncologist-receives-washu-deans-medal>



DR AMANDEEP HANSRA HONOURED WITH AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION 2026 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Dr Amandeep Hansra, an Indian-origin physician and digital health leader in Australia, has received the Australian Medical Association (AMA) 2026 President's Award. The honour was presented at the AMA26 National Conference Gala Dinner on 29 August 2026 in recognition of her contributions to medicine, digital health and medical innovation.

Dr Hansra has established herself as a prominent voice in the evolving field of digital healthcare, working at the intersection of clinical medicine, technology and innovation. Her professional contributions have focused on advancing the role of digital solutions in contemporary healthcare.

The President's Award recognises her leadership and contribution to strengthening digital health and supporting innovation within the medical profession. Her work reflects the increasing importance of technology in improving healthcare delivery and shaping new models of patient care.

The recognition also highlights the contribution of physicians who combine clinical experience with technological innovation to address emerging healthcare needs.

Dr Hansra's achievement reflects the growing influence of Indian-origin physicians in healthcare leadership and innovation internationally, while highlighting the important role of medical professionals in advancing digitally enabled healthcare.

Source: The Australia Today, 30/08/2026

Link: <https://www.theaustraliatoday.com.au/dr-amandeep-hansra-wins-australian-medical-association-presidents-award-for-innovation-and-digital-health-leadership>



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