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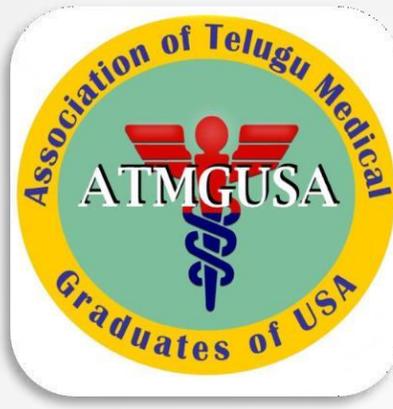
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**50 Years of Service by Telugu Doctors
in the USA – 1969-2019**

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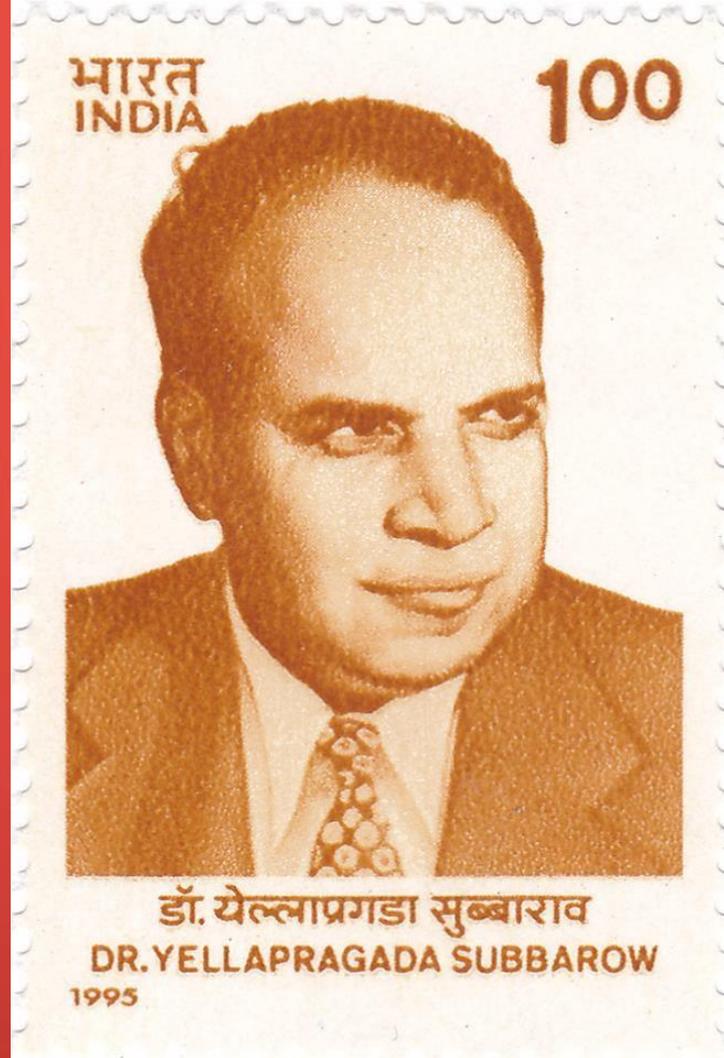
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Telugu Velugulu



Celebrating 50 Years of Service
by Telugu Doctors in the USA
1969-2019

Dedicated to the:
First Telugu Medical Doctor in the USA
Who left an Indelible Mark in the
Annals of Medicine



You've probably never heard of Dr. Yellapragada Subbarow, yet because he lived you may be well and alive today; because he lived you may live longer.

- American Author, Doron K. Antrim



Biography of Dr. Yellapragada Subbarow (1895-1948)
By: Dr. Pushpa Mitra Bharagava, former Director, Center
for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India



Dr. Jaganmohan Kakarala

Ann Arbor, Michigan

The Legend – The Man

Founding Member of AAPI and ATMGUSA
President of AAPI (1987-88)

A graduate of Rangaraya Medical College (1964), Dr. Kakarala was awarded Royal Rangarayan Medal of Excellence by Dr. Rajasekhara Reddy – Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in 2008. He also received Lifetime Achievement Award on January 5, 2019 at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations by Hon. Sri Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India.

- Dr. Jagan Kakarala is an Internist worked as Director of Medical Services for the State of Michigan for 23 years. Received a special tribute for his services – they called him THE LEGEND, THE MAN and named a Medical Building after him as Dr. K. Building.
- Dr. Kakarala is a Founding Member of AAPI in 1981, and served in various capacities, such as Secretary, Vice President, President, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- AAPI presented Dr. Kakarala with Lifetime Achievement Award and named him as Bhishmapithamaha of AAPI.
- Dr. Kakarala founded Andhra Pradesh Medical Graduates of USA (APMGUSA), and was a Chairman of the APMGUSA.
- He was elected as Chairman of the IAAP (International Association of American Physicians), an umbrella organization of 175,000 foreign medical graduates.
- Dr. Kakarala was nominated as Chairman of the Council on Medical Education by President Bill Clinton. In that capacity, he was successful in ending the discrimination of IMGs. The Council of Graduate Medical Education report and recommendations, and the work with state medical boards resulted in the creation of USMLE to make the level field for all IMG'S, victory at last.
- He received multiple recognitions, such as Congressional Certificate by the Senator Debbie Stabenow, Arch of India International Gold Award for his leadership and service by NRI institutions, Flag Award by the Michigan State Medical Society among others.
- Service to Motherland – Rural Health Care Initiative, Pedapadu Project, where he built a hospital, water purification plant, and adopted 30 villages with 60,000 population.



A Milestone in the Annals of Indian American Doctors



Recently, two well-known Indian American doctors in the United States created history. Dr. Prem Sagar Reddy, a Cardiologist (SV Medical College alumnus) and Dr. Dev Gnanadev Appanagari, a Surgeon (Kurnool Medical College alumnus), were instrumental in launching a new private, nonprofit medical school affiliated to the California University of Science and Medicine (CUSM) in San Bernardino County of California (<https://www.calmedu.org/>). The mission of the new medical school is to improve healthcare by training exceptional physicians with a special dedication to serving underserved areas, especially in areas like the Inland Empire of Southern California.

Dr. Prem Reddy is the founder, Chairman, President and CEO of Prime Healthcare, which runs 45 hospitals in 14 states. Dr. Prem Reddy, has a long-track record of leadership, philanthropy, and entrepreneurship. The Prime Healthcare Foundation and Dr. Reddy's family foundation committed more than \$60 million for the new medical school. In the words of Dr. Prem Reddy, Founder and Chairman of the CUSM Board of Trustees, "It has been a dream come true to establish a medical school sincerely believing that education and healthcare can profoundly improve the lives of others. It is a great privilege to help students shape the future of healthcare through dedication to clinical excellence and compassionate care."

Dr. Dev Gnanadev, past President of the California Medical Association, past Medical Director of the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC), a 456-bed teaching hospital operated by the County of San Bernardino, and the current President of the California Medical Board, and Founding President of CUSM said "Our new school will have a lasting impact not only on the current shortage of physicians and limited medical school slots in our state, but also on the wellness of those in our community. The medical school's affiliation with ARMC, where I've practiced for more than 37 years, provides an exceptional clinical training ground for future physicians. I thank Dr. Reddy, Prime Healthcare Foundation, the County of San Bernardino and our amazing faculty for making all of this possible."

The new medical school also received support throughout the local community including the County of San Bernardino, ARMC, the City of Colton, an affiliation with Claremont Graduate University and prominent members of the community on the CUSM Board of Trustees. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and ARMC contributed \$10 million to support CUSM.

Dr. Robert Suskind, a prominent educator and founding dean of medical schools in Texas and Northern California, has been recruited to serve as the Founding Dean of CUSM School of Medicine. He led the recruitment of exceptional faculty of MDs and MD/PhDs that align with the university's uniquely integrated, active-learning, student-centered curriculum. An inaugural class of 60 students was admitted in a White Coat Ceremony held on July 22nd.

Contributed by: Bellamkonda Kishore, M.D., Ph.D., MBA

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VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, Utah

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H & R Block, Draper, UT

Daughter: Satya Kamala, Graduating with Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering,
Rice University, Houston, TX

Son: Dharma Prashant, Senior Cloud Engineer, Global Security Systems,
Adobe, Lehi, UT

Community and Outreach Activities:

- Founding Trustee of Telugu Association of Utah 2007-08
- Vice President of APNA Foundation 2011-12
- Co-Founder and Organizer, Renal Purinergic Club, a global scientific forum
- Founding Member and Director, SAI Kuteer, a faith-based charitable organization
- Current President, Kurnool Medical College Alumni of North America (KMC-ANA)
- Current Trustee, Sankara Nethralaya OM Trust, USA
- AAPI Veterans Obesity Awareness Campaign – VA Salt Lake City Healthcare System
- Obesity Awareness Campaign – AAPI GHS 2019, Hyderabad, India
- Editor, Sushruta Medical News, AAPI

Published two motivational books to guide students/youth:

Tamasoma Jyothirgamaya & Life is Creating Yourself

Reviewed by the **NRI Pulse**



Hobbies: Freelance Writing, Poetic Compositions, Photography, Listening to & Singing
Devotional Songs, Promoting Cultural & Alumni Affairs, and Visiting National Parks.

From the Desk of the President, ATMGUSA



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure I present to you the inaugural edition of Telugu Velugulu (తెలుగు వెలుగులు) magazine during Navratri Season, celebrating Vijayadasimi 2019. Telugu Doctors represent one of the finest minds in the world, and I am very fortunate to have the opportunity and humbled to serve this great organization as its President.

Sushma S. Nakka, M.D.

Our mission is to provide a forum for scientific, educational, cultural, charitable and social interaction amongst our alumni. ATMGUSA has also produced the maximum number of AAPI (American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin) presidents so far in its history. The organization was formed initially as alumni of Andhra Pradesh Medical Graduates (APMG) of the USA. Now formally as ATMGUSA, it is inclusive of all Telugu speaking doctors that are residing in the USA irrespective of their medical school of origin. This gave the opportunity for younger generation American medical graduates to join our organization.

Some of the recent and impactful programs include organizing ATMG Night at the Global Healthcare Summit held in Hyderabad in the state of Telangana on July 23rd 2019, and also providing funding for supporting blind children from Devnar Foundation for the Blind.

This magazine is made possible with the support, encouragement and guidance of our Advisory Panel, Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, who have worked constantly to bring this gem Telugu Velugulu. It is a product of great team effort with hard work and dedication from each one of them. I thank them all from the bottom of my heart.

I greatly appreciate your active participation in ATMGUSA and I hope you will enjoy reading this.

At Your Service
Sushma S. Nakka, M.D.
President ATMGUSA

Suresh Reddy, M.D.



Dr. Suresh Reddy was the President of ATMG USA. He also served as the President of Osmania, Gandhi and Kakatiya Medical Alumni (OQRMA).

Dr. Reddy revitalized ATMG USA and helped it become a plank for future leaders for AAPI. Under Dr. Reddy's leadership, ATMG USA and AAPI have been actively involved in community awareness programs like Obesity prevention, sharing medical knowledge at the Global Health Summit, team building activities such as the Share a Blanket program, medical education programs such as CPR training, social networking programs including 3 trips to the continent of Antarctica, morale building programs like mentoring future medical students, India heritage programs like Independence Day celebrations.

Vice President of India Sri Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Health Dr. Harshwardhan addressed the highly successful GHS. It was the first time ever, a sitting Prime Minister of India addressed an AAPI event, when Shri Narendra Modi spoke at the Summer Summit organized by AAPI. Others who addressed the AAPI Summer Summit included, Dr. Susan Bailey, Dr. Patricia Harris, US Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, from WHO. ATMG USA took an active role in the Global Health Summit in Hyderabad July 2019.

AAPI along with ATMGUSA joined hands with Indian Resuscitation Council to train 500,000 lay people in CPR during the month of October to celebrate the World Restart A Heart (WRAH) Day. AAPI has been in the forefront condemning Gun Violence, and has offered support to AMA's Stance, calling upon the US and state governments to make common-sense reforms, supported by the American public to protect innocent lives. Collaborating with the Indian Embassy in DC, under his leadership more than 1000 prescriptions were written for Indian visitors who were stranded in the USA due to COVID-19 Pandemic.



Dr. Suresh Reddy underwent medical education in Kakatiya | Osmania Medical Colleges, Telangana. He completed his Fellowship in Interventional Neuro-Radiology at Harvard Program in Boston. He served on the Harvard Faculty as the Chief of Interventional Neuro-Radiology for a decade, until he moved to Chicago to become Chief of Radiology at Hines Medical Center, and Associate Professor of Radiology at Loyola University.

Dr. Suresh Reddy with wife Leela and son Rohan.

Dr. Suresh Reddy
President AAPI, 2019-20

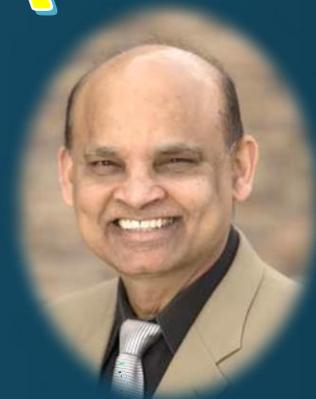
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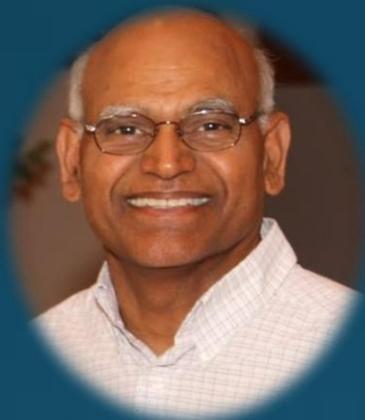
Ranga Reddy, M.D.
2010-11



Mohan Mallam, M.D.
2011-12



Emadi Venkat Rao, M.D.
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Sadasiva Reddy, M.D.
2013-14



Suresh Reddy, M.D.
2014-15



Prasad Nalluri, M.D.
2015-16



Tejanand Mulpur, M.D.
2016-17



**Satheesh
Kathula, M.D.**
2017-18



Ravi Kolli, M.D.
2018-19

PAST BOT CHAIRS OF Of ATMGUSA



Jagan R. Kakarala, MD
1990-91



**Dr. Sanku Surender
Rao**



Dr. Lokeshwara Rao Edara



Dr. Sreeni Gangasani

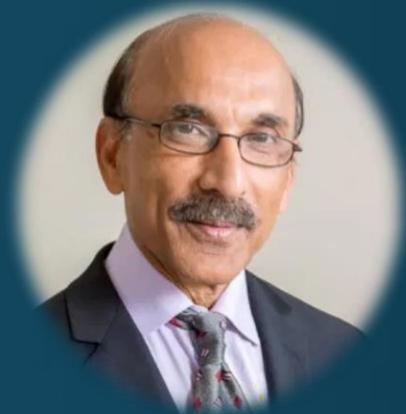
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Sanku Surender Rao, M.D.



Jagan Ailinani, M.D.



Kalpalatha K. Guntapalli, M.D.



C. Venkata S. Ram, M.D.



Ranga Reddy, M.D.



Apparao Mukkamala, M.D.

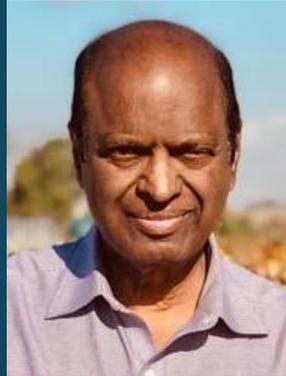


Jagan M. Kakarala, M.D.

Telugu AAPI BOT Chairs



Jagan R. Kakarala, MD
1990-91



Srikrishna Nuthi, MD
1992-93



Bhimsen S. Rao, MD
1995-96



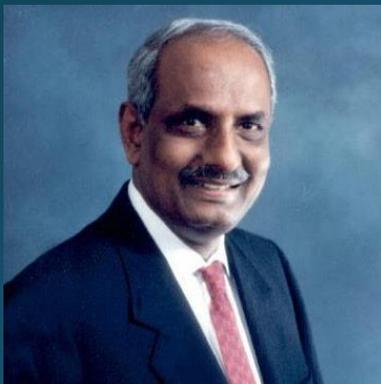
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Vidyasagar, MD**
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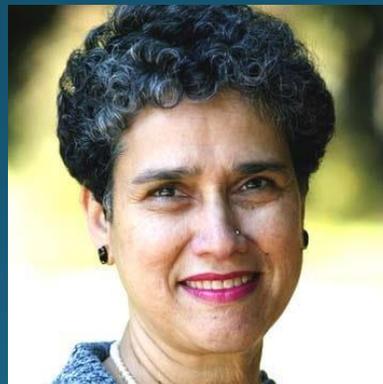
Surekha Rao, MD
2000-01



**Vijayalakshmi
Appareddy, MD**
2002-03



V. Haranatha Reddy, MD
2003-04



Sarala Rao, MD
2005-06



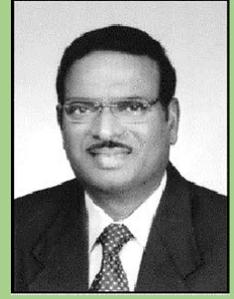
History of ATMGUSA

(Formerly APMGUSA)

By: Ranga Reddy, M.D.

Vice President APMG

Past President, AAPJ



Physicians from Andhra Pradesh started migrating to the USA in the late seventies and early eighties in large numbers especially from Guntur Medical College and Osmania Universities. Alumni from Andhra, Rangaraya, Kurnool and S. V. Medical colleges soon followed suit. By 1990 the total number of the immigrant physicians from Andhra Pradesh in the USA surpassed eight thousand. They spread all over the country in both academia and private practice. They worked hard and contributed immensely to the American health care. They became successful both professionally and financially. They organized themselves into their respective alumni associations for social and cultural interactions, and to provide service to their respective alma maters.

Osmania Medical alumni comprising of Osmania Medical College, Gandhi Medical College and Kakathiya Medical College were the first to be organized. Kurnool, Guntur, Rangaraya, Andhra and S.V. Medical colleges started their own alumni associations. These associations organized their meetings annually at different locations. They also took up equipment transfer and some building projects and facilitated CME and visiting fellowship programs at their respective medical colleges. Again, Osmania and Guntur were at the forefront.

Andhra Pradesh physicians were also the pioneers in organized medicine in the USA. They played an important role in the American Medical Association. Some of them were also the founding members of AAPI (American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin) which has become one of the best organized and influential ethnic medical associations in the USA. APMG provided eight Presidents and eight Chairs to the AAPI Board. They all did a great job in promoting the interest of international medical graduates in USA. They brought name and recognition to Telugu physicians and their respective alma maters.

Even though they all come from the same region, speak the same language and have similar agenda, these physicians do not necessarily engage in similar activities. Their numbers and strength are not executed properly either in US or India. Sometimes it is confusing to the married physician couple to attend these meetings because they belong to different alumni of different colleges or universities.

There was some movement in 1995 by Dr. Ranga Reddy to bring all the alumni under one umbrella as a federation under the banner of APNA (Andhra Pradesh Physicians in North America), keeping the identity of their alumni intact. Collectively as a bigger group it is possible to pool all alumni resources and have a better clout both here, in USA and in Andhra Pradesh to undertake bigger projects. But the idea of forming a federation did not bear fruit for another ten years. In 2005, under the leadership of Dragan Ailinani of Osmania, Dr. Ranga Reddy of Kurnool, Dr. Jagan Kakarala of Rangaraya, Dr. Mohan Mallam of Tirupathi and Dr. Tejanad Malpur of Guntur, this idea was pushed again under a different name, and Acronym Andhra Pradesh Medical Graduates, APMG and this time it was successful as all the alumni agreed to come under one umbrella organization while keeping their individual identity and agenda intact.

The first Executive Committee of APMG was elected, Dr. Jagan Kakarala of Rangaraya Medical College as Chairman, Dr. Ranga Reddy as Vice Chair, Dr. Mohan Mallam as Secretary and Dr. Ravi Surakanti as Treasurer. Dr. Kakarala drafted the constitution and the bylaws and worked hard to establish the new organization, APMG,



as a federation of all the alumni of A. P. physicians in the USA, and calls for the election of its Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer from the member alumni on a rotation basis for two years. Presidents of the alumni were represented in the executive committee. Those who graduated from medical schools outside Andhra Pradesh were grouped together as OTHERS and invited to participate in APMG. Meanwhile Siddartha Medical College from Vijayawada joined the fold further strengthening the organization. Now the ATMG numbers are over 12,000 in USA.

The main goals of APMG were to promote medical education in AP, improve rural health care and take up certain charitable activities which were not undertaken by individual alumni. Dr. Kakarala has established a rural health care hospital with an emphasis on prevention and clean water project. Dr. Ranga Reddy and Dr. Jagan Ailiani promoted rural clean water projects in collaboration with Nandi Foundation in their respective areas. Dr. Mohan Mallam of SV Medical College, Tirupathi who was elected Chairman in 2007 further strengthened the organization, published the first APMG directory, helped start more than a dozen clean water projects in rural Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with Nandi Foundation of Hyderabad.

Dr. Vemuri Moorthy, as Chairman of Emergency medical care committee, worked tirelessly with the Government of A.P to include BCLS and ACLS training and certification as mandatory for medical students and post graduates. APMG also signed a memorandum of understanding with the NTR medical university to that effect. Dr. Moorthy also travelled to all the medical colleges with team of experts and equipment every year to conduct BCLS and ACLS courses. Dr. Emami Rao of Andhra Medical College took over the chairmanship in July of 2010. He worked hard to give a new push to further strengthening APMG. He organized the first big Annual meeting of APMG on April 29, 2011 at Atlantic City. Thanks to Dr. Rao Emami the convention was a huge success and made APMG take a bigger leap into the future. Dr. Sadasiva Reddy of Kurnool Medical College was elected as Chairman in 2012.

Meanwhile the state of Andhra Pradesh is reorganized and divided into two states, Andhra and Telangana. Even though APMG represent the same Telugu physicians with similar goals, to make it politically correct, the name is changed to Association of Telugu Medical Graduates in America (ATMG).

Dr. Suresh Reddy from Osmania was elected Chairman of ATMG in 2014. His tenure saw a sharp rise in activism and participation of membership in organized medicine and in AAPI. Dr. Satheesh Kattula of Siddhartha Medical College has taken over the Chairmanship of the Association in 2016 and continued the same activism and participation even with greater vigor and energy and also brought more second-generation physicians into the fold. The years 2016 and 2017 saw many Telugu physicians got elected to leadership roles in AAPI, Dr. Suresh Reddy as President-Elect, Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda as Vice President and Dr. Anupama Gotimukula as Secretary. In 2018 Dr. Ravindranath Kolli of Rangaraya Medical College is made President of the ATMGUSA. In 2019 Dr. Suresh Reddy assumed the position of the President, Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda as President Elect, Dr. Anupama Gotimukula as Vice President and Dr. Ravindranath Kolli as Secretary of the AAPI.

Current Executive Committee of the ATMGUSA:

President: Dr. Sushma Nakka
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Vice President: Dr. Srinagesh Paluvoi
Secretary: Dr. Padmaja Adusumilli
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Executive Treasurer: Dr. Anupama Gotimukula
BOT Chair: Dr. Sreeni Gangasani
BOT Vice Chair: Dr. Raghu Lolabhattu



Dr. Lokeshwara Edara
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Global Medical Education
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M.B.B.S at Rangaraya Medical College Kakaina & Guntur Medical College, Guntur 1976.
Residency in Internal Medicine 1985-1988
Good Samaritan hospital and Johns Hopkins University
Fellowship in Allergy Immunology 1988-1990 at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA.
Board certified In Internal medicine
Board certified in Allergy and clinical Immunology
Assistant Professor of Medicine WMU School of Medicine Kalamazoo Michigan USA
Private practice in Allergy and Immunology since 1990.
Past President of Michigan Allergy and Asthma Society
Past President of GMCANA: During this time Podila GMCANA Hospital at GGH Guntur , 30 crore multi speciality hospital
Inaugurated by Honorable Governor of A.P. E.S.L. Narasimhan

During two year of his term as president, he worked 2 hours a day every day from USA for 2 years coordinating construction of Hospital with GMCANA Board and Govt of Andhra Pradesh
Past Board of Trustee RMCANA, Past Chairman of BOT of ATMGUSA

Actions during his Chairmanship of AAPI Global Medical Education

- 1.White coat ceremony to all MBBS students. Letter submitted through MCI chairman from AAPI
White coat ceremony is included in the foundation course curriculum since 2009.
- 2.Requested MCI chairman Dr V.K.Paul to make Emergency Medicine department mandatory in all the hospitals in India. Upon his recommendations, MCI made mandatory Emergency medicine department to all medical colleges by 2022.
- 3.His goal is to make MCI mandate curriculum to make MBBS, Nursing, Paramedical students from India should graduate with knowledge, confidence and with skills on par with the western world.
4. He worked with Indian Society of Anesthesiology and Indian Resuscitation council(IRC) since 2007. He promoted the Indian guidelines of BCLS,CCLS COLS to train every citizen of India to be a life saver. His future goal is promoting IRC to become a member of ILCOR , www.cprindia.in , www.ilcor.org
- 5.Presently he is working with NNF Forum and Indian Academy of Pediatrics to promote Neonatal resuscitation training to all nurses and health care workers in all delivery rooms across India. The plans to train all nurses in PALS, who work in pediatric hospitals across India.
- 6.Co-founder of Global association of Indian Medical Association (GAIMS) along with Medical students of India along with an Indian Medical Student Shubham Anand.

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DEMURU S. MURTHU, MD

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Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy is an alumnus of Guntur Medical college, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (Surgery) and Rush University (Anesthesiology), Chicago, Illinois. He was past Chairman of the Anesthesiology Department at West Suburban Medical Center, Oak Park, Illinois and is currently an Adjunct Faculty (Emergency Medicine) at the University of Illinois @Chicago College of Medicine. He is a Resuscitation expert involved with the American Heart Association for many years and a visiting Professor of Indian Medical Universities. A "Pioneer of Resuscitation Education in Indian Medical Colleges" he initiated a successful model at Dr. NTR Medical University.

Dr. Murthy is past President of the Chicago Medical Society and Indian American Medical Association, Illinois. He founded the community CPR Project SMILE (Saving More Illinois Lives through Education) in 2011. He served as the Chairman of the AAPI Alumni, AHA liaison and Global Resuscitation committees, and currently chairs the Webinar CME Committee.

Dr. Vemuri Murthy is recipient of : Medal from US Congressmen as "Global Champion of Resuscitation", "Lifetime Achievement" and "Distinguished Physician" awards from the Indian American Medical Association, Illinois, AAPI President's Award, "Henrietta Herbolsheimer Public Service" and "Leadership" Awards from the Chicago Medical Society, "Global Champion of Health Award" from the Global Health Consortium, USA, "Paul Harris International Service Award" of the Rotary Club, "Global Humanitarian Award" of The Institute of Medicine of Chicago and "Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial Medallion of Excellence" of American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. among others.



AMCANA

Andhra Medical College Alumni of North America

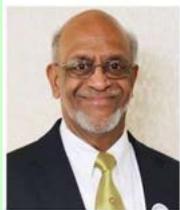
AMCANA HISTORY, PRESIDENTS, BENEFACTORS & PROGRESS

Andhra Medical College Alumni of North America (AMCANA) was established and registered in 1981 after the TANA Convention with Dr. Jayanthi VS Subbarao as President, Dr. Bhogaraju Kesavakrishna as Vice-president, Dr. Susarla Viswanadham as Secretary and Dr. Sriram Sonty as member. According to other information from the New York area Dr. Bangaru Sudhakar Babu & Dr. Kairam Rammohana Rao also started to put together the Andhra Medical College Alumni in North America. Later Dr. KV Rao, became President at the St. Louis TANA Convention in 1987, followed by Dr. Kurella Tryambaka Sarma, Dr. Gaddam Dasaratharama Reddy, Dr. Gudhe Modi, Dr. RV Murali Krishna, Dr. Cherukuri Subbarao and Dr. Emandi Venkata Rao. In 1999 TANA Convention in Cincinnati AMC Alumni present there elected Dr. Sriram Sonty as President, Dr. Uppala S. Murthy as Secretary and Dr. Vedala Ranganath as Treasurer.

In 1981 Chicago TANA Convention, the AMCANA name was coined by Drs. Jayanthi VS Subbarao, Susarla Viswanatham, Bhogaraju Kesava Krishna & Sonty Sriram and the logo with "Arogyame Maha Bhagyam" and "Maanava Sevaye Madhava Seva" as the theme. In 1983 Drs Sudhakara Babu , Rammohan Rao Kairam & Dr. KV Rao as President have become executive Committee and further pursued AMCANA Projects In 1981 Dr Jayanthi Subbarao Registered AMCANA in the State of Illinois In 1985 - 1987 Dr. KV Rao registered the AMCANA with New Jersey State and with the IRS. In 1987 Dr. Dasaratharama Reddy, who took over as the President furthered the AMCANA activities. In 1989 Dr. K. Thryambaka Sarma raised donations and Life Memberships as the President. In 1991 Drs. Modi and Prabhavathi Gudhe created the First AMCANA Directory. They raised donations in the name of Dr. K. Brahmananda Nehru and kept in CD form in Visakhapatnam along with Mrs. Purna Nehru. During this time Dr. RV Muralikrishna was an Interim President and Dr. Rajagopal Nandyal was the Vice-president. In 1993 Dr. Cherukuri Subbarao printed an updated AMCANA Directory with help from AMA and Donations from Medical Representatives. In 1995 Dr. Emandi Venkata Rao became president and along with Dr. Ganti Sarada raised \$5,000 to facilitate Air Conditioning of the New AMCOSA Building.



Jayanthi Subbarao



Sriram Sonty



Sudhakara Babu Bangaru



Venkat Rao Emandi



Kairam Rammohanrao



Rajagopal Nandyal



Maddula Mallareddy



Chalasani Prasad

AMCANA Past Presidents

- Dr. Jayanthi V Subbarao (1981-1983);
- Dr. KV Rao (1983-1985);
- Dr. K Triambaka Sarma (1985-1987);
- Dr. K Dasaratharama Reddy (1987-1989);
- Dr. G. Modhi (1989-1993);
- Dr. Cherukuri Subbarao (1993- 1995);
- Dr. Emandi Venkatrao (1995-1999);
- Dr. Sriram Sonty (1999-2003);
- Dr. Rammohanrao Kairam (2003-2007);
- Dr. Babu S. Bangaru (2007-2011);
- Dr. Rajgopal Nandyal (2011-2014);
- Dr. Mallareddy Maddula (2014- 2016);
- Dr. Prasad Chalasani (2016-Current)

In 1999 Dr. Sonty Sriram became President of the AMCANA. Per request of the AMC Principal Dr. K. Venugopala Rao, Dr. Sriram Raised \$6,000 towards annual subscription to 16 International & National Journals. In 2001 the First AMCANA Newsletter was mailed and Website www.amcana.org was established. IRS status was clarified. In 2001 Dr Sriram Sonty was re-elected as President to enhance the AMCANA activities. In 2001 Dr. E. Peda Veerraju was requested to collaborate and facilitate AMCANA activities with the Health Care Trust, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Medical College and King George Hospital. In 2003 Dr. Rammohana Rao Kairam was elected as President. In 2003 & 2004 Dr. Peda Veerraju visited USA and presented the Vision and Mission of AMC & KGH facilities with the approval

of Principals Drs. Sasiprabha & Narayana Rao, Superintendents Drs. Punna Kumari & Sasiprabha. In 2002 Dr. K. Anjireddy, Director General, Health Services, Andhra Pradesh visited USA at the GMC/RMC/AMC Reunion. In 2003 Dr. Sriram visited Dr. Anjireddy for enhancing the Healthcare activities in Visakhapatnam. In 2002 at the Alumni meeting \$ 5,000 was raised towards Electronic Library. In 2004 Dr. Kairam raised \$12,000 towards increasing the Computer Terminals. Dr. Kairam visited AMC/KGH Campus and elicited further interest in AMCANA's role in developing educational activities at AMC Library. The landmark event in AMCANA History happened with Grand Donation of \$55,005 by Drs. Annapurna & Jogi Pattisapu towards Library (\$25,001), Internal Medicine (\$10,001), Pediatric Surgery (\$10,001), and Pediatric Neurosurgery (\$10,001). The other major donation was by Dr. Rednam Krishna Rao \$20,000 towards Eye Surgery Equipment to Dr. Rednam Suryaprasada Rao Regional Eye Hospital. A donation of \$6,000 by Drs. Indira & Rammohan Rao Kairam for Electronic Library.

AMCANA ACTIVITIES: 2000-2019

1. Journals Subscriptions 2. Electronic Library 3. Internal Medicine Library 4. Neurosurgery Library 5. Neurocon Conference 6. ISGCON Conference 7. Ladies Hostel Renovation 8. Ladies Hostel Recreation Room Renovation 9. AMCOSA Bldg Air Conditioning 10. Dr. S. Balaparameswara Rao Library 11. Maintenance of AMC Electronic Library 12. Journals Donations to Regional Eye Hospital from Afzal Ahmad MD Midwest Eye Center Facilitated by Sriram Sonty with donations from Drs. Rednam Krishna Rao, Sudarsan Chavala & Sai Gandham 13. Donation of Eye Bank Specular Microscope by Dr. Rednam Krishna Rao's Batch and Other Alumni to Visakhapatnam Eye Bank 14. Upgrade of Teaching Equipment Computers & LCD Projectors in Lecture Halls. 15. Restoration of Gym and Recreation areas in the Ladies' Hostel 16. Revival of Major Ebden Cricket Tournament. 17. Renovation of Bath Rooms in the Ladies' Hostel. 18 Renovation of Recreation Room in Men's Hostel. 19. Ultrasound Equipment to Casualty Department. 20. Medical Financing to a Medical Student. 21. Scholarships (4) to needy Medical Students. 22. Donation towards a Guest Room in the New AMCOSA building by 1962 Batch 23. Upgrading Teaching Tools in the Pathology Department by 1987 Batch 24. Dr. C. Vyaghreswarudu Medical Library with Computers in the Orthopedics Department 25. A Seminar Hall & Library in the New Specialty Block. 26. Other E-Room Equipment. 27. Blood Chemistry Analyzers 28. ACLS & BLS Courses. 29. Habib Hepatitis-B Vaccination Project, 30. Hud Hud Relief Work Renovation of Library, Men's Hostel, Women's Hostel & Post Graduates' Hostels. 31. Pediatric Ward Equipment Upgrades for Neonatal & Pediatric Care. 32. Neuro-Trauma Center/Emergency Departments. Traumatic Brain Injury Project 33. Cancer Screening 34. Dr. Sonty Sriram Glaucoma Lecture @ APOS 35. Dr. T. Raviraju Lecture Fund. 36. Pathology Department Lab Equipment 37. Dr Ravi Sharma & Seshu Sharma Pathology Block Renovation Fund. 38. AMC CAB (Andhra Medical College Centenary Academic Block 2023) Fund.

Drs Jogi & Annapurna
Pattisapu



Drs Ravi & Seshu Sarma



Dr Seetaramayya Nagula



Major Contributors: Great Grand Benefactors: \$100,000 +

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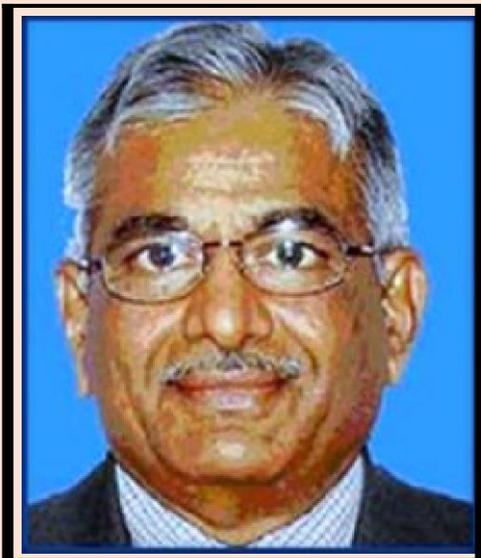
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AMCANA Major Benefactors and Projects included Drs. Jogi and Annapurna Pattisapu, who facilitating AMC Library, Computers, Neurosurgery, Internal Medicine, Pediatric Neurosurgery, Gastroenterology, Traumatic Brain Injury Management Design Management and Database. Drs. Ravi & Seshu Sarma facilitated renovation of the Pathology Department on Dr. P. Jagannadharao's name and Dr. Seetaramayya Nagula facilitated Neonatal ICU, Maternal & Child Health, Cancer Screening, Mammography Unit and Ultrasound Equipment, and Chemical Lab.



RANGARAYA MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

A group of young Rangarayans (Medical graduates from Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada, India and currently practicing as Physicians in USA) met in the windy city, Chicago in 1971 and decided to start an organization called Rangaraya Medical College Old Boys Association. The driving force behind this budding organization was none other than our proud Rangarayan Dr. Upendranadh Nimmagadda, a well-known surgeon, academician and philanthropist. The same organization has transformed into RMCANA (Rangaraya Medical College Alumni of North America) with more than 650 active members serving the communities in our current homeland, USA for the past 49 years. Our Members have participated in various charity programs in USA and India both on individual basis and as an organization (RMCANA). One of our projects was the RMCANA Golden Jubilee library in our Alma Mater, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada, India. This is now recognized by many as one of the best medical school libraries in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Under the stewardship of our past presidents several charity projects were undertaken in both USA and India on individual basis and as a group. These include funding of planned meetings and launching of Indian Resuscitation Council's COLS (Compression Only Life Support) at RMC, educational support program of tribal population at Araku Valley, annual scholarships at RMC and various other projects such as donation of medical equipment, medical journals and textbooks etc.



Dr. Upendranadh Nimmagadda
(Founder and President RMC Old Boys
Association)

Dr. Upendranadh Nimmagadda is the founding President of RMC Old Boys Association. Dr. Upendranadh Nimmagadda completed his M.B.B.S from Rangaraya Medical College in 1964 with gold medals in Pathology and General Surgery. Dr. Nimmagadda family donated \$250,000 to purchase the building for the Health Clinic in Chicago and its operations

Successive Presidents of RMCANA



Dr. Babu Sajja
1988-91



Dr. Nagendra Rao Thotakura, 1991-93



Dr. Subbarao Gorantla
1993-95



Dr. Jayakumar Kambam,
1995-97



Dr. Indira Mutyala
1997-99



Dr. Ramanareddy Guduru, 1999-01



Dr. Jayanth Gutta
2001-02



Dr. Ram Mohan Kancherla, 2002-04



Dr. Ravi Chadalavada
2004-06



Dr. Veeraiah Chundu,
2006-08



Dr. Mohan Kishore Kesani, 2008-10



Dr. Vishnu Kalidindi,
2010-12



Dr. Anu Prasad Vellanki, 2012-14



Dr. Anil Gogineni
2014-16



Dr. Ravi Kolli
2016-18



Dr. Subbaraya Chaudary
2018-20



KMCANA

Kurnool Medical College Alumni of North America



Our Alumni in America

**V. Ranga Reddy MBBS, M.S. (GEN. Surgery ('64 batch)
Past President, Chair BOT, KMC ANA
Past President AAPI**

Kurnool, the erstwhile capital of Andhra Pradesh, would perhaps continue to be its virtual capital if we followed the same system as they do in the United States of America where all the state capitals are centrally located, typically in smaller and middle-sized communities. If that were to happen, I suppose, all the politics of division in the state of Andhra would have been minimized, with Kurnool developing into a major metropolitan city, and Kurnool Medical College (KMC) and hospital transformed into a much different type of establishments. Wishful thinking!! Let us be reflective. Kurnool was known for Kondareddy Buruju, Handri River, KC canal and the 3Ds - Dust, Donkeys and Doctors at that time. I hope with the passage of time, the first 2 Ds are vanquished and the third D is highlighted now.

Going back on the memory lane, I recall, the medical campus at Kurnool was ideally located with facilities comfortably spread around. The men's and women's hostels were separated by a natural barrier--Handri River. Medical college and hospital were next to each other and within the walking distance from the hostels. Kurnool was semi-urban in culture and living, making it ideal for learning without much distraction. In fact, in those days' cinemas were the only source of outside entertainment. KMC was not only blessed with nice setting but also had a very high caliber faculty who gave us good education and training, and thus fully prepared us to go into the world.

Since its inception 60+ years ago, KMC has graduated more than 10,000 doctors, most being settled in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in and around Kurnool, Kadapa and in Hyderabad. Some of us, about 10%, immigrated to the USA, the process beginning from the early 70s. It is estimated that there are more than 1000 KMC alumni living and working in the USA at the present time, 200 of whom are recent graduates. As new immigrants to the United States, we worked hard in our chosen specialities, adapted to new surroundings and raised our children in a cross-cultural environment. To a large extent we have been successful in our profession and achieved our financial goals, not to mention the access to the ease and comfort of the material world. Our children are bright and attended the best schools in America. With their academic and scholastic excellence, they set new standards in US schools. We take pride in their achievements. We are deeply indebted to our Alma Mater, Kurnool Medical College, the institution that had helped us evolve into what we are today - successful physicians and esteemed members of the American society.

In 1982, Dr. T. Sadasiva Reddy, a Radiologist from Michigan formed the association called, Kurnool Medical College Alumni of North America (KMC-ANA) with the goal of bringing together all the KMC graduates to promote friendship and camaraderie as well as to facilitate medical and technological exchange with our Alma Mater. He served as the President for two years, followed by Dr. P. Krishna Reddy, a Pathologist from Chicago from 1983-85. Dr. V. Ranga Reddy, an Anesthesiologist from, Springfield, IL, took over as President and served until 1989. Later Dr. Kilaru Hanumantha Rao from Joliet, IL was the President from 1989 to 1993. Dr. Ramasubba Dhanireddy took over the Presidency in 1994 and served until 1998. Dr. Chennaih Nadinla served as President from 1998 to 2004. Since it was dormant for a while Dr. Sadasiva Reddy and Dr. Ranga Reddy took over in 2005 and served as President and Chair of the Board as stop gap measure until Dr. Rama Krishna Reddy Kunduru from, Orlando, FL took over as President and served from 2009 to 2013. Dr. Mallikarjuna Reddy of Ocala, FL assumed as President until 2017. In 2017 Dr. Bellamkonda Kishore was unanimously selected to lead KMCANA. He streamlined all the organization and brought many alumni together through social media.

KMC-ANA has been conducting several CME meetings at Kurnool Medical College. Medical text books and Journals were sent to the library. Several BCLS work-shops were conducted. Scholarships for the meritorious students were started. About \$30,000 worth of Neurosurgical equipment was shipped, as well as 50 boxes of journals, books and periodicals. Individual alumni also donated to a Computer Lab initiated by the student. Our alumni have donated \$125,000 to the Kurnool Old Students Association in Kurnool for construction of a Learning Center.

Some of our KMC Alumni have made outstanding contribution to their chosen fields and brought name and fame to themselves and to our alma mater. Just to name a few, Dr. Dattatreyyudu Nori, Professor and Chairman of Radiation Oncology at the New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center has an international reputation as a pioneer and authority in Radiation Oncology and Brachytherapy. Dr. Ramasubbareddy Dhanireddy, Professor of Pediatrics and Neonatology at the University of Tennessee, Memphis is a well-known researcher, teacher and a Colonel in United States Air Force Reserve. He is the only Indian American Physician who occupies an endowed Chair, named after him in Neonatology. Dr. A. Dev Gnanadev, Chairman, Department of Surgery from the San Bernardino county Medical Center, CA is a well-known leader in organized medicine. Recently, Dr. Gnanadev along with Dr. Prem Sagar Reddy worked and launched a private medical college in San Bernardino county, the first of its kind by the Indian American doctors. Dr. Bellamkonda Krishna Kishore, a University Professor & VA Investigator in Salt Lake City, has a versatile personality - a world class researcher and entrepreneur, inducted as a Fellow of the American Society of Nephrology (FASN), Royal Society of Biology (FRSB), American Physiological Society (FAPS), and American Heart Association (FAHA), artist, freelance writer, poetic composer and photographer among others. Dr. Nyapathi Rao, Psychiatrist from New York is nationally known in his field. And I am sure that there are many that I did not come across.

Dr. Sadasiva T. Reddy, Radiologist from Detroit is the founding member of KMC-ANA who has served as its President as well as that of the American Telugu Association (ATA). He is a humanitarian and philanthropist of the first order. In the same mold, Dr. Krishna P. Reddy, Pathologist from Chicago and Dr. Adhishesha Reddy from Alabama served as Presidents of the ATA. Dr. Venkat Naidu, Gastro-enterologist from St. Louis is a respected community leader and philanthropist. Dr Siva Prasad Madduri, Urologist from Missouri is a prolific writer and debator. Dr. Sujatha Reddy, Psychiatrist from Atlanta is a community leader and social worker who was awarded "Hindu Vibhushan" for her services and philanthropy. Dr. Sreeni Gangasani or Atlanta, GA is well-known for his dynamic leadership, this year he is the AAPI Convention Chair. Among the younger KMC alumni in the USA, there are quite a few who are taking active lead in alumni affairs, Dr. Madhusudhan Reddy Pabbathi of Memphis TN, who along with Dr. Srinivas Jakkula of United Kingdom started the kmckurnool Yahoo group. Dr. Ismail Suahail Penukonda of Dallas, TX, who is computer savvy and with passion for Telugu literature, started the KMCitizens blogspot, where he has been archiving the pictures and biosketches of the KMC alumni from all over the world. On a personal note, I had the great opportunity and privilege to serve as the President of American Association of Physicians of Indian origin (AAPI), one of the most powerful and strong ethnic medical associations in USA. Whenever I am introduced as the graduate of KMC at various forums I feel so proud of my college that helped me to evolve into what I am today. I am pretty sure that many more of us are doing much more commendable job worthy of mention.

Let us live up to the exhortation of the late Indian President, A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, who in his simple but inimitable language urged us in the following way: "Each of us, wherever we are, can make a commitment in our lifetime to bring about positive change in the land of our birth (Janmabhoomi) and enhance its glory."

Participants at the KMC-ANA Retreat 2017 in Big Sky Resort, Yellowstone National Park



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Osmania Medical College



One Hundred and Seventy Years of Osmania Medical College (1846-2016)

HISTORY OF OSMANIA MEDICAL COLLEGE,

HYDERABAD.

1846 Hyderabad Medical School Instituted by NAWAB NASIRUD –
DOULA

Dr. MACLEAN – First Principal

DIPLOMA AWARDED WAS “HAKEEM” – Five Year Course Urdu Medium

1885 medium of Instruction changed to English by Surgeon -
MAJOR EDWARD LAWRIE

1885 Hyderabad Medical School attained World Wide Fame

1889 on account of Chloroform Commission

1876 Hospital & Medical School were constructed in the Present
Premises of Osmania General Hospital.

1908 Afzalgunj Hospital Collapsed due to Musi Floods.

1920 The Hyderabad Medical School became Osmania Medical

1925 The Present Osmania General Hospital Built by OSMAN ALI –
KHAN.:The Seventh Nizam.

1926 MBBS Course Started in URDU Medium.

1948 Medium of Instruction changed to English

1962 The Present College Building Commissioned

Osmania General Hospital



Osmania General Hospital (OGH) is one of the oldest hospitals in India located at Afzal Gunj, Hyderabad, Telangana. It is run by the Government of Telangana, and is one of the largest in the state.

The hospital was completed in 1919 and was designed by British architect Vincent Jerome Esch, C.V.O. for His Excellency Highness(H.E.H), Osman Ali Khan, the Nizam of Hyderabad in Indo-Sarcentic style.



History of Gandhi Medical College, MUSHEERABAD, SECUNDERABAD , TELANGANA

History of Gandhi Medical College from 1954 to 2000

On September 14th 1954 our college was established in the erstwhile State of Hyderabad. It began as a private institute under the management of Anwar Ul - Uloom Educational Society of Indian Medical association. It was the first Medical College after Hyderabad joined the Indian Union. Dr. Syed Nizamuddin Ahmed was the founder and Principal of the college which was initially located in Humayun Nagar at a private residence owned by Mr.Qader Jung who was the Home Secretary in Nizam's Government. The college could not be sustained on account of financial difficulties. Chief Minister Dr.Burgula Ramakrishna Rao intervened and took it over to run it as a government college. On June 25th 1955 the name was changed to Gandhi Medical College and inaugurated by the President of India Dr.Rajendra Prasad. Of interest is that the old college in Humayun Nagar was taken over as a residence by the family of GMC alumnus Dr.Prem Rupani. After the reorganization of the Indian states and formation of Andhra Pradesh the college was moved to buildings in Basheerbagh that were built in 1890. In 1958 Chief Minister Dr.Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy inaugurated the college on Basheerbagh Road. In course of time the new premises was inadequate to meet the needs of the college. Lady Hydari Club was right next door with a vast unused space. For the faculty and students, incorporation of the club into the college campus seemed the logical solution but the government did not share the view. The history of the college will be incomplete without mentioning the efforts of several student unions in this matter. One day in early years of 1970's the wall separating the college from the club was breached by the students, but that symbolic effort had no impact. After a decade of struggle finally the students union headed by the President Dr.Ramesh Reddy entered the club premises and moved some cadavers creating an ad hoc Anatomy Department. Some students were arrested and placed in custody, prompting Dr. Ramesh Reddy to go on hunger strike. That forced the hands of the Chief Minister N.T.Rama Rao and Lady Hydari Club was handed over to GMC in 1986.

History of Our College from 2000 to 2004 : Story of Relocation to current premises in Musheerabad

The central jail located in Musheerabad occupied about 34 acres, part of which was vacant land where the prisoners grew vegetables. Once again, the students and faculty found the space in Basheerbagh inadequate to meet the growing needs of the college. Bureaucratic and political controversies and intrigue delayed the eventual relocation of the jail to Cherlapally. The first foundation stone for construction of GMC/ GH campus was laid by Dr. N.T .Rama Rao on January 5th 1987. However T.D.P lost the election in 1989 and the Congress Government under Dr. Chenna Reddy did not take steps to complete the project. After T.D.P returned to power the Chief Minister Shri. Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for the second time. It took over two years to complete the construction and the college relocated to Musheerabad on 21-11-2003 and the hospital in 2004.



History of Gandhi Hospital

Gandhi Hospital began as an infirmary near Secunderabad Railway Station. It was established by the British Government in 1851. By early twentieth century the facility had expanded and had 95 beds with three wards. One was for military personnel, one for Civilians and a third unit was called "pauper house" which likely catered to the destitute. It was named "Cantonment and Civil Hospital".

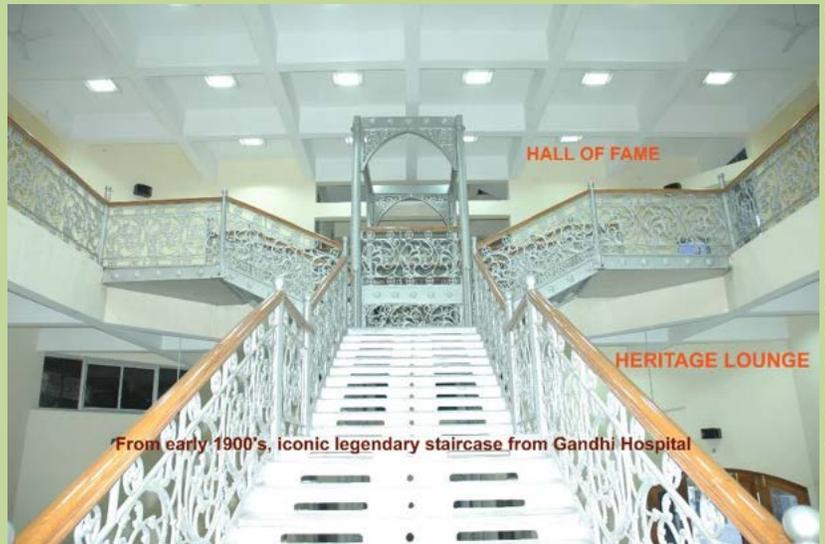
The hospital was further expanded with charitable contributions by philanthropists and given the name King Edwards Memorial Hospital in memory of King Edward VII (KEM HOSPITAL).

It was opened by the British Resident, Mr. S.M. Fraser on 20th December 1917. Until 1958 the students of People's Medical College and the GMC had to round at Osmania General Hospital for clinical experience. KEM was renamed Gandhi Hospital and thus the teaching hospital for GMC. In 2004 it moved to the current location, primarily serves the poor people of the city.

GMC NRI Educational Center



GMC Global Alliance



Gandhi Medical College Global Alliance (GMCGA) and Alumni Education Center (AEC).

The Alumni Education Center:

It is estimated that, over the past sixty four years, about eight thousand graduated with M.B.B.S degree and three thousand with Post Graduate degrees from GMC. About two thousand alumni have settled abroad and have had successful careers. Some have retired but a significant number continue to practice with a positive impact in the communities that they reside in. In the year 1979 GMC alumni celebrated the silver jubilee of the founding of the college but only a few alumni from abroad participated in the event. When Diamond Jubilee approached overseas GMC alumni decided to join hands with those in India to commemorate the event. That led to the creation of GMCGA under the leadership of Dr. Laxmaiah Manchikanti, Dr. D. Kumar Ramiseti (first President) along with unrelenting support of Dr. Ravinder Surakanti ,Dr. D.Sudhakar Rao and Dr. Koppolu Sarma. The primary goal at the outset as envisioned by Dr. Surakanti was to raise funds to construct a building on the GMC/GH campus - Alumni Education Center (AEC) to enhance educational activities to complement formal curriculum provided by the college. It took a great deal of effort by numerous alumni to obtain permission from the government of Andhra Pradesh to obtain land on the campus. The following alumni and others deserve credit and our gratitude for achieving that feat - Dr.Narsingam Gatla and Dr. Ravinder Surakanti from U.S , and in Hyderabad , Dr. Yadaiah Goud, Dr. Janardhan Reddy (Health Minister) and Mr. Devender Goud (Home Minister). The initial estimate of \$250,000.00 for the project turned out to be far short of the eventual cost which exceeded \$750,000.00 over the years. It was not entirely a miscalculation on our part. Addition of basement and escalation of construction materials were part of the reasons. Dismantling of the iconic staircase from the old Gandhi Hospital and to install it in AEC, as a symbol of heritage, was a herculean task. It added to the costs but has proven worth while. The foundation stone was laid on April 21st 2004 . Although it was not fully completed AEC could be utilized. Therefore it was inaugurated by Shri Rosaiah on January 5th 2006. We can state with pride that AEC fulfilled our vision. AEC stands as a symbol of the dedicated collective efforts of the Alumni Associations and support of just a few hundred alumni. The process that brought us to where we are today is well documented in the minutes of the meetings prepared diligently by Secretary Dr. D.Sudhakar Rao from the inception in 2004.

The GMC Alumni Medical Educational Society

After the completion of AEC , Alumni Associations decided to form a committee to manage the center. An auditor recommended formation of a society or trust that will be eligible for tax exemption status. Accordingly Gandhi Medical Alumni Education Society was established with funds received from donors who had contributed for the construction of the AEC and income generated from educational activities conducted at the center. Under the section 12 A of the Income Tax Department , tax exemption was given to the society.

AMENITIES AT AEC:

Manchikanti Auditorium
Surakanti Memorial AHA International Training Center (For BLS & ACLS Certification)
Classrooms
Guest Faculty Suites
Heritage Lounge with Legendary Staircase

Programs Conducted at AEC:

BLS & ACLS Training and Certification
Continuing Medical Education Seminars .
Memorial Lectures to honor past Principals Dr. Jaswanth Rao and Dr.G.Narsing Rao.

Kakatiya Medical College



Kakatiya Medical College was founded in 1959 by the Warangal Regional Medical Education society with the active support of the then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, the Director of Medical Services of A.P. and the Warangal District Collector to provide medical education for register of the Telangana region of the state.

The College was inaugurated on 23 July 1959 by the Honourable Sri P. Karmarkar, Minister of Health, Government of India. It was originally located in a building donated by the Pingale family at Waddepally and it moved into the make-shift buildings constructed at the permanent site in November 1961.

152.17 acres (0.6158 km²) of land was acquired for the medical college in Warangal and the permanent building of the college was constructed at an estimated cost of about Rs. 47 lakhs. Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, inaugurated the permanent campus in 1966.

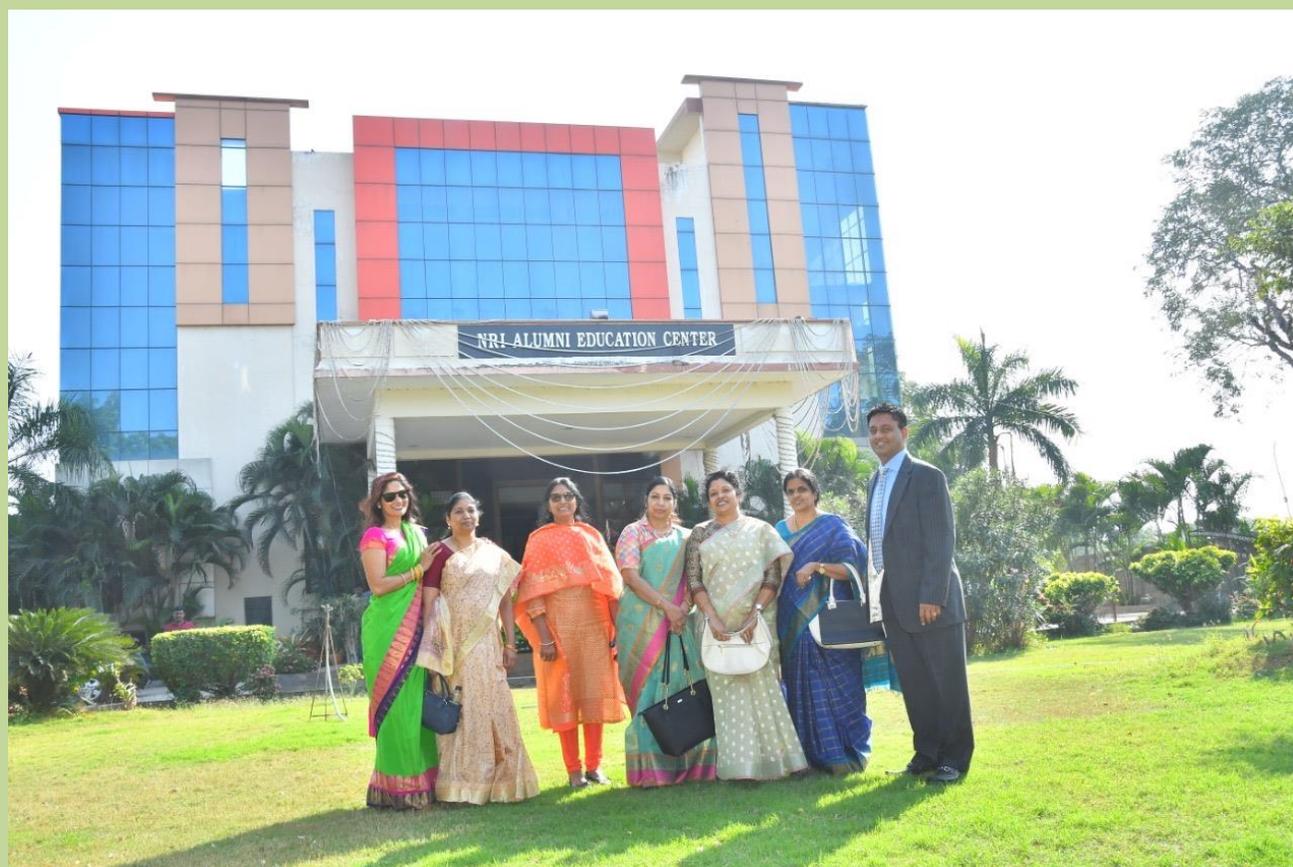
An Impressive Auditorium with an open air stage was constructed at cost of Rs. 4 Lakhs behind the College with Cinematographic equipment, accommodates 500 register.

The A.P Govt. took over the college from R.M.E.S. in Feb 1977. in the same year The college affiliation was transferred to Kakatiya University from that of Osmania University . With effect from 1-03-87 the College was affiliated University of Health Sciences, now NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada.

The P.G. Courses were started in 1972 and the college is conducting P.G. courses in all the Depts. The present status college owes entirely to the great architect with broad future vision of Late Prof. T.Lakshminarayana, the Dynamic Principal of the College (1960-1965).

All the P.G.Courses are recognized by M.C.I,Medical Council of India.

KMC NRI Educational Center





GUNTUR MEDICAL COLLEGE

ALUMNI OF NORTH AMERICA

GMCANA, with its activities on many fronts to benefit the alumni, the alma mater and the general public, has become the model to emulate for many other alumni organizations. Since its beginnings in a crowded classroom in Oak Park and River Forest High School more than 30 years ago, it had been, to say the least, an interesting journey. We recount here the major milestones and achievements along the way.

1981

- May 24: Alumni of Guntur Medical College gather at the Third TANA Conference in Oak Park, IL, and decide to form an organization of their own - Guntur Medical College Alumni of North America (GMCANA) - in order to meet the goals of raising resources to promote teaching and patient care needs at Guntur Medical College and its affiliated institutions, and serving the needs of the alumni in North America.
- Dr. Ramaiah Samala ('54) was elected as the First President, Dr. Seetharama Rao Bobba ('60) and Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad Dandamudi ('64) as officers. Dr. Rama Rao Kaza ('65) took the lead in drafting the constitution.
- December 31: GMCANA was incorporated as a Not for Profit Corporation in the State of Missouri.

1989: September 2-4: First GMCANA Grand Reunion and Convention was organized at the Rosemont Westin Hotel in Chicago;

- Dr. Sri Krishna Murthy Nuthi ('59) was President; Dr. Ramaraja Bhushanudu Yalavarthi ('67) was Convenor. Decision made to have GMCANA Reunions on a regular basis and to draft a new constitution.
- An Alumni Building Project was proposed and \$100,000 was raised for this purpose almost immediately.

1990

- November 9-11: Second Reunion at Nashville. Dr. Ramaraja Bhushanudu Yalavarthi installed as President; New Constitution adopted.
- First endowment, CG Ramamurthy Memorial Fund in Obstetrics and Gynecology, was initiated.

1991

- Publication of the newsletter, Alumni News, began. Dr. V. Chowdary Jampala ('72) was the first Editor

1992-93 : August 21-23: Third Reunion at Falls Church, VA. Rangaraya Medical College alumni decided to combine their reunion with the GMCANA reunion (RMC continues to have their reunions together with GMC since then. Kurnool Medical College, Andhra Medical College, and Siddhartha Medical College alumni also celebrated their reunions along with GMCANA at different times). Dr. Sriharidas Kanuru ('60) was installed as President and Dr. Seetaramarao Bobba took office as the first Chairman of Board of Trustees.

New endowments set up at GMC to provide continuing medical education in Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Maternal and Fetal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, and Health Education. A copy machine was purchased for use at GMC.

1994-95

•August 12-14, 1994. Fourth Reunion in St. Louis. Dr. Mangaraju Vanapalli ('58) installed as President. Books and journals supplied to the GMC Library. Alumni Building Project got stalled due to bureaucratic hurdles.

1996

•August 9-11. Fifth Reunion in Atlanta. Dr. V. Chowdary Jampala installed as President and Dr. Mani Akkineni ('96) as the Chair of Board of Trustees

•GMCANA entered the electronic age with its own web site at www.gmcana.org with the initiative of Dr. Ravikumar Tripuraneni ('71), Chairman of Communications Committee. The web site has become a major communication tool for the organization.

•A bust of Dr. DJ Reddy was installed by GMCANA at GMC.

1997

•Development of Strategic Plan: Sri Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, Member of Parliament, Guntur, brought a request from the Superintendent of the Government General Hospital (GGH) asking for help to rejuvenate the hospital and help with the training resources. Drs. Venkata Subbarao Uppuluri ('63) and Aruna Prasad Kancherla ('60) visited GMC and GGH in 1997 on fact-finding missions and consulted with the leaders of the two institutions as well as local alumni. Dr. Jampala and the Executive Committee developed a strategic plan for the rejuvenation of the institutions.

•Andhra Pradesh State Government approved Dr. Jampala's request to appoint a Special Officer for development of GMC and GGH.

1998

•August 14-16: Sixth Reunion in Pittsburgh. Dr. Aruna Prasad Kancherla ('60) and Dr. Ammani Dasari were installed as President and Chair of Board of Trustees.

•November 11: Executive Committee refines the strategic plan with a focus group meeting in Chicago. The organization defined its mission: " To help develop Guntur Medical College and Government General Hospital-Guntur, as premier modern Medical Education facilities for undergraduate and postgraduate medical students, staff and medical community at large".

1999

•Active fundraising conducted in many cities. In a period of twelve months, GMCANA, with large donations from the alumni, provided GGH an X-ray unit, a fetal ultrasound monitor, a chemistry analyzer, a modern three-room operating theatre, and a large number of textbooks to the library. A Research Endowment Fund and a Scholarship Fund were established at GMC.

•A Continuing Medical Education Center with three computers, multimedia software and internet access was established along with an additional reading room with a capacity for 60 students. In addition, an electronic teaching microscope with TV attachment for the department of pathology, a bronchoscope and PFT machine for the Govt. Fever hospital and an image intensifier for the X-ray department were also donated.

2000

•August 4-6: Seventh Reunion in New York. Dr. Venkata Subbarao Uppuluri was installed as President and Dr. Ramarao Kaza as the Chair of Board of Trustees.

•Active communication among GMCANA, GMC, GGH and Government of AP to improve the parent institutions helps build trust.

•Efforts began to renovate the Government Fever Hospital and donations of various other equipment.

2001: Dr. Uppuluri and the GMCANA leadership developed a Comprehensive Proposal for Improvement of Medical Education and Teaching Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh and presented the proposal to the Chief Minister in December 2001. The Chief Minister agreed to implement some of the changes recommended in the proposal including opening the hospital for paying patients.

•GMCANA initiated a new campaign, “WE CARE!” to rally the necessary support for the development of our parent institutions in Guntur. This slogan has now come to embody the attitude of all concerned alumni and staff and is instilling a sense of pride and achievement.

2002

•April: Groundbreaking Ceremony conducted for the GMCANA Auditorium. This project (formerly Alumni Building Project) finally got off the ground with a combination of funds from GMCANA and the state government and construction began.

•August 31 – September 2: Chicago hosts another Grand Reunion (Eighth). Dr. Ravikumar Tripuraneni and Dr. Veeraiah Chowdary Perni ('64) were installed as the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Following a well organized presentation by the Executive Committee about the progress over the past two years including the groundbreaking of the

•GMCANA Auditorium, the Chief Guest, Dr. Anji Reddy, made an emotional presentation about the efforts to improve the conditions at GGH and GMC. The properly impressed alumni responded generously with large donations to ensure the completion of the auditorium project.

•November: K. Ramakrishna Rao, Collector of Guntur District, took charge as the Chairman of the newly constituted Hospital Development Society and met with the GMCANA leadership during a tour of USA. Impressed by the vision and commitment of GMCANA, he made serious efforts to transform GGH into a top-class facility. Under his leadership, the hospital was rapidly computerized.

2003

•GMCANA sponsored courses in basic and advanced life support at GMC/GGH and provided equipment to the newly started Intensive Care Unit and helped expand services in the Pediatrics, Physiotherapy, Post-operative Recovery and OB/Gyn units. A new Iridium Brachytherapy Unit, an additional wing at the Government Fever Hospital Building and the ENB Sarma Subspecialty OR sponsored by GMCANA were dedicated.

2004

•September 4-6: Ninth Reunion at Anaheim, California. Dr. Gowtham Mulpur ('75) and Dr. Sriharidas Kanuru ('60) were installed as the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. A Neonatal Intensive Care Unit was opened at GGH; monitoring equipment worth more than Rs. 20 lakhs has been shipped from US; the CME Center was upgraded; and a corpus fund for the maintenance of the auditorium and sponsoring of continuing educational programs was established.

2005 : January 21-23: Inauguration of the Auditorium and Global Alumni Homecoming in Guntur was organized by GMCANA together with GMCOSA (Guntur Medical College Old Students Association at Guntur) and with Guntur Medical College Graduates of UK. The Homecoming, a Grand Celebration over three days, attracted a large number of alumni. The festivities included the inauguration of the new GMCANA Auditorium, our loving gift to our alma mater and the city of Guntur. The students celebrated the occasion by holding the first College Day function in almost a decade. It was a weekend of memories for all the attendees.

•July: Dr. Nagarjuna Reddy Ponugoti was installed as President at the General body Meeting in Detroit.

2006

- September 2-4: The Silver Jubilee Reunion of GMCANA at Orlando, Florida. Dr. Umadevi Gavani ('65) was installed as the President of GMCANA as was Dr. Nageswararao Latchamsetty ('60) as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, This Tenth Reunion was significant for the leadership roles taken by another new generation of GMC alumni. Dr. I.V. Subbarao, Secretary of Health, AP, addressed the meeting, discussing the role of public-private partnership in maintaining the government institutions in new millennium.
- Access to the auditorium was improved with the demolition of the infamous Deyyaala Meda, and construction of a new access road directly to the auditorium with more convenient parking.

2007

- July: A major achievement during this period was laying the groundwork for the Podila Prasad - GMCANA Superspecialty and Trauma Center. The Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Hospital Development Committee were planning to construct a new Millennium Block at GGH and sought GMCANA's involvement in developing the super-specialty units. Dr. Podila Venkata Prasad ('81) came forward to generously donate Rs. 5 crores for this purpose. Sri K. Rosaiah, the then Health Minister, agreed to provide a matching grant of Rs. 5 crores. After announcing this at the General body meeting at 14th TANA conference, the then Health Education minister of AP, Mrs. Galla Aruna Kumari, and GMCANA signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- December 3: The foundation stone for the Podila project was laid.
- Ten lecture galleries at GMC were renovated and modernized. Four new Endowments were established in the departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, Internal Medicine and Physiology.

2008

- February: The collaboration between GMCANA and the Rotary Club of Stockton resulted in a donation of equipment worth Rs 16,81,000 to GGH. The equipment includes a Colonovideoscope, a Multi-channel Monitor, EKG Machines, a Colonoscope, a Biological Microscope and a Drill system for Orthopedics.
- May: GMCANA donated 15 beds to pediatrics, 50 beds to the newly constructed Obstetrics Building and 30 beds, a Bi-Pap machine and nebulizers to the Fever hospital.
- GMCANA took an active role in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the alma mater, sponsoring the publication of the souvenir and hosting a celebratory dinner for students and staff. A laptop computer and an LCD projector were donated on this occasion for the Sushrutha Hall at GGH.
- August 30-September 1: Eleventh Reunion at Dallas. Dr. Satyanarayana Nelluri ('81) and Dr. Bhaskara Murthy Ponnuru ('63) were installed as the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. After unveiling the construction plans for the Podila Prasad- GMCANA Super Speciality & Trauma Center, the official fundraising campaign has been launched during this reunion and the attendees responded overwhelmingly.

2009

- February: Gymnasium and Recreation Center for Students were inaugurated in the memory of our beloved teacher Dr. Nuthakki Venkateswara Rao.
- GMCANA equipped all lecture galleries with modern audiovisual facilities, renovated the library, and began providing electronic library services. Dr. Sriharidas Kanuru came through again with the Pediatric Water Project ensuring running water supply to the pediatric unit.
- The Rotary Club of Stockton continued to support GMC/GGH with sophisticated equipment worth Rs. 4 million.

2010

•September 4-6: St. Louis played host again for the 12th Reunion. Dr. P. Babu Reddy Sagireddy was installed as the President and Dr. Bhaskara Murthy Ponnuru continued as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Once again the alumni came through with generous donations for the Podila Prasad- GMCANA Super Speciality & Trauma Center.

2011

•The state government increased its commitment for the Podila Project to a total of 10 crores and GMCANA matched the amount. Construction on the project is proceeding briskly.

2012

•April: GMCANA conducted a workshop and trained 182 physicians and students in BLS and ACLS.

•July: Classes of 62 and 72 contributed to air-conditioning the GMC Library, lecture galleries and the reading room in Men's Hostel.

•GMCANA Trust in India received FCRA clearance.

•September 1-3: Chicago is the place once more for the 13th Reunion.

•Updated website inaugurated.

•GMCANA is eagerly anticipating the opening of the Podila Prasad- GMCANA Super Specialty & Trauma Center.

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Dr. Srinivasa Reddy Alla

Denison, Texas

A multi-faceted Cardiologist



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Past Presidents of GMCANA

- Ramaiah Samala (54) Springfield, IL 1981
- Srikrishna Murthy Nuthi (59) Huntsville, AL 1988 – 1990
- Ramaraja Bhushanudu Yalavarthi(67) Chicago, IL 1990 – 1992
- Srihari Das Kanuru (60) Huntsville, AL 1992 – 1994
- Mangaraju Vanapalli (58) Atlanta, GA 1994 – 1996
- V. Chowdary Jampala (72) Chicago, IL 1996 – 1998
- Aruna Prasad Kancherla (60) Atlanta, GA 1998 – 2000
- Venkata Subba Rao Uppuluri (63) Chicago, IL 2000 – 2002
- Ravikumar Tripuraneni (71) Redding, CA 2002 – 2004
- Tejanand Gowtham Mulpur (75) Huntsville, AL 2004 – 2005
- Nagarjuna Ponugoti (72) Terra Haute, IN 2005 – 2006
- Uma Devi Gavani (65) Chicago, IL 2006 – 2008
- Satyanarayana Nelluri (81) Stockton, CA 2008 – 2010
- Babureddy Sagireddy(83) Stockton, CA 2010- 2012
- Lokeswararao Edara (76) Battle Creek, MI 2013-2014
- Venkateswara Rao Dharmavarapu (80) St. Louise, MO 2015-2016
- Sambasiva Rao Sukhavasi TX (72) 2017-2018
- Srinivas Reddy Alla : Dallas, TX, 2018-2020

Sudhakar Jonnalagadda, M.D., AGAF

Board Certified Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist
Director, Coffee County Center for Digestive Diseases, Douglas, GA
Director, District 8 Medical Association of Georgia
Key Member, GAPI Clinic, Atlanta, GA



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Medical
Student

Umamaheswari Jonnalagadda, M.D.

Board Certified in Family Medicine
Director, Hazlehurst Family Clinic, Douglas, GA
Secretary, Georgia Association of Physicians of Indian Heritage
Co-Chair, Women's Forum, AAPI
Alternate Director for District 8 Medical Association of Georgia

Leadership Roles in Medical Field:

- President, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, 2020-2021
- AAPI Board of Trustees 2013-2015
- AAPI Regional District, South Region 2011-2013
- AAPI Awards Committee, 2015 Annual Convention
- Past Chair, GAPI (Georgia), Board of Trustees
- President, Georgia Association of Physicians of Indian Heritage, 2007-2008
- Former, Asst. Professor of Medicine, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta
- Former Treasure, Andhra Pradesh Medical Graduates, USA
- Convenor – AAPI 2012 Fundraiser in Atlanta
- Co-Convenor, AAPI 2015 Fundraiser in Atlanta
- Team Member, AAPI 2013 Fundraiser in Atlanta
- Alumni Chair & Speaker, AAPI Convention 2006, Atlanta, GA
- Member, National Organizing Committee, AAPI Annual Fund, 2013
- Chairman, Medical Association of Georgia (MAG), IMG Section
- Director, District 8 Medical Association of Georgia (2017-2019)
- Founding Member, GAPI Clinic, Atlanta, GA

Service to the Community:

- Board of Trustees, Hindu Temple, Atlanta, Georgia
- Board of Trustees, Hindu Temple, North East Florida, Jacksonville, FL
- Founding Trustee, Sri Sai Baba Temple, Jacksonville, FL



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AAPI (2020-21)

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Happy Family

Vision and Goals

- Envision AAPI as a Global Health Leader
- Emphasize ethical values & positive culture
- Promote academics & research
- Broaden philanthropic wing of AAPI globally
- Increase IMG Residency slots

Record of Service to the Community

AAPI

- Secretary-2018-19
- Treasurer-2017-18
- Regional Director, 2015-17
- Co-Chair & Treasurer, 32nd AAPI Convention, 2014 (>\$500K Profit)
- Chair, IT Committee, 2014

- President, TIPSSW (2013)
- Texas Medical Association Delegate, IMG sect., 2017-19
- Treasurer -Assoc. of Telugu Medical Graduates of the USA
- Chairperson, BoT, Indian Association of San Antonio

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- AAPI Childhood Obesity Awareness and Prevention
- NRI Advisor: CPR Guidelines launched by ISA
- Trained bystander CPR for 500 High School kids
- Fundraiser for AAPI-CF, AAPI, EKAM and TIPSSW

Ravindranath Kolli, M.D.

Addiction Medicine/Psychiatry
Monessen, PA



Latha

Ravi

Priyanka

Vickranth

ACADEMICS and PROFESSIONAL ROLES:

- Board-certified Psychiatrist with qualifications in Addiction, Forensic and Geriatric Psychiatry.
- Past - Clinical Assistant Professor at University of Pittsburgh and West Virginia University
- Medical Director of SPHS, an agency that provides human services throughout Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties of PA.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Secretary of AAPI 2019-20
- Regional Director of AAPI 2017-18
- Co-chair of membership committee of AAPI 2018-19.
- Secretary of 2019 GHS Hyderabad
- IT Chair of AAPI 2016-17
- President of TAPI (Pittsburgh Chapter of AAPI) in 2012-13
- President of ATMGUSA (Association of Telugu Medical Graduates of USA) 2018-19
- President of RMCANA (Rangaraya Medical College Alumni of North America) 2016-18
- Chair of Humanitarian Committee of SV Temple, Pittsburgh 2015-2017
- Member, Washington County Commissioner's Mental Health Advisory Board since 2012
- Member of PIC (Pittsburgh Indian Community) 5K Race Organizing Committee 2016-18



Satheesh Kathula, M.D., FACP

Hematologist and Oncologist

Clinical Professor of Medicine, Wright State Univ., Dayton, OH

Man of the Year, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 2018

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Service to the Medical Community:

- President, Association of Telugu Medical Graduates USA, 2018
- Co-Chair, AAPI Annual Convention, Columbus, Ohio, 2018
- Chair & Speaker, Oncology Track, AAPI Global Healthcare Summits, 2012, 2017, 2018 & 2019
- Board of Trustees, AAPI 2014-2017
- President & Founding Member, Association of Indian Physicians, Ohio 2014
- Convener, Governing Body, AAPI, 2013
- Regional Director, AAPI – 2012-2014
- Co-Chair, Veterans Obesity Awareness Campaign, AAPI
- Advisor & AAPI Representative, Pfizer Multicultural Center for Excellence
- President, Miami Valley Physicians of Indian Origin, 2009-2011
- IT Chair, AAPI
- Editor, E-Newsletter, AAPI

Service to the Community at Large:

- Board of Trustees, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Dayton, OH Chapter
- Chairman, Pathfinder Institute of Pharmacy Education & Research, Warangal, India
- President, Hindu Community Organization, Dayton, OH 2011
- President, Miami Valley Area Telugu Association, 2007-2009

Awards:

- Outstanding Service Award, AAPI 2012-2013
- Service Award, Indian Club of Dayton, 2009
- Service Award, Miami Valley Telugu Association, 2010
- Runner Up, AAPI Got Talent, 2018

Entrepreneurship:

- Founder, Spectrum Educational Society and Pathfinder Institute of Pharmacy Education and Research
- Designer of medical applications for smart devices
- Founding Partner, Indo-American Telemedicine Corporation
- Founding Partner- 4 Wellness, LLC

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- Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Diseases, Echocardiography, Nuclear Cardiology, Heart Failure and Transplantation
- Graduated with Gold Medals from the Kurnool Medical College, AP, India



Positions:

- 2009-10 Chief, Dept. of Medicine, Gwinnett Health System
- 2010-11 President, GAPI
- 2012-13 Chair, IMG Section, Medical Association of Georgia
- 2010-13 Board of Directors, GMC Foundation
- 2015-16 Chairman, BOT, GAPI
- 2015-16 Regional Director of South, AAPI
- 2016-19 Board of Trustees, AAPI
- 2018-19 Vice Chair, BOT, AAPI
- 2018-20 Chair, BOT, ATMGUSA
- 2018-19 Chair, 37th AAPI Convention, Atlanta, GA
- 2019-20 Chair, AAPI Global Healthcare Summit, Hyderabad, India
- 2010-Present Director, GAPI Volunteer Clinic



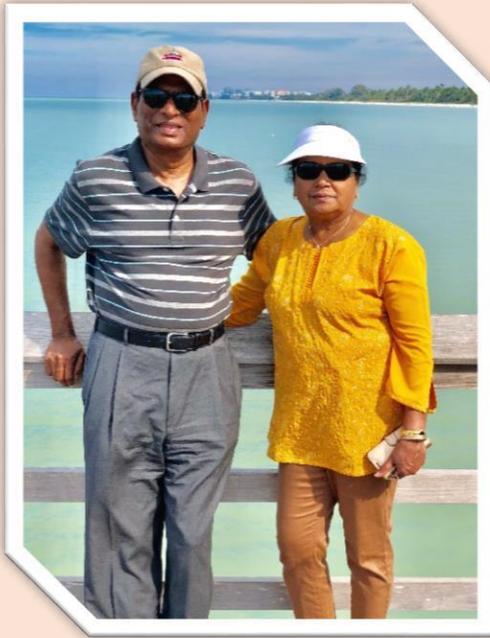
Soumya Reddy Neravetla, M.D., FACS Cardiovascular/Thoracic Surgeon Springfield, Ohio

- A second generation Indian, born, raised and educated in America, Dr. Soumya Neravetla is a Cardiothoracic Surgeon actively engaged in the welfare of physicians of Indian origin. By her example, she wants to motivate physicians of her generation to engage in AAPI and ATMG.
- After graduating as Valedictorian from Springfield North High School, she attended Northeast Ohio Medical University. She completed her residencies in General Surgery at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh and Cardiothoracic Surgery at Jackson Memorial/University of Miami in FL.
- She then pursued advanced training in Robotic Thoracic Surgery at Baptist Health System in Miami and in Structural Heart at Emory Healthcare in Atlanta.
- She launched and served as Director of the Structural Heart Program and Robotic Thoracic Surgery in Savannah, GA prior to her return to Ohio.
- At Springfield Regional Medical Center, she has spearheaded the lung cancer screening program, the expansion of minimally invasive cardiovascular surgery and launched TAVR.
- Dr. Neravetla has special interests in Endovascular and Minimally Invasive Surgery.
- In spite of her busy work schedule, she collaborates with her father outside the OR in his mission to spread awareness about prevention of cardiovascular disease, which is disproportionately affecting physicians and people of Indian Origin.
- She has diligently served multiple roles for both ATMG and AAPI, most recently as ATMG President-Elect, AAPI YPS VP, and Chair of AAPI IT Committee and Co-Chair of Membership Committee.



**Dr. Soumya Neravetla on
Health and Art at ATA 2014**





Ranga Reddy, M.D.

14th President, AAPI 1997-98

It is with immense pleasure that I write these lines for a close friend of mine, Dr. Ranga Reddy, whom I have come to know and admire for better than four decades. Before I delve into anything pertaining to his scholarship and intellectual weltanschauung, let me dash off a few lines about the qualities of his head and heart. He is, first of all, an extremely charming person, soft spoken, considerate, and thoughtful, who has a sense of modesty and, at the same time, a feeling of self-confidence. He is normally a quiet and hard working person but has always showed his strength - his energy and compassion when it comes to caring for others - individually as well as organizationally.

Dr. Ranga Reddy and Mrs. Krishnaveni Reddy

By way of professional preparation, Dr. Ranga Reddy had an excellent head start. He graduated from Kurnool Medical College, Sri Venkateshwara University, Andhra Pradesh, India with MBBS and M.S (General Surgery) degrees. In the USA he switched his specialization to Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine at State University of New York, New York. He is Board certified in American Board of Anesthesiology and Board of pain Medicine. Following his training he joined St. Louis University School of Medicine as Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology before moving to Springfield, Illinois and joining in Memorial Medical Centre. He served as Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology and Clinical Associate Professor of Southern Illinois School of Medicine.

He was the President and later Chairman of Board of Directors of the Kurnool Medical College Alumni of North America (KMC-ANA). During his tenure he worked hard to improve the medical education in his alma mater. He also served as Chairman of Telugu Association of North America Physicians (TANA) and Board of Directors of American Association of Indian Anesthesiologists (ASIA). He is the founding member of APMG (ATMG) which represents over 12,000 Telugu Physicians in the USA. During his time in all these organizations, he extended a helping hand in conducting CME programs, equipment transfers and funding various charitable projects. He is very active in organizing CPR training and Emergency Medical Care in various parts of India.

Since joining AAPI in early 1990s he served the organization in various capacities including its Presidency (1997-98) and, subsequently, on its Board of Trustees. Dr. Reddy worked painstakingly at every step of the way for strengthening AAPI structurally. During his Presidency "One Member One Vote" policy was introduced for electing the leaders making the process truly democratic. In order to comply with AAPI's 501 (b) (3) C status, its Political Action Committee (PAC) was replaced with Legislative Affairs Committee. The first Legislative Day in Washington, D. C., was started to educate

the American political leadership about concerns the AAPI membership had in health care arena. Nearly sixty-five Congressmen and women and Senators attended the event and expressed appreciation for the efforts of the physicians of Indian origin for their service to the patients all over America. Patron Trustee Membership was started in AAPI Charitable Foundation and raised over \$600,000 during his Presidency. The Annual Convention held in Dallas, TX is one of the most notable AAPI conventions which highlighted participation of the second-generation physicians into AAPI for the first time and raised substantial amount of money for the organization. Even after finishing the Presidency, he continues to serve in various committees and advise a number of succeeding AAPI Presidents. His knowledge and passion for AAPI bylaws led to a number of constructive changes. He chronicled the history of the AAPI and helped writing the AAPI Convention Manual. Dr. Reddy's involvement is not limited to the medical field alone; he lends support to a number of civic and political organizations--all for altruistic purposes. In India Dr. Reddy started AAPI Charitable Clinic in a remote village called Ellayapalle to provide medical services to the indigenous people. He also sponsored "Adopt a Student Program" to help needy students there. He promoted "Adopt the Primary Health Care Center of Your Native Place" in Andhra Pradesh. He co-sponsored a water project with Nandi Foundation to supply clean water to the villagers. Dr. Reddy conducted several CME programs and workshops to promote Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in Medical Schools in India.

The Reddy's were invited to the White House in 1995 by President Bill Clinton on behalf of AAPI leadership. Dr. Reddy is the recipient of the AAPI Distinguished Service Award, Distinguished Public Service Award by American Telugu Association (ATA), Leadership Award by the Association of International College of Physicians (AICP) and several others. He is happily married to Krishnaveni Reddy and blessed with two sons, Satish and Jay.



With President Bill Clinton

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Emeritus Professor of Sociology
University of Illinois, Springfield, IL*

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Srinagesh Paluvoi, M.D.

Allergy/Immunology
Lansdowne, VA



BACKGROUND & EDUCATION:

- Hails from Tirupati, AP
- Graduated from SV Medical College< Tirupati in 1981
- Board Certified in Allergy & Immunology
- Private Practice since 1999 in Northern Virginia
- Fellow of American Academy of Pediatrics
- Fellow of American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
- Present and Past Member of CME Committee, Respiratory Committee and Credentialing Committee of ACAAI

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Regional Director: South Atlantic Region of AAPI
- Vice President: ATMGUSA
- Past President: Virginia Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (VAAPI)
- Past President: Greater Washington Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Society (GWAAIS)
- Member: Lead India 2020 Foundation
- Chair: CME Committee TANA 2019
- Co-Chair: Pediatric Workshop, GHS Hyderabad 2019



Late Dr. Dodda Bhaskara Rao

M.D., Ph.D., FACP, Diplomate of ABIM & ABFP

Chairman, Department of Medicine in
Geriatrics and Chronic Diseases
Oak Forest Hospital, Oak Forest, Illinois

Just like Dr. Yellapragada Subbarow, Dr. Dodda Bhaskara Rao was an unsung and early Telugu pioneer in the United States of America.

• **Early Life and Education:** Born in an agricultural middle class family in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Bhaskar Rao was a popular student in the school known for his genius. After high school, he meritoriously graduated in sciences from the A.C. College in Guntur. After that he joined Guntur Medical College in 1954. Two years later he moved to King George Hospital in Visakhapatnam. Upon completing the internship he went to Edinburgh, Scotland where he pursued higher studies (equivalent to M.D.) and also obtained a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Geriatric Medicine. During his 12 years stay in Scotland, Dr. Rao married Beryl and had two sons out of the wedlock.

• **Pioneering Work in the United States:** In November 1973, Dr. Rao moved to the United States. At that time, Geriatric Medicine was not a well-established medical speciality in the United States and there were virtually no training centers or fellowship programs in Geriatric Medicine. By virtue of his training and skills in Geriatric Medicine acquired in the United Kingdom, Dr. Rao could become Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Chief of Geriatric and Chronic Diseases at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Later, he became the Chairman of Geriatrics and Chronic Diseases at the Oak Forest Hospital, Illinois. There, he could successfully establish fellowship program in Geriatric Medicine and trained a number of young doctors in that specialty. By virtue of his excellence in Geriatric Medicine, Dr. Rao soon became an advisor to many state and international health care bodies as a specialist. Under his constant guidance and advice, the Geriatric Medicine expanded in the United States as a distinct specialty. He often chaired programs at the United Nations and WHO, representing the United States. He served as a member of the medical team for President Ronald Reagan.

• **Humanitarianism and Citizenship:** Dr. Bhaskar Rao was known for his compassionate and generous nature. He funded the studies of several poor students, and Telugu people in the USA who were in need of jobs and health care. His home used to be a guest house for visiting dignitaries from India in need of health care. He also helped Telugu organizations and Hindu Temples. Such a noble person had suddenly left this world in February 1984 at the age of 56 years, leaving a unique and rich career as Chairman of a Department in one of the prestigious institutes in the world. Please watch the following video clip of a TV interview Dr. Dodda Bhaskar Rao gave during the early years of his career in the United States of America.



Presentation on Dr. Dodda Bhaskar Rao by WCN Community Affairs TV

Anchor: Virginia Gale

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_gXKLxzxjY



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VijayaLakshmi Appareddy, M.D.

Child, Adolescent & Adult Psychiatry and
Addiction Medicine Specialist

Member, US President's Committee for
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Dr. Appareddy has the honor of being sworn in as Vice-Chairperson of the U.S. President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities under President Bush at a White House ceremony in 2002 by Secretary of HHS Tommy Thompson. She served on the committee for two terms.

Again, President Trump appointed Dr. Appareddy as a member of the U.S. President 's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) in 2018.

Multi-faceted Career

- Faculty at Brown University and UT Medical Schools
- Delegate to the AMA – 2007 - current
- Chairperson – BoT, AAPI
- President – Osmania Medical College Alumni of North America
- Chairperson, AMA-IMG Governing Council
- Represented AMA at the Commission to end Health Care Disparities
- Member, Council on Legislation, AMA -Current

Dr. VijayaLakshmi Appareddy is the recipient of numerous awards including the AMA Foundation Leadership Award; the state of Tennessee Senate Joint Resolution; as an "estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors" and the HCA Humanitarian award. She describes here inspiration from her later father Dr. Balakrishna Reddy, Plastic Surgeon, philanthropist and Professor of Surgery at the Osmania Medical College.

Kishore Challa, M.D.



Dr. Kishore Challa is an Interventional Cardiologist who has been practicing in Charleston, West Virginia since 1989. He is currently the President of South Charleston Cardiology Associates, sits on the Board of Directors for Thomas Memorial Hospital's Health Systems where he was previously Chief of Staff, and since July 2018 has been the President of the Board of Medicine for the State of West Virginia, which is responsible for licensing new physicians and overseeing the disciplinary proceedings for the state's 8,000 physicians and 1,000 physician assistants.

Dr. Challa has long been committed to West Virginia's medical leadership. He was first nominated to be a member of the Board of Medicine in 2012 and was reappointed for an additional five-year term in 2017, during which time he served as the Chairman of the Complaints Committee and sat on the Executive and Management Committee of the Board. After that he was elected to his current role as the President.

His commitment to the state has been recognized through the years at the state and national levels. In 2013, Dr. Challa was presented with the distinguished West Virginian award by then Governor Earl Ray Tomblin. In 2014, he was awarded the Distinguished Cardiologist of the Year and Heart of Gold Award by the American Heart Association. He was also recognized on the floor of the US Senate in Washington D.C. for his commitment and service to West Virginia.

Dr. Challa graduated from Osmania Medical College in 1982, did his Internal Medicine and Cardiology Fellowship at Coney Island Hospital in New York where he served as Chief Resident, and completed his interventional cardiology fellowship at New York Medical College. He is board certified in internal medicine and cardiology, is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, and a member of the American College of Chest Physicians.

Dr. Challa and his wife Jalasree have a son Dr. Kathik Challa, who also works as an interventional cardiologist in Chicago, and a daughter Supriya, who works at Boston Consulting Group. In his free time, Dr. Challa enjoys spending time with his family and friends, traveling, and playing golf.

Santhosh K. Cheela, M.D.

Gastroenterologist
Old Bridge, NJ



Background & Education:

- *Gandhi Medical College – 1977*
- *Board Certified in Gastroenterology*
- *In Private Practice since 1990*
- *Member, American College of Gastroenterology & American Medical Association*



Community Outreach

- *Trustee, Gandhi Medical College Global Alumni*
- *President, OGKMA – 2007-077*
- *Chairperson – BoT, AAPI*
- *ROSHNI Trust, Hyderabad – caring for terminally ill by providing at home & inpatient services at Kumundini Devi Hospice Center, Kukatpally.*
- *Advisor to HOPE4SPANDANA = Supporting children with Autism in Anantapur, AP*

V. Rao Emandi, M.D., FACRO



Dr. Rao Emandi is a native of Visakhapatnam, and completed his medical education at Andhra Medical College in 1966. He did post-graduation in Radiation Oncology at CMC Hospital, Vellore in 1972. After completing his post-graduation, Dr. Emandi started his carrier in the Caribbean Islands as Head of the Department for Radiology at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Barbados, West Indies. He was in charge for Cancer in the Eastern Caribbean Islands. Dr. Emandi has published his first paper on cancer in the Caribbean Islands at an International Conference, Lyon, France in 1974. He was the pioneer in planning and starting Radiation Center at Barbados, West Indies. He has also started the first Cancer Registry for the Eastern Caribbean Islands in 1974.

Dr. Emandi was a founding member, donor and Trustee for Charitable Cancer Hospital in 2005 in Hyderabad, India, which has grown to a 450 bed Cancer Center now. He has also donated Mammography Unit to Lyons Cancer Center, Visakhapatnam.

Dr. Rao Emandi is a founding member and Chairman of Well care HMO, New Port Richey, Florida in 1986. It was sold in 1992 and now it's worth \$14 billion.

Dr. Emandi is a founding member of several Medical Diagnostic and Cancer Centers for the last 40 years. He is Chairman of the West Hernando Diagnostic MR Center's Inc. and presently is having 5 centers under this division. He is also planned the Oncology center in 1982 at Hudson, Florida. Following that he has planned 3 more Cancer centers - Hernando Cancer Center, Citrus Cancer Center, Pasco Pinellas Cancer Center, in the state of Florida. He has served in Hernando, Citrus, Pasco and Pinellas counties in the field of Cancer, Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Emandi served as President of Pasco Cancer Association, Pasco Medical Society, and many Local & International Medical Associations. Now he is the Radiation Oncologist with Advanced Cancer Treatment Centers, Brooksville, Florida.

Dr. Emandi is actively involved with Medical Doctors locally and nationally. He is an active member of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), where he was actively involved as a Regional Director, Committee Chair and Governing Body Member. Recently on May 9 and 10th, Dr. Emandi was the Convener for Jai Ho function, on behalf of AAPI for a charitable cause. He was the President for Florida Association of Physicians from South Asia, Tampa, Florida. He is also involved with Andhra Pradesh Medical Graduates in USA, (APMGUSA) which has 10,000 Doctors and Chairman for three years 2010 onwards.

Dr. Emandi has been active in cultural, philanthropic, and political activities. Thus, he has served the local communities in the State. Nationally he has been participating in legislative awareness in Washington D.C. Internationally he represented State of Florida on behalf of Business Advisory Council in Japan and South Korea. He has received several awards from various organizations for his community services. Dr. Emandi received Bharat Seva Award from the Honorable C. N. Reddy, Hyderabad. M. of AP, in 2005, and Bharat Gowrav Award from the Hon. Governor of AP in 2006. He also received HIND RATNA AWARD from Hon Former PM Gurjal in New Delhi in 2006.

Ramamohana Rao Kairam, M.D.



Born in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh.

Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam 1964 to 1970.

After three years in the Eastern Caribbean I arrived in New York city in 1975. I was lucky to be trained in Columbia University in Pediatrics (Harlem Hospital), in Neonatology and Pediatric Neurology at the Columbia University Medical Center. After briefly practicing as a Fetal and Neonatal Neurologist I worked in the field of Pediatric AIDS/HIV for the next two decades. Funded by the NIH, I developed the NEC, a standardized neurologic examination for children (copyrighted) to facilitate research into the neurological manifestations of congenital HIV infection. This involvement with Pediatric AIDS led to a career long involvement of the developmental outcomes of at-risk children.

I developed innovative programs to train pediatric residents to increase cultural competency and communication skills. I was instrumental in introducing trainees in pediatrics into clinical research and helped many to secure fellowships. After the Chris Brown-Rhiana incident I became very involved in introducing into pediatric training competence in intimate partner violence prevention. I developed the Community Health Education Center at Bronx Lebanon. In the early '00s I obtained funding to develop the Bronx Child Study Center. The Autism Treatment and Advocacy Center begun in 2002 continues until today.

I was noted to be an aggressive educator of residents and medical students while I was the Department Chairman for Pediatrics for more than 16 years and trained over 200 residents. I was an active HIV/AIDS researcher and program developer in the first HIV decade. I retired as a Professor of Neurology at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in 2014 but continue to practice, work and educate in the field of Autism in New York City.

I was recognized as one of the **100 heroes of NY** -NY Daily News, 1999 for mental health services. I recognize Shivaji Rao in AMC/KGH for making me curious, I. Dinakar in teaching me how to study and I was very inspired by Balaparameswara Rao. M. Richard Koenigsberger helped me enter neonatal neurology and Darryl Devivo rescued me and held my hand when I had cold feet at the beginning of neurology training at Columbia- forever grateful for what that training did for me in my life.

Since 2006, I began to **“give back” to AMC** helping to fund-raise for various programs and continue to visit often to teach there. My wife, Indira Raju (AMC 1967) and I raised three successful children here in the US and forever remain grateful for the world-class medical education we received in Andhra Medical College.

In 2017 I was appointed as a Visiting Professor of Neurology at the NTRUHS.

Most importantly, what makes me most proud is when people refer to me as **“America’s Highest Paid Social Worker”**



Dev A. GnanaDev, MD, MBA, FACS
General, Vascular and Critical Care Surgeon



Vision and Goals:

- Improve and expand access to care for the uninsured and underinsured by strengthening the public health system
- Combat the shortage of physicians by increasing medical school slots and residency programs
 - Encourage minority students to enter the field of medicine and practice in their communities
 - Reduce number of deaths related to opioid epidemic by educating physicians on opioid prescription guidelines and use of CURES database



Dr. GnanaDev's impact in the community:

Medical Education

- Founding president of California University of Science and Medicine (Cal Med) Non-profit, allopathic medical school opened in 2018
- Creator of new residency programs at San Bernardino County-operated Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- Clinical professor of Surgery, Western University of Health Sciences, Pomona, CA
- Professor of Surgery, Cal Med School of Medicine

Organized Medicine

- President, California Medical Association, 2008-09
- AMPAC Board Member, 2012-present

State Appointments

- Member, Medical Board of California, 2012-present; President, 2016-2018

Special Awards

- American Medical Association Foundation Pride in the Professions Award, American Medical Association Foundation, 2007
- John P. McGovern Compleat Physician Award, Harris County (Texas) Medical Society, 2011
- Most Distinguished Physician Award, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, 2012
- Physician Recognition Award, Medical Board of California, 2005





Praveen Kollipara, M.D.

Dr. Praveen Kollipara, a long-time friend was responsible in our coming to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

A graduate of Osmania Medical College and Albert Einstein in University of New York, Dr. Kollipara joined Oncology Hematology practice in Ft. Wayne, IN. He is considered instrumental in making his group 'Fort Wayne Medical Oncology and Hematology' the premier oncology group in this region providing cutting edge therapies to their patients closer to home.

He is one of the founding members of a private nonprofit charitable organization called Jyothi Corp with a mission to empower the poor, hungry, vulnerable, visually and mentally challenged people.

His group has obtained several Rotary global grants to fund 'Satya Sai Sanjeevani' Trust hospital which provides total cardiac care including surgeries to all congenital heart disease patients in India and neighboring countries.

Dr. Kollipara, also serves as a member of Shruthi, a not-for-profit organization that partnered with IPFW to promote Indian fine arts in this region.

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Vijay Chilakamarri, M.D., FACC

Dr. Vijay Chilakamarri, a graduate of Osmania Medical College completed fellowship in Cardiology at University of Missouri and Interventional Cardiology at Oschner Institute in New Orleans before joining Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He has established himself as a highly skilled interventional cardiologist in this region and has been designated as Chief of Cardiology of Lutheran Health Network. He is known for bringing many new cardiac interventional technologies to this region over the last couple of decades.

He is socially very active in the Indian community with an interest in Indian cultural events. He along with his colleagues began "Shruti" a non-profit organization to introduce Indian fine arts to this region. In collaboration with Purdue University department of Visual and Performing Arts, Shruti has introduced Indian classical music and dance programs to the local community.



Painting by Dr. Jhansi Koduri, Dayton, Ohio

Rom Mohan Kopparthi, M.D.

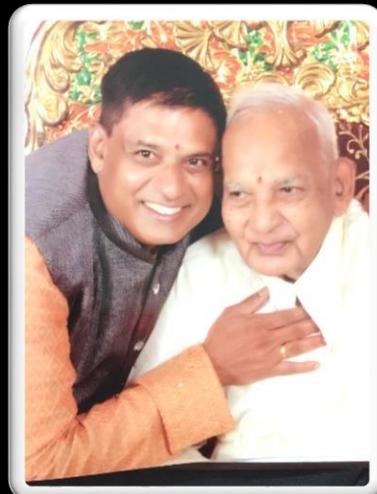
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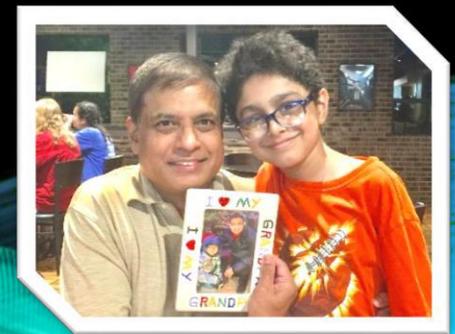
Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool, India;
Residency & Fellowship: Advocate Lutheran
General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL
Fellow of American Association of Pediatrics
Certified Physician Executive (CPE)
Member, American Physicians Leadership
Member, AAPI
Top Pediatrician Award (2003-2005)
Medal for Community Service
Participant, Indo-American Political Action Cmt.
Asst. Professor, Pediatrics, Michigan State Univ.
Medical Director of Neonatal Units (2000-2014)
Taught Neonatal Resuscitation
Contributes to 20+ charities in the USA and India
Hobbies: Playing Golf; Watching Sports,
Facebooking & Whatsapping
DJ for KMC Sangeetha Brindam



With the Better Half - **Mayuri**



Taking care of Father



Playing with Grandson

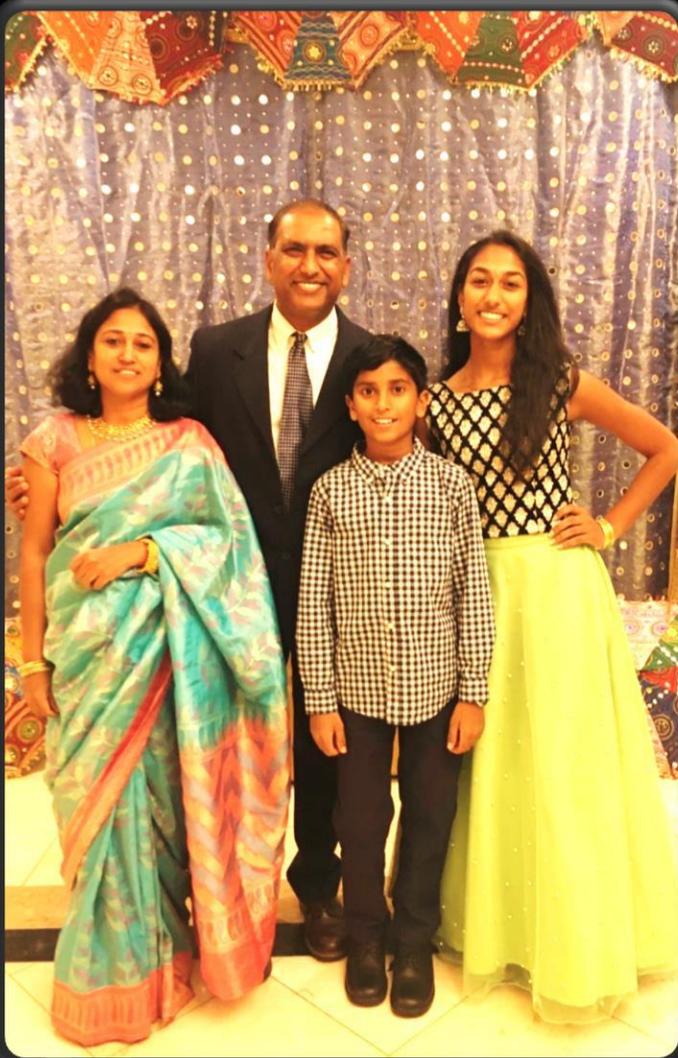


Getting Real Workout

Sashi Kuppala, M.D., DCH, MS

Neonatologist & Medical Director of the NICU
The Women's Hospital, Deaconess Healthcare
Evansville, IN

- Alumnus of Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada (1992 Batch)
- Residency in Pediatrics (2005-07), Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH
- Fellowship in Neonatology (2007-2010), Univ. of Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, OH
- Masters in Healthcare Quality and Safety Management, Thomas Jefferson University, 2019



Family:

- Married to Dr. Kavitha Jyotula (RMC Alumnus, 1995 batch). Working as Hospitalist.
- Daughter Shamitha (10th grade)
- Son Ashwin (5th grade)

Community Service:

- President-Elect, Rangaraya Medical College Alumni of North America (RMCANA) 2020-22
- Co-Convenor, Global Healthcare Summit (GHS) 2021, Visakhapatnam

Hobbies: Avid outdoors man...

- Successfully climbed/hiked all over the world, including
- Rim-to-rim hikes in the Grand Canyon
- Half-dome hike in Yosemite
- Climbed Mt. Rainer & Mt Baker in Seattle
- Tour du Mont Blanc in France
- Black Forest in Germany
- Mt. Everest Base Camp, Humalayas
- Mt. Kilimanajaro in Africa



Nalini Paddu, M.D.
Physiatry & Sports Medicine
 (Kurnool Medical College)

Padmanabh Paddu, M.D.
Gastroenterology
 (Osmania Medical College)
 Live in Long Island, NY



Nalini Singing & Nalini's Art

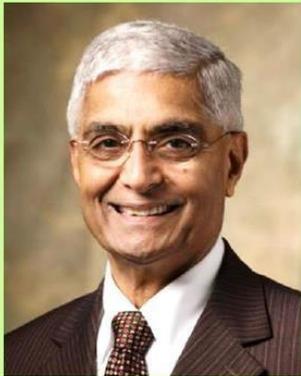


**Naveen is an MD Hospitalist.
 Nina is 4th year medical student**

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Drs. Rom Mohan Kopparthi & BK. Kishore

*In Recognition of Nalini, a Born Singer and Artist, a Kind,
 Compassionate and Resourceful Friend, with Unique Social Skills*



Prasad Mantravadi, M.D.

Dr. Prasad Mantravadi, a Radiation Oncologist from our city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is one of the most respected physicians that I have been privileged to know. A role model and an inspiration not only to me, but also to several physicians and Indian Americans in our city of Fort Wayne.

He is one of founding members of Hoosier Radiation Oncologists, and co-chair of Radiation Oncology Quality Assurance Committee. He is a recipient of several local, state and national awards for his services to the medical community and his chosen specialty. He is a well-respected Board Member for several professional organizations a such as Physician Health Plan, American Cancer Society – Great Lakes Division, Cancer Services of North East Indiana and Fort Wayne African American Cancer Alliance.

He is also very active a Board Member in several cultural and spiritual organizations such as Shruti Cultural Society and Bhajan Society of Fort Wayne.

He has been helping to promote educational opportunities for under privileged children in rural India through All India Movement for Seva (AIM for Seva) Organization. Dr. Mantravadi is one of the few people that we always took for guidance and inspiration.

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Dr. Vadrevu K. Raju, M.D., FRCS, FACS

Founder and President, Eye Foundation of America
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, West Virginia Univ.,
Morgantown, WV
Chairman, Goutami Eye Institute, Rajahmundry, AP,
India <http://www.eyefoundationofamerica.org/>



Dr. Leela V. Raju, M.D.

Associate Professor, Ophthalmology
NYU Langone Eye Center, Brooklyn, NY
Secretary & Education Coordinator, Eye Foundation of
America

Dr. V.K. Raju and his daughter, **Dr. Leela V. Raju** are perfect examples of creation of life. Dr. V. K. Raju started his career with a very large vision. Through his organization, the Eye Foundation of America (EFA), Dr. V. K. Raju has been relentlessly working for a great humanitarian cause, i.e., elimination of avoidable blindness. Dr. Leela Raju is proud to join her father in his mission. She travels to Goutami Eye Institute in Rajahmundry, India regularly to teach and examine patients. She is also helping to develop the EFA collaboration in Ghana.

Of the 285 million people that are visually impaired across the globe, 90% live in a low-income setting and over 80% of all cases can be prevented or cured. Of these, 19 million visually impaired children. Dr. V. K. Raju feels strongly that vision is essential to learning. If children miss the chance of learning, they will be a burden to themselves, their families, and a society as a whole. **He quotes Nelson Mandela, there can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.** His organization reaches rural and remote areas of developing countries, where there are no medical care facilities or where the cost of the care is prohibitive. Over the course of his work, more 3 million patients have been served and 300,000 vision-saving surgeries have been performed (25,000+ on children). Each time Dr. V. K. Raju performs a corrective surgery (LASIK) to get rid of glasses and/or contact lenses, the proceeds go towards the foundation, giving eye glasses to 45 children in a developing nation.

The Eye Foundation of America is also dedicated to continuing education for providers. Since 1977, over 600 physicians, residents, medical students, and technicians have furthered their education. In addition, more than 200 ophthalmologists of the next generation have received training and fellowships.

Dr. V.K. Raju has invested over half a million dollars of his own money in EFA outreach programs. Thus, he has created an organization with his vision and has been running it very successfully with dedication and diligence. Dr. V. K. Raju credits much of the success of the organization to support from grateful patients, friends, family, donors, and other medical professionals. While growing the foundation, he has become an institution by himself and a role model for future doctors. Even after 40 years, he feels his work is just beginning as he continues the foundation's mission,

A World Without Childhood Blindness.



Dr. V. K. Raju obtained MBBS degree from the Andhra University Medical College, Visakhapatnam. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He has received numerous international awards.

Dr. Leela V. Raju obtained her M.D. from Marshall University, and did Ophthalmology Residency at the University of Pittsburg Medical Center and Johns Hopkins University. She specialized on Cornea during her Fellowship at the Baylor College of Medicine.

Picture: Dr. V. K. Raju started his service mission from a very young age. Dr. Leela V. Raju is following her father's example and footsteps.

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Sadasiva T. Reddy, M.D.

Radiologist

Founder & Chairman

Kurnool Medical College Alumni of North
America (KMCANA)

Brooklyn, Michigan



- MBBS and Internship, Kurnool Medical College (1969)
- Came to Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago in 1969 Completed Internal Medicine and Radiology residencies.
- Practicing Radiology since 1975 at Henry Ford Health System and presently as a part-time Radiologist.
- Life in the USA made him a better person willing to help others.
- Founding President of Kurnool Medical College Alumni, and still actively involved in helping at KMC including Radiology Department.
- Active participant in TANA then the President of ATA.
- Founding member of International Society for Medical Education and later its Chairman and started Medical School at Bharatpoor, Nepal which is thriving well.
- Started a charitable organization in 1987 called Thegalapalle Achamma Seva Sadan named after his mother in India. It provides scholarships to needy students, building aid for schools, aid for poor people, health camps, etc. at different places in Andhra and Telangana.
- Established not for profit school in 1993 called Thegalapalle Kondareddy School in Jammalamadugu, AP after his father.



Sriram Sonty, M.D., FACS

Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

University of Illinois @ Chicago

Dept. of Ophthalmology

Glaucoma Consultant, Midwest Eye Center SC

Dr. Sarada Purna Sonty

Ph.D. (Telugu), Ph.D. (Sanskrit), D. Litt. (Music)

Education & Training: Dr. Sonty completed Medicine at Andhra Medical College (1963-69), and Internship at King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam. Finished his Post Graduation/Residency in Ophthalmology from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in 1974 and moved to USA in May 1975. Married Susarla Saradapurna in 1975. Dr Sonty had further training in Ophthalmology at Tufts New England Medical Center, Boston Children Medical Center (Harvard University) and University of Pittsburgh Eye and Ear Infirmary. He worked as Faculty at Tufts New England Medical Center and later moved to Chicago and became Faculty at the University of Illinois and is currently a Clinical Associate Professor at the University in the Glaucoma Service. He was a Senior Academic Consultant at the King Khalid Eye Specialist Hospital, KSA.

Professional Career: Dr. Sonty has 165 Presentations at various National (American Academy of Ophthalmology, All India Ophthalmic Society, Glaucoma Society of India) and International Meetings (International Congress of Ophthalmology, Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology, World Glaucoma Congress, ARVO, Asia ARVO, International Glaucoma Society), and 125 publications in both peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed journals, book chapters and abstracts. He conducted Symposia, Seminars and Grand Rounds at UIC Eye Center, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Ophthalmology Congress, American Academy of Ophthalmology Instruction Courses and Skills Transfer Courses.

Leadership: Dr. Sriram Sonty has held many Leadership roles in Eye Care, such as Assistant Director, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Boston Veterans' Hospital 1978-1980; Founder/Director, Glaucoma and Neuro-ophthalmology Sections at LV Prasad Eye Institute, Jan-Dec 1989; Regional Director/Chair, Dept. of Ophthalmology Humana/Michael Reese Health; Director/Glaucoma Consultant with Midwest Eye Center SC since 1998. Mentored 15 High school and College students out of whom two became ophthalmologists, one Optometrist, one Neurologist, four Medical Students, one Ph.D., and two are on the Ph.D. track.

Research: Dr. Sriram Sonty has done many Research Projects including the Landmark Advanced Glaucoma Intervention Study (AGIS) sponsored by the National Eye Institute (1991-2003), Pharmaceutical Drug Research for Glaucoma Therapy including AXIS, START, LEEDS Switch Studies, and among New Drugs, Alphagan-P, Xalacom, Duotrav, Gan Forte, Azarga, Lumigan 0.01% Betimol, Travatan-PQ Studies over 12 Years.

Honors: Dr. Sonty was honored by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Indian Glaucoma Society, The American Telugu Association (ATA), Telugu Association of North America (TANA), Telugu Association of Greater Chicago, Tristate Telugu Association. Vamsee Arts International Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr P Sivareddy Oration, Vanguri Foundation, Congressman Danny K. Davis Advisory Task Force, and the President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee.

Service to Medical Profession & Education: Dr. Sonty served as the Founder-trustee, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad & Visakhapatnam, President of the Andhra Medical College Alumni of North America (AMCANA), Rotary Netra Rural Eye Hospital, Visakhapatnam. Currently Chairman, Board of Trustees, AMCANA. Dr. Sonty was on the President's Council of the University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois Eye Fund Board, Governor State University Foundation Board, President Matteson Rotary Club, and President SRI Foundation and SAPNA.

Passions: Dr Sonty's passions are to contribute and develop libraries at various Institutions like LV Prasad Eye Institute, University of Illinois Dept of Ophthalmology, Andhra Medical College Dr. Rednam Suryaprasada Rao Regional Eye Hospital- Visakhapatnam, Rotary Netra Eye Hospital, and Bharatheeya Kalamandir Chicago.

Community Service: Dr. Sonty is on the Advisory Capacity/Trustee Gandhi Memorial Trust, Skokie Illinois. Founder Chairman Sri Annamacharya Project of North America (SAPNA), Sonty Renaissance International (SRI) Foundation. and with Dr. Sarada Purna Sonty completed 32 Years of service to Indian Classical Music, Dance and Literature. SAPNA's mission "to preserve, promote, propagate & perpetuate Indic Classic Traditions". Dr. Sonty presented about 100 Gandhiji's Life and Legacy presentations, India @ 50 Exhibition, He started Dr. Sriram Sonty Glaucoma Lecture series in 2016

Philanthropy: Drs. Sriram & Sarada Purna Sonty donated significantly to the following major institutions: Sri Annamacharya Project of North America, LV Prasad Eye Institute, SVS Temple of Aurora, UIC Foundation, Chicago Symphony Center, Governor State University Scholarship Fund, Matteson Rotary Club Special Kids' Fund, Gandhi Memorial Trust, Sonty Kasulamma Rotary Centenary Park, Rotary International Foundation, NIMHANS Brain Bank, Dr. Sonty Glaucoma Lecture Fund, Vegesna Foundation and Swami Vivekananda 150 years Commemorative Magazine.

Two Children: Dr. Sreepadma Priya (Siri) Sonty - Pediatric Neurologist

Ms. Sreelakshmi Sita (Sita) Sonty – Vice President, Sierre Nevada Corp.

Two Grandchildren: Jairam Aidan Taggart, Ananda Skylar Taggart

Bollepalli Subbarao, M.D., FAPA



- **Current Clinical Positions:** Attending Psychiatrist , Hartford Hospital/Institute of Living; Medical Director, Advanced Behavioral Health, Middletown CT; Asst Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Univ of Connecticut, Farmington; Consultant, State of CT, Dept of Developmental Services and IRB
- **Organised Medicine:** President-Elect, (CSMS) Connecticut State medical Society (9/2018-9/2019); Chair of Public Health Committee (CSMS); Past President (2013-2014) and Current BOD of Hartford County Medical Association; Founding Member, Past President (2012-2014) and current BOT of CAPI; Alternate Delegate to AMA-HOD (2013-Current/Delegate Designate 2020); Patron Member, AAPI
- **Community Service:** Migrant Farm Workers Clinic (MFWC)/Univ of Connecticut Preceptor; Connecticut Valley Hindu Temple Society- Volunteer, Vice Chair, Board of Trustee (2007-2013), Advisor 1981- current ; Sponsored water purification and supply projects in India; Educational scholarships to needy students in India/USA
- **Military service:** Colonel (Retd) US Army Reserve 1980-2011
- **Awards:** Life time Fellow of American Psychiatric Association; Lifetime Achievement Award in Health and Science by GOPIO (Global Organization of People of Indian Origin); Commendation/Achievement Medals during 5 overseas deployments in Iraqi Freedom) 2002-2010: Hartford Business Journal "Health Heroes Award"

Krishna Sunkara, M.D., FCCP

Pulmonary Consultant & Asst. Professor

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Krishna Sunkara, M.D., FCCP

B.Sc., & MBBS – Andhra University, India

Geriatric Medicine Fellowship, Oak Forest Hospital, Chicago, IL

Internal Medicine Residency, Christ Hospital, IL

Pulmonary Medicine Fellowship, Chicago Medical School, IL

Board Certified in Internal Medicine & Pulmonary Medicine; Board Eligible in Sleep Medicine

Member, American College of Chest Physicians and American Thoracic Society

Sai Sunkara, M.D. (Daughter)

M.D. University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

Residency: Rush University Medical Center

Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellowship: Emory University, Georgia

Assistant Professor, University of Illinois-Chicago and Clinical Educator

Amar Bhatt, M.D. (Son-in-Law)

B.A. Lehigh University; M.D. Drexel University College of Medicine

Neurology Residency: University of Pittsburgh

Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship: Vanderbilt University

Sleep Fellowship: Vanderbilt University

Assistant Professor, Rush University Medical Center

Strong advocate of Residents and Fellows Teaching

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1985-86	Sudershan R. Nagulapalli, MD	Oakbrook, IL
1986-87	Sashikanth T. David, MD	Bessemer, AL
1987-88	Janardana R. Pingili, MD	West Patterson, NJ
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1989-90	Sreedhar P. Rao, MD	Staten Island, NY
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2015-16	Suresh Reddy, MD	Chicago, IL
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2018-19	Bharath Naravetla	Detroit, MI
2019-20	Sushma Nakka	Tampa, FL



**SREEDHAR RAO PULLURU,MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 1989-90
KAKTIYA MEDICAL COLLEGE
PEDIATRICS**

Dr. Sreedhar Rao is currently Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pediatrics at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Rao received an award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America in 1996, distinguished service award in 2008 and Life Time Achievement award in 2018 from Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patients Network. Dr. Rao received an award from OGKMA for academic excellence in 2005.

Dr. Sreedhar Rao, known as Sreedhar Rao Pulluru at OGKMA, had been active in OGKMA since its inception and served as the president of OGKMA in 1989.

Dr. Sreedhar Rao Pulluru and several NRI alumni took a leading role in the planning and fund raising for the NRI Alumni Education Center at Kakatiya Medical College. A separate alumni committee was formed in India headed by Late Dr. T. Ravinder Rao. He oversaw the construction of the center. The Alumni Education Center auditorium was used during the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2009.

Dr. Sreedhar Rao is happily married to Dr. Sarojini Rao, an alumna of Kakatiya and a retired anesthesiologist. They have a son, Sanjay, daughter, Sheilaja. Sheilaja is married to Sergio Vieira and they have one daughter, Lara.



DR. VIJAY P. KUMAR, MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 1996-97
OSMANIA MEDICAL COLLEGE
INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY

Practice in western suburbs of Chicago

Positions held :

Chief of Cardiology, Glen Oaks Hospital

Co-Director of Cardiology, Loretta Hospital

Chief of Staff, Glenoaks Hospital

Past President of Indian American Medical Association of
Illinois (IAMA)

Interests : Golfing, Skiing, Biking, travelling



BABU RAMDEV,MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 1997-98
GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE

Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh.

Married to Dr. Prem Thula Ramdev.

2 sons Pranay (Vascular Surgeon) and Nomith (Periodontist).

Member of AAPI since inception. Served on governing body and as Regional Director NE.

President of Rotary Club Dover, NH.

President of Dover Medical Society, NH.

President of Strafford County Medical Society, NH.

President Osmania Alumni, USA.

President IMANE Indian Medical Association of New England.

Member AMA and NH Medical Society.

Board of Directors, Wentworth Douglas Hospital Foundation.

Medical Director, Trauma Center.

Board of Directors, Cocheco Country Club, NH.



**SANKU SURENDER RAO, MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 1999-00
OSMANIA MEDICAL COLLEGE
GASTROENTEROLOGY**

Dr. Sanku Surender Rao graduated from Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad in 1969. He did fellowship in Gastroenterology and was the first Gastroenterologist in the Northwest Oklahoma region, and he continues to have a thriving private practice for the last 40 years.

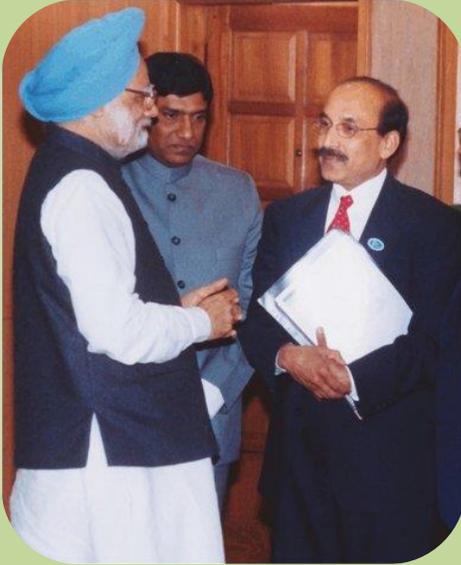
Dr. Rao has been involved in numerous Medical Organizations at the local, national, and international levels. At the state level, he was a trustee of the Oklahoma State Medical Association (OSMA) and a Delegate to the American Medical Association. He was also instrumental in setting up an observer ship program sponsored by his Alumni for international medical graduates .

In 2008 as Treasurer of AAPI, he streamlined AAPI's budget and implemented strict discipline and guidelines. By the end of his term, he improved the financial health of AAPI from deep negative balance to significant positive balance. Simultaneously he also served as Treasurer for the 2008 AAPI Annual convention in Houston, TX, and saved significant amount of profit fro AAPI

During his Presidency he had worked hard to implement OGKTMA ande AAPI agenda and to improve the overall delivery system in India.

After completing the AAPI presidency, he co-founded the Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) to bring together all the physicians of Indian Origin around the world to improve quality of healthcare and access in underserved areas in India. OGKTMA, AAPI and GAPIO teamed up and continue to work together to make a bigger impact in the healthcare arena.

He was also Chair, BOT of AAPIGUSA



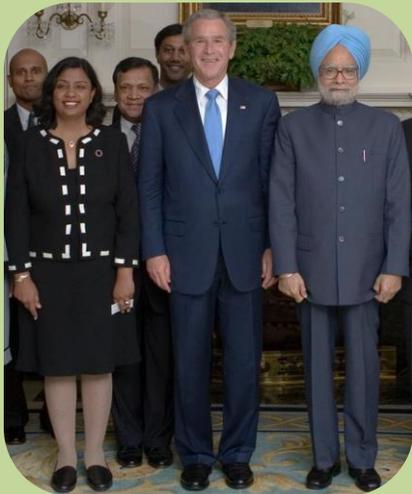
JAGAN AILINENI,MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 2000-03
OSMANIA
NEURORADIOLOGY

Dr. Jagan Ailinani came to USA and did his radiology residency at St. Louis University. Board certified in diagnostic radiology and neuro radiology, he was a partner with Cape Radiology Group and is past chairman of the Department of Radiology, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Illinois, and at Southern Illinois School of Medicine, Springfield. He is the co-author of CT&MRI pathology pocket atlas, and has organized and participated in several CME programs in U.S and India.

Dr. Ailinani has adopted his native village and undertook various developing projects, safe drinking water, sanitation, individual toilets, cremation place with funeral shelter and establishment of primary health center in Mothe village and Jagtial village. In addition to AAPI's Preventive Health Clinic in Jagtial, he successfully conducted many medical and surgical camps in several villages in partnership with Rotary Club and Prathima Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) in Karimnagar, where Dr. Ailinani serves as a founding board member.

He expanded the school, provided library, digital class rooms and sponsored English teachers and health checkups including vision, hearing and dental for all the students. Dr. Ailinani provided the first free ambulance to the Jagtial and surrounding villages 25 years ago.

He has served as the president of AAPI, raised \$55,000 to help Tsunami victims, helped newly arrived Indian physicians with J1 visa waiver, clinical externship and practice management seminars, and provided legal advice and support for physicians who were discriminated. Dr. Ailinani is active in local community and served as the president of Jackson County Medical Society, providing free clinic for working poor of Jackson County, Illinois.



**VIJAYALAKSHMI APPAREDDY, MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 2003-04
OSMANIA MEDICAL COLLEGE**

President Trump appointed Dr. VijayaLakshmi Appareddy to the U.S. President 's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID) in 2018.

She has the honor of being sworn in as Vice-Chairperson of PCPID under President Bush at a White House ceremony in 2002 and served two terms.

Her continuum of service to the medical profession has spanned over three decades. Her multifaceted career includes being on the faculty at Brown University and UT Medical Schools, Delegate/Delegate (A) to the AMA from 2007, Chairperson, BOT of AAPI, President of Osmania Medical Alumni, member of the Board of hospitals, President of local chapter of AMWA, Delegate to TMA and serves on APA committees. Served as, Chairperson of the AMA-IMG Governing Council, represented AMA at Commission to end Health Care Disparities.

Currently member of the prestigious AMA, Council on Legislation. Served as a member of AMA Reference committee B that refined AMA stance on Obama Health care reform in 2009. Graduate of AMPAC candidate workshop.

Her inspiration is from her late father Dr. Balakrishna Reddy, Plastic surgeon, Philanthropist and Professor of Surgery at Osmania Medical College. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the AMA Leadership award, Tennessee Senate Joint Resolution and the HCA Humanitarian award.



RAVINDER SURAKANTI, MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 2004-05
GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE 1972

- Led training programs for over 7,000 house surgeons in BLS, ACLS, PALS through Provider and Instructor courses with Dr. Maheshwar Reddy as coordinator; Dennis McCauley as lead instructor; Rajshekhar Kollipara and Rajender Gattu as instructors
- Led training programs of over 5,000 students, nursing staff, police personnel, and civilians in CPR
- Led establishment of Gandhi Alumni AHA International Training Center ('16)
- President, GMCGA (2016 – 17)
- Distinguished Alumnus Award, OUMA ('06-'07)
- Treasurer, APMG ('05-'06)
- Director, AHA Programs in AP ('98-present)
- Founding Member, Gandhi Medical College Global Alliance ('04)
- Led establishment of GMC Alumni Education Center ('06)
- Vision: Enhance status of AHA ITC/GMC/GH to Center of Excellence with support of OGKMA, GMCAA, local alumni, and governmental authorities
- Conducted certified AHA Programs (BLS & ACLS) in AP, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, and Delhi (1998 –present)
- President, Association of Indian Physicians in Indiana ('93-'94)
- Co-Chair Cardiac Care Committee, AAPI ('04-'05)
- Adopted primary and high-school in village Poddatur
- Initiated free monthly health camp in village Poddatur which provides hypertension and diabetes screening, EKG, and free distribution of necessary medicines



GOPAL REDDY GADE, MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 2005-06
KAKATIYA MEDICAL COLLEGE
OBSTRETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY



SANTOSH CHEELA, MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 2006-07
GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE 1977
GASTROENTEROLOGY



UDAYBHASKER CHINTALAPUDI,MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 2007-08
GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY

Dr. Chintalapudi also completed his postgraduate training in Diagnostic Radiology in 1991 from Osmania Medical College. He is proud to be an alumnus of both the medical colleges. This motivated me to become part of OGKMA (which was originally OUMA and later became OGKMA to include graduates from Kakatiya as well) in the year 2004. This idea was further boosted by the then past President Dr. Jagan Ailinani and then president, Dr. Ravinder Surakanti. He started as a Treasurer in 2004 and became very passionate about the organization's goals and objectives by working closely with senior alumni members such as Dr. Sudhaker Rao, Dr. Santhosh Cheela and Dr. P Bheemeswara Rao. Together they continued to revive the membership directory and increase the member participation. They recognized several scholars amongst our alumni who were involved in significant scientific activities and reached higher ranks in our profession. With the help of Dr. Govind Rao, they actively promoted charitable activities through Osmania Charitable Foundation focusing on improving the patient care services and hospital improvement projects. Library Improvement Projects at all three medical colleges; construction of GMC Alumni Education Center (Dr. Manchikanti Laxmaiah was a major contributor); construction of KMC Girls Hostel (Dr. Hanimireddy Lakireddy was a major contributor) were some of the highlight projects during his time. He conducted several meetings and conferences which included CME's in USA and training sessions in India. His Annual meeting on the Bahamas Cruise in 2008 was a grand success.



**HYMA REDDY KANDULA,MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 2008-09
KAKATIYA MEDICAL COLLEGE
FAMILY PRACTICE**

Dr. Kandula was the past president of OGKMA & secretary of APMGUSA. Her husband Dr. Ravi Kandula practiced in Allentown, Bethlehem, PA as a General Surgeon & Surgical oncologist . He established the Lehigh valley chapter of AAPI & was president for many years . She took active role in organizing community health fairs & indian physician community services in Lehigh valley- AAPI. She helped with fundraising & social networking at Hindu temple of Lehighvalley, Allentown, PA & Arsha vidya Gurukulam In Saylorsburg, PA. They have two married daughters, Namratha & Deepika & three grand kids .

Namratha, is an Associate professor of medicine on the faculty of Northwestern Medical school.

Deepika Is a project Manager for Malaria in charge of all of Africa & South East Asia.



ANAND KISHORE,MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 2009-2010
OSMANIA MEDICAL COLLEGE 1977
GASTROENTEROLOGY

After a year of postgraduate training in England, he moved to USA. He received the outstanding resident award in my residency and served as the chief resident. He completed his Gastroenterology training at the University of Pittsburgh.

He started his academic career as Assistant professor at University of Arkansas. In five years, he was promoted to Associate Professor. He was involved in research in the gastrointestinal motility field and published in New England Journal of Medicine.

He moved to Virginia in 1990, practicing gastroenterology where he is now actively involved in teaching.

He is a Professor at Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, VA and Associate professor at VTC School of Medicine, Roanoke, VA.

He has established the endoscopy center and motility lab at the local hospitals and developed Crohns-Colitis support group in the community. He was actively involved in our alumni activities as well as in AAPI. He served as the president of our alumni group in 2010.

He developed the concept of regional meetings during his tenure and together with Jagan Ailinani they raised funds and were instrumental in establishing the electronic library at the OMC which is still operating well. His family also contributed to building a temple in our community and served as a member of board of trustees, and established a scholarship at the Radford University.

His beloved wife, Lakshmi Kishore, is a graduate of OMC. She is an Internist and Geriatrician . He is blessed with two sons. Sandeep Kishore MD PhD is a pioneer in the field of global health and is presently at Harvard. Sanjay Kishore will be graduating from Harvard Medical School and will start his Internal Medicine residency at the same institution.



**RAJENDER REDDY JINNA,MD
OGKMA PRESIDENT 2012-13
GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE
PEDIATRICS**

Currently full time faculty at Nassau University Medical Center Long Island, New York , Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook and specializes in Primary care and prevention and treatment of Child abuse and Neglect.

Served as President of American Telugu Association (ATA) during 2011-2012. Which promote literary, cultural, educational, social, economic, health and community activities of the people of Telugu origin in USA and India.

Served as president of Osmania Gandhi Kakatiya and Telangana Medical Alumni Association (OGKTMA) of USA -2012 which promotes health, educational awareness and health services in USA and India

Served as Founding President of Telangana Chapter of Indian Overseas Congress.

Currently serving as Treasurer of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin -Queens long island chapter (AAPIQLI)

Member of American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI),

Received Citation from Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano for his spirited leadership, outstanding charitable efforts and dedicated community service -In Sept 2013

Recipient of the American Telugu Association (ATA) Service Recognition Award- in 2014 for Dedicated service and Contributions

Recipient of Distinguished Alumni in Public Service --OGKTMA in 2018

Recipient of Hyderabad Cultural Association of Greater NY(HCA) Award for Leadership and Humanitarian Services in 2014

Recipient of Telugu Pride –NRI for Medicine by Delhi Telugu Academy in 2002

Married to Uma with two Children Dr. Sphoorthi and Sankeerth

Sujeeth R. Punnam, MD, FACC

Immediate Past President for Osmania Gandhi Kakatiya and Telangana Medical Alumni Association (OGKTMA)



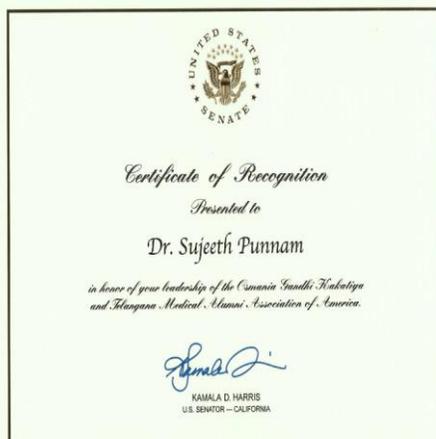
August-2018 with then Health Minister Dr Laxma Reddy during Deployment of 170 Defibrillators in 108 Public Ambulances in Telangana



Sujeeth's Profile

Personal

Born and brought up in Hanamkonda, Warangal but a native of Zupaka, Karimnagar district. He was born to Mrs. Shrimathi and Late Mr P. Raghava Reddy. Has an elder brother Mr P. Sateesh Reddy. Married Aparna daughter of Mrs. Aruna and Mr K. Sudarshan Reddy.



Citation from US Senator Kamala D. Harris

San Joaquin Medical Society 2019 Physician of the Year Award from Congress Woman Susan Eggman

Professional

Completed MBBS in Kakatiya Medical College and immigrated to USA in 1997. Started Internship in Brookdale University Hospital, Brooklyn and transferred to Crozer Chester Medical Center for residency in Philadelphia. Practiced Internal Medicine in Nacogdoches, TX for three and half years. Came back into Cardiology Fellowship in Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. After that moved to Borgess Medical Center, MSU in Kalamazoo, MI for Interventional Cardiology. Since then practicing in Stockton, California.

Got involved in OGKTMA from 2014 Annual Convention and got elected as Treasurer. After that served as Secretary, President Elect. As President, coordinated with 50 donors to collect funds for 110 defibrillators and worked with Rotary International and got a grant for another 60 devices. Successfully deployed them in Telangana Public ambulances. Then in September 2018, organized one of the most successful and well attended OGKTMA convention in San Francisco. During the convention, raised \$25,000 for donating C Arm to MGM Hospital, Warangal and deployed within 3 months.



Lead Physician for C Arm project in MGM Hospital



Dr. Hanimireddy Lakireddy Merced, CA

Dr. Lakireddy was Born in Velvadam, AP in a farming family. He lost his mother at age 6 and was raised by his grandmother. In spite of being born in a relatively uneducated family, he worked hard and joined medical school.

After graduating from KMC in 1966, he practiced in Mylawaram until 1978 before migrating to US. He completed Internal Medicine from Bronx, New York in 1982 and Cardiology Fellowship in 1985 from St. Vincent's, Connecticut. Then he moved to Merced, CA where he was the first practicing cardiologist.

He donated \$1 million to Univ. of California, Merced towards Dr. Lakireddy Auditorium. He donated \$100,000 to Merced Comm. College towards their Health Sciences Program. He sponsors a scholarship at the Merced High School. He was awarded "Philanthropist of the year" by the Merced Community. He spent more than Rs. 6 crores rebuilding govt. schools in Velvadam and Mylawaram towns. He sponsors an annual prize distribution and talent show at these schools. He built a sports complex in Mylawaram.

He donated Rs. 1 crore each to KMC and Kakatiya University. He runs a pension program in Velvadam, where he promised that "as long as I live, not a single person will go hungry". The goal of his philanthropy is to promote and preach the virtue of education.



Dr. Tajuddin Ahmed
Philanthropist



Grand Children



Drs and Mrs Ashfaq Ahmed



Drs and Mrs Mubin Syed

Dr. Ahmed, was born and raised in Karimnagar, Telangana, and completed 12th grade from Karimnagar Multipurpose High school in 1960 then proceeded to KMC Warangal as a merit scholar to complete medical school under the leadership of beloved Dr Laxminarayana in 1966. Took the last ECFMG exam in Vigyan Bhavan Delhi in 1967.

After completing the residency and fellowship in cardiology proceeded as director of cardiology to start a new department. Got involved in many philanthropic causes centered around educational empowerment to the poor and needy students especially in India by establishing 150 village schools in Karimnagar district, helped to establish Mediciti under the able leadership of Dr PS Reddy Muslim maternity hospital in old city.

Been a life member of AAPI and OGKTMA. I am deeply indebted to all my teachers at KMC and in that spirit of giving back I participated in building an educational auditorium at KMC with many others.



Dr. Mahender Reddy and Dr. Arunjothi Reddy

Dr. Mahender A. Reddy and his wife Arunjoti Reddy graduated from Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal under Osmania University.

He joined Medical school in 1960 as a second batch student of this newly opened Medical school and graduated in 1966. After completing a year of Rotating Internship at Gandhi Hospital Warangal he came to United States in June of 1967 to pursue his post graduate medical education. After a year of Internship at a hospital in Paramus, New Jersey he moved to New York and completed his residency in Pediatrics at State University of New York ,Down State Medical Center. Subsequently he completed Residency in Internal Medicine, Fellowship in General and Interventional Cardiology. He has been living and practicing at Birmingham since 1974.

His wife Arunjoti Reddy joined Kakatiya Medical College in 1967 and after graduating from Medical School she joined me in United States. She completed Residency in Internal Medicine and has been practicing in Birmingham for over 35 years.

They have two children Adithya Reddy graduated from Medical School here in Alabama After completing his residency and Fellowship in Interventional Pain Medicine he settled in Atlanta , Georgia with his wife Preethi who is an Internist and two children Diya and Deven.

Avanija, their daughter a Pediatric Dentist is a faculty at University Missouri Dental School at St Louis, Missouri and she also practices over there.



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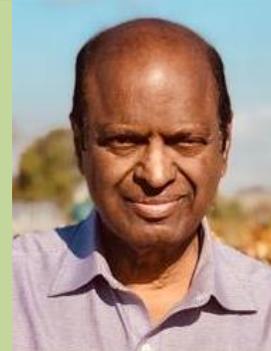
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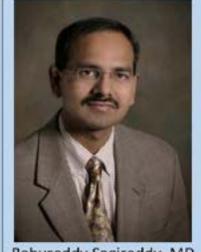
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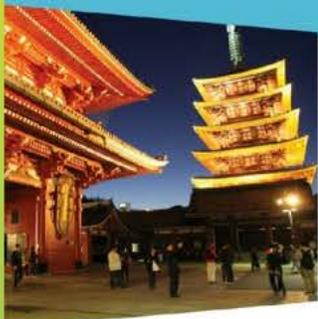
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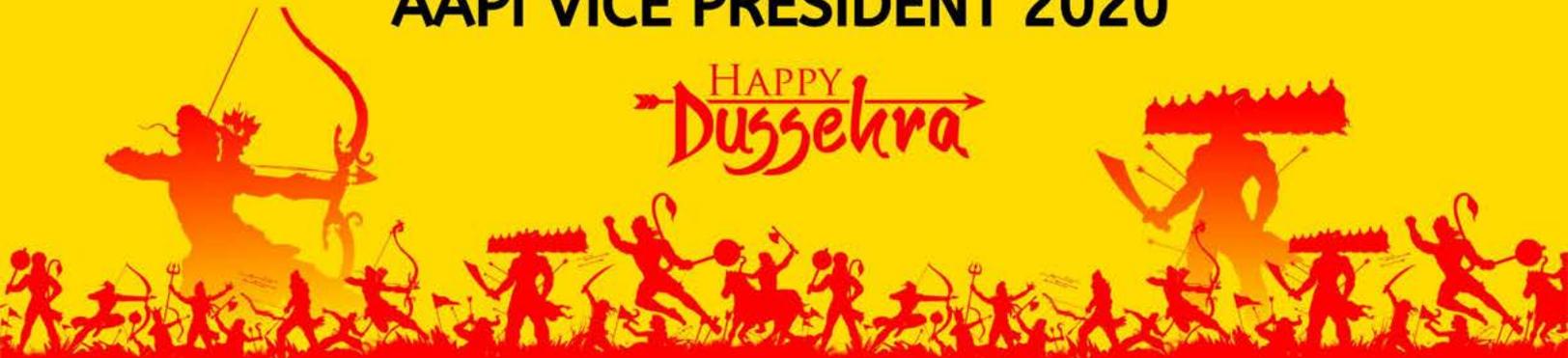
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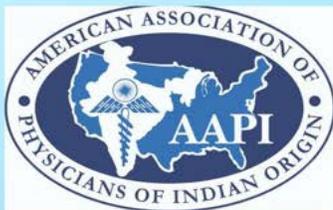
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