



Dr. SUDHIR M. PARIKH

Publisher. India Advocate. Philanthropist. Physician

Highlights of Life and Career

Honors

Sudhir M. Parikh, M.D., is one of the most honored Indian Americans. Topping the honors is the 2010 Padma Shri conferred on Dr. Parikh by the President of India, Prathibha Patil. In March 2012, recognizing his philanthropic contributions, Dr. Parikh has been nominated as Knight of the Ecumenical Hospitaller Order of St. John Knights of Malta. He is the recipient of the 2006 Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, bestowed on non-resident Indians (NRIs) by the government of India. He's also a recipient of the 2005 Ellis Island Medal of Honor. In October 2013, Dr. Parikh was honored with the Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Samman at Britain's House of Lords, by Rt. Hon. Baroness Sandip Verma. He was a Member of American Media Delegation that accompanied President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama on their visit to India in November 2010. Dr. Parikh was appointed member of the National Leadership Advisory Committee of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans in 1999 in recognition of his efforts on the Hill. In February 2023, Dr. Parikh was awarded a Doctorate degree by the JNR University based in Udaipur, Rajasthan. The same month, Atmiya University as well as the Marwadi University in Rajkot, Gujarat, felicitated Dr. Parikh for his philanthropic work and contributions to education in India.

Publishing

Dr. Parikh is the Chairman and Publisher of Parikh Worldwide Media Inc., the largest Indian- American publishing group in the United States. The group publishes five periodicals – “News India Times,” a national weekly newspaper; “Desi Talk in New York,” a weekly serving the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut region; and “Desi Talk in Chicago,” a weekly serving the Greater Chicago area and the Midwestern states; “The Indian American,” a national bimonthly feature magazine, and the Gujarat Times, a Gujarati language weekly.

Advocacy

As a leading advocate for India with the U.S. Congress and government, Dr. Parikh has been responsible for bringing a number of American political leaders to serve the cause of U.S.-India relations. He was, for instance, responsible for Congressman Elliot Engel (D-N.Y.), Rush Holt (D-N.J.) and Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) joining the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans. As a (founding) member of the Indian American Republican Council (IARC), Dr. Parikh has worked tirelessly for the fruition of the U.S.-India nuclear deal. Dr. Parikh also has been a Grand Sponsor of India's Independence Day celebrations held in New York City. Through the Indian American Forum for Political Education, he was instrumental in starting a Congressional Internship Program.

Philanthropy

Dr. Parikh is a patron of philanthropic organizations, including as Senior Advisor and Founder of the USA chapter of the Gujarat-based Project Life – a major Non-Governmental Organization started in 1978, which is heavily involved in building schools in rural areas, expanding education for marginalized populations, and in the healthcare arena, in India; Project Life, with the help of 30 million people, has constructed over 71 primary schools in rural Gujarat, trained more than 6,000 women to earn a living, and has saved and helped almost 2 million people through its health, wellness and blood work efforts; National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO), Order of St. John Knights of Malta and the American India Foundation, and has donated nearly \$100,00 to select causes in India, Europe and America. Dr. Parikh accompanied President Clinton when he visited Gujarat to assess the impact of the earthquake in 2001. From 1995 through 2005, Dr. Parikh funded a scholarship program for undergraduate students in the Indian-American community through the Share and Care Foundation.

Medicine

Dr. Parikh is a leading allergist and has received acclaim in the field of allergy, asthma and immunology. He is chairman and owner of one of the largest Allergy & Immunology Group with over 22 clinics in the tri-state area with over 150 employees. He is a Diplomat of American Board of Allergy and Immunology, Clinical Associate Professor at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, a Fellow of the American College of Allergy & Immunology and Trustee of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI).