

Press Release

New Jersey State Assembly Honors Dr. Sudhir Parikh

The New Jersey state legislature honored Chairman and Publisher of Parikh Worldwide Media Inc., Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, as part of the celebrations observing the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Dr. Parikh, who is a recipient of Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian awards as well as the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, was felicitated May 9 with a citation that described him as a leader who has "established a model to emulate" and who has "set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive."

Mentioning his "inestimable contributions in the field of media," the citation also states that the New Jersey Assembly "pays tribute to his profound and positive impact in the field of media."

By honouring Dr. Parikh and select journalists of Indian, Chinese, Korean and Filipino origin, the Assembly acknowledged the coming of age of the Asian-American media. Some 75 state lawmakers present passed a resolution recognizing their contributions.

At an impressive ceremony held at the Assembly in Trenton, Republican Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick said: "I am privileged to be with Dr. Parikh who sets an example of what a philanthropist should be ... He is omnipresent in the district and around the country. My hats go off to you." The legislator noted how Parikh, a recipient of Padma Shri, has been recognized internationally.

The citation awarded to Dr. Parikh described him as a 'renowned' allergist and publisher, as well as an "esteemed member of his community" who is also part of organizations like the American India Foundation, Share and Care, Gujarat Cancer Society, and Nargis Dutt Foundation, and recognized that Parikh Worldwide Media Inc., was the "largest" Indian American publishing group in the country. Parikh told Desi Talk he was extremely gratified by the honor conferred by the Assembly.

The citation also recognized the "exemplary dedication and steadfast commitment" of Parikh Worldwide Media, which brings out several publications, including Desi Talk in New York, Desi Talk in Chicago, News India Times, Gujarat Times, all weekly newspapers, as well as The Indian American, a bimonthly magazine.

Photographs and captions are below:



The New Jersey State Assembly honored members of the Asian-American media at the State House in Trenton, May 9. Photo above, foreground, Lili Greene, chief correspondent of ICEPN TV; Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, Padma Shri award winner and chairman and publisher of Parikh Worldwide Media Inc.; Assembly Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver; Assembly Deputy Speaker Upendra J. Chivukula; Background, Assemblyman Samuel D. Thompson, R-Middlesex\Monmouth; Assembly Minority Conference Leader Jon M. Bramnick; Byoungsoo Sohn, CEO and publisher of The Korea Daily; Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, D-Bergen;



Minority Conference Leader Bramnick congratulates Dr. Parikh as other award winners and members of the assembly look on.