



Dr. SUDHIR M. PARIKH

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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. He received the GAPIO Lifetime Achievement Award, in 2014, in Kolkata, India. In 2018, he got the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Vishwa Pratibha Award, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, and later, the same year, was conferred the Global Gujarati Award, in Toronto, Canada. He has also been recognized by the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin and Share and Care Foundation for his service. 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.

Contribution to ongoing Covid crisis

Dr. Parikh is deeply involved in fighting the deadly Covid pandemic in US and India, helping organizations raise and channel crores of rupees worth of aid. He put his life at risk not only as a frontline health worker, but as an early participant in clinical trials for vaccines. As Senior Advisor to Federation of Indian Associations he was part of the organization's massive drive to ship medical supplies to India valued at approximately \$40 million this June 2021, shipping 9 containers of Oximeters and Resuscitation Bags, and 2 shipments of 350 ventilators donated by New York City. The cargo comprised 300 Hamilton T1 Ventilators; 3000 each of Ventilator circuits, Filters, Flow Sensors, Expiratory Valves etc. As Chairman and CEO of Parikh Worldwide Media/ITV Gold, Dr. Parikh has reached thousands in the community, given free space and time generously on his airwaves and newspapers to help fundraise and spread awareness about Covid. This April, SCF, of which he is Senior Advisor, initiated a \$1 million pandemic relief fund for Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Gujarat, for Vaccination assistance to 480,000+ people; Healthcare kits for 12,000+ families; Food assistance to 30,000+ families. SCF working with 16 NGOs is conducting Vaccination Awareness drives.



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Publishing and Media

Dr. Parikh is the Chairman and Publisher of Parikh Worldwide Media Inc., the largest Indian-American publishing group in the United States, and Chairman of ITV Gold, a 24x7 TV news channel. The group publishes five periodicals – “News India Times,” a national weekly newspaper; “Desi Talk in New York,” a weekly newspaper serving the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut region; “Desi Talk in Chicago,” a weekly newspaper serving the Greater Chicago area and the Midwestern states; “The Indian American,” a online magazine, and the Gujarat Times, a Gujarati language weekly.

The combined circulation and readership of these publications make the media group the most influential in the ethnic Indian market. In September, 2017, he published a quarterly magazine, US-India Global Review, under the aegis of the Parikh Foundation for India’s Global Development, based in New York. In 2018, he acquired ITV Gold, a 24x7 TV news channel, based in New York City. ITV Gold is the oldest news and entertainment channel in the US. He plans to launch in India soon through ITV Gold. In January 2021, India’s premier public service broadcaster Doordarshan (DD), a part of Prasar Bharati, chose Dr. Parikh’s U.S.- based ITV Gold (International Television Broadcasting LLC) in its bid to go global and engage international audiences across continents and to create a global voice for India.

Advocacy

As a leading advocate for India with the U.S. Congress and government for the last two decades, Dr. Parikh has been responsible for bringing a number of American political leaders to serve the cause of U.S.-India relations. In recognition of his efforts during the 1990s, he was invited to join the delegation that accompanied President William Jefferson Clinton during his historic visit to India in March 2000. As a (founding) member of the Indian American Republican Council (IARC) and a number of other organizations lobbying Congress, Dr. Parikh has worked tirelessly for the fruition of the U.S.-India nuclear deal. Dr. Parikh used his personal relationship with a number of American politicians – including New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine and the state’s former governor Christine Todd Whitman, Senator Charles Schumer of New York, Senator Bob Menendez of New Jersey and Congressmen Frank Pallone – to rally political support for the nuclear deal. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh personally acknowledged Dr. Parikh’s contributions. He has been a culturalvambassador of India in the United States; been a Grand Sponsor of Independence Day celebration for the past 25 years. He gave leadership to organizations like the Federation of Indian Associations (FIA), and Indian American Forum for Political Education (IAFPE), where he was instrumental in starting a Congressional Internship Program for 2nd-generation Indian Americans to work in U.S. Congress. He is founder, Parikh Foundation for India’s Global Development, operations of which include a think tank on US-India policy issues.



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Philonthropy

Dr. Parikh is a patron of networthy 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 buildings schools in rural areas, expanding education for marginalized populations, and in the healthcare arena, in India.

Project Life, with the involvement of over 30 million people, has saved and helped almost 2 million people through its blood center, Thalassemia prevention center; and a life health and wellness center. It has also trained more than 6,000 women to earn a living; and constructed over 71 primary schools in rural Gujarat.

He is a patron of several other philanthropic organizations, including the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO), Order of St. John Knights of Malta and the American India Foundation, and has contributed generously to select causes in India, Europe and the United States. His significant donations to these organizations have been channeled into projects – among others – of the American Red Cross, Gift of Life International, The Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Hurricane Sandy relief and Haiti earthquake relief, and the rehabilitation of the Gujarat earthquake and Tamil Nadu tsunami victims. Dr. Parikh accompanied President Clinton when he visited Gujarat to assess the impact of the earthquake in 2001. He's closely involved with the Share and Care Foundation, a nonprofit helping the poorest of the poor in India. From 1995 through 2005, Dr. Parikh funded a scholarship program for undergraduate students in the Indian-American community through the Share and Care Foundation. As a physician, Dr. Parikh is particularly gratified by his effort to raise substantial amount of funds for the Gujarat Cancer Society and the Nargis Dutt Foundation. Thanks to his commitment to advancing Indian culture and values in general and to the temple in particular, Dr. Parikh has been named the “Grand Benefactor” of the Vraj Shrinalhajee Temple in Pennsylvania.

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Medicine

Dr. Parikh is a leading allergist in the United States and has received international acclaim in the field of allergy, asthma and immunology. 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). He's also a Fellow, Allergy/Immunology (Adult and Pediatrics) at the New York Medical College and Metropolitan Hospital Center, New York. He was appointed twice to New Jersey state's Medical Licensing Board, by Gov. Christine Whitman from 1993-1997, and by Gov. Chris Christie, from 2014-2017.