

Vice President (one to be elected)



Dr. C. L. Nawal, Jaipur

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Professor and Head, Department of Medicine, Geetanjali Institute of Medical Sciences, Jaipur, Rajasthan
Former Professor and Head, Department of Medicine, SMS Medical College and Hospital, Jaipur, Rajasthan
MD (Internal Medicine)
FICP, FACP (USA), FRSSDI, FRCP (Edinburgh, Glasgow and London)

Current Position

Medical Superintendent at Geetanjali Institute of Medical Sciences, Jaipur
Worked as Senior Professor Medicine at SMS Medical College Hospital, Jaipur
Having Administrative experience as Head of the Department at SMS Medical College, Jaipur for 7 years

Educational Status

MBBS 1984
MD Medicine 1988 from SMS Medical College, Jaipur.

Associational Activities:

Member-Governing Body national API for 2 terms.
Past President - Rajasthan API
Past Vice President RSSDI Rajasthan
Past Organizing Secretary Raj APICON 2011
Past Organizing Secretary RSSDI-(Raj) (virtual Conference) 2021.
Chief Coordinator National RSSDI Annual Conference Jaipur-2019

Conference Activity

Regular faculty/ speaker for the Annual conference of National APICON, National RSSDI.
Research Work
Published 85 publications in International and national peer review journals.
Principal Investigator of various research projects and clinical trials.



Dr. Munish Prabhakar, Gurugram

- Did MBBS & MD Internal Medicine from Pt. B D Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak, Haryana in the year 1991. Worked as Registrar for three years in the Dept. of Medicine, Rohtak. In 1995 I joined as Consultant, Medicine at and progressed to working as Medical director, Private Hospital, Asia Medical Assistance and Prime Air Ambulance. Along with Internal Medicine practice. I have expertise in Aviation medicine and Air ambulance services in India and SAARC. Air lifting serious patients from dangerous, hilly terrains is my forte.
- **WORK EXPERIENCE**
- Privat Hospital, Gurgaon 1995 to 2019 Medical Director
- Sr. Consultant physician, Diabetes and Preventive Cardiology
- Prime Air Ambulance, Gurgaon Medical Director
- Asia Medical Assistance, Gurgaon Medical Director
- Positions held in various organizations
- Joint Secretary IMA HQs New Delhi.
- Member Haryana Medical Council 2019-22.
- President IMA Haryana state 2019-22
- Director IMA AKN SINHA INSTITUTE.
- Governing council Member National API
- Member Editorial board JAPI
- Chairman API Gurgaon
- Executive Member & Advisor API Gurgaon 2005 to Present.
- Chairman RSSDI Haryana State.
- Organizing secretary APICION 2027.
- Organizing chairman APICON 2015.

Governing Body Members six to
be elected



Dr. Arun Kumar Gupta, Agra

- MBBS and MD from SN Medical College, Agra
- Lecturer at GSVM Medical College, Kanpur from 1981 to 1985
- Faculty at S.N. Medical College as Assistant, Associate & Professor from 1985 to 2013
- Retired as Director Professor and HOD medicine department S.N. Medical College, Agra in 2013
- After retirement Practicing at 207/2, New Vijay Nagar Colony, Agra-282004
- Guided about 100 MD students who are working in different parts of World
- Commonwealth fellow in London in Nuclear Medicine in 1992-1993
- Secretary - Indian Association of Clinical Medicine (IACM)- 2006-10
- President - Indian Association of Clinical Medicine (IACM) 2014 – 2015
- Chairman, Scientific Committee IACMCON-2014-Agra
- Published Book CLINICAL MEDICINE UPDATE-2014
- Awarded various Orations by different Associations
- A - Oration awarded by Indian Association of Clinical Medicine (IACM)- G S Sainani
- B-Oration awarded by UttaraKhand API
- C -MP MEHROTRA Oration awarded by UP Chapter API – 2015
- API-Joint Secretary- 1991-92
- API-Member Governing Body 2024-26
- Delivered several lectures in different National and International Conferences and published many papers in National and International Journals
- Had been inspector for Medical Council of India and inspected many Medical Colleges.
- Had been Inspector for University Grant Commission (UGC)



Dr. Bingi Trilok Chander

Hyderabad

- Dr. B. Trilok Chander, MD, FICP, is Professor and distinguished physician-academician with extensive contributions to clinical research, medical education, and professional organizations.
- Dedicated pillar of the **Association of Physicians of India Telangana state chapter** with sustained contributions as **Founder executive member of chapter**. He also served as Treasurer, Joint Secretary, he currently serves as **Honorary Secretary (2024-2027)** of **API TELANGANA STATE CHAPTER**.
- He has served the **Association of Physicians of India Hyderabad Chapter** in key leadership roles including Treasurer, Joint Secretary, Vice-Chairman, and **Chairman (2026)**.
- He has actively participated in major national and international research collaborations including the **WHO Solidarity Trial, Solidarity Plus Trial, PLACID Trial, and ICMR National Clinical Registry for COVID-19**.
- He is a Fellow of the Indian College of Physicians (**FICP**)**2020** and also was commended by Indian Council of Medical Research for contributions to the National Clinical Registry for COVID-19, and served as **Lead PI** of the ICMR Regional Clinical Trial Unit (**RCTU-INTENT**) at Gandhi Medical College.
- He has contributed extensively as a speaker, chairperson, author, reviewer, and organizer in prestigious conferences including **APICON 2016** and TSAPICON. His dedicated organizational services in **TSAPICON 2017 & 2020, SZ & SMZ APICON 2022**, and as **Treasurer of TSAPICON 2026** are exemplary.



Dr. Kothiwale V.A. Belagavi

- Prof. (Dr.) V.A.Kothiwale, physician and Preventive Cardiologist with over 40 years of experience in teaching at J.N.Medical College, Belagavi, Karnataka.
- Consultant Physician at KLE Dr. Prabhakar Kore Hospital and Research Centre, Belagavi.
- **Leadership & Administration:**
- **Registrar:** Former Registrar -KLE Academy of Higher Education & Research(2019).
- **Dean** of the Faculty of Medicine (2018)
- **Vice-Principal:** J.N. Medical College (2014).
- **Head of Department** & Professor of Medicine (2008–14).
- **Research:**
- **Publications :** Published more than **95 research papers**, presented scientific papers, authored and co-authored books/chapters.
- **Mentorship :** Guided 6Ph.D.scholars and 40post-graduate students
- Principal Investigator for **18 international trials** (ENGAGE-AF, GARFIELD-AF, FOURIER, HERMES, ATHENA,etc)
- Received **ICMR Grants** for research in **Dengue and Diabetic foot**.
- **Awards & Memberships:**
- **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award (2017):** For Lifetime Contribution in Teaching.
- **Teacher of the Teachers (2015)**
- **Best-Teacher Awards:** by KLE University and JNMC Students Association (2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014).
- **API-Karnataka:** Vice-Chairman(2018-19) & Chairman (2019-2021)
- **Associate-Editor of API Journal of Karnataka Chapter.**
- Also received a **Scroll of Honour** & a **LifeTime Achievement Award 2024**.
- **Life-Memberships:**Cardiological Society of India (CSI), RSSDI, ICC and GSI, API.
- **Conference Leadership:** Organizing Chairman for KAPICON 2010, GASTROCON 2012, and KAPICON 2019, APICON 2018.



Dr. Liyakat Ali Gauri, Bikaner

- MBBS –1981
- M.D. (Medicine)- 1986
- Fellowship in Rheumatology(AIIMS)- 2001
- Refresh course- Rheumatology(USA)-2009
- EULAR course Rheumatology(2011-2013)
- **Experience**
- Senior Professor of Medicine Since 2011 till date (SPMC, Bikaner and SS Tantia Medical College, Sri Ganganagar)
- Additional Principal-I and Principal & Controller (Additional Charge) (2017 to June 2022)
- Faculty of Medicine-36 years
- **Award &Hons**
- Xth position in Rajasthan University in 2nd MBBS.
- Best free paper award in APICON in Varanasi(2003).
- Life Time Achievement Awarded by Bikaner Municipal Board Meyer on 26th Jan 2014.
- Kolkan Orator by Indian Rheumatology Association 2014.
- G. S. Sainani orator awarded at National apicon 2019.
- Dr. Yodh Memorial fellowship awarded by API-2001.
- **For successful organization of:**
- CME Rheumatology 2005.
- Rheumatology update 2007 and 2015
- RAJ-APICON 2013.
- **Membership:**
- Life member of Association of Physician of India and Rajasthan chapter
- Life member of Indian Rheumatology Association journal
- Member of editorial board of Indian Rheumatology Association
- Member of editorial board of JAPI
- **Organizations:**
- Member of Physician Research Foundation(2023-2026).
- Vice Dean of Indian College of Physician(2019-2022).
- Member of Physician research Foundation(2015-2016).
- Member of Faculty Council of ICP(2012-2015).
- Past president of Rajasthan chapter of API(2013-2014)
- Member of faculty council of ICP(2012-14)
- **Publication:**
- 110 in National and International journals



Dr. Manoj Kumar Srivastava, Varanasi

- **Professional Summary**
- I am a Physician and Clinical Haematologist holding an MD (Medicine) from the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (B.H.U.).
- **Current Position.**
- Professor & Head, Dept. of Medicine – MVASMC, Ghazipur, U.P.
- **Positions Held.**
- Hon secretary API Varanasi branch 2014 -2018
- Chairman API Varanasi chapter 2020.
- Speaker APICON 2024, 2025, 2026
- Professor: Dept. of Medicine, Narayan Medical College, Bihar.
- **Editorial Roles**
- Editor: Journal of Indian College of Haematology and Oncology Societies.
- Joint Editor: JIMA (Journal of Indian Medical Association).
- Former Editor: JAMS (Journal Academy of Medical Specialties).
- Editor journal of Indian medical associations UP.
- Editor: Haemophilia newsletter.
- Editor :The Blood and cancer.



Dr. Nandini Chatterjee, Kolkata

- Dr Nandini Chatterjee is a Professor of Medicine at IPGMER Kolkata, India.
- She is also a Governing Body Member of Association of Physicians of India at present and was Joint Secretary Dean's Place in 2023. She is the Joint secretary and scientific chairperson of West Bengal chapter API
- She is a popular teacher (experience of 20 years), a talented orator, deeply into academics with 124 publications in various national and international journals to her name .
- She has been the Editor in Chief of JAPI , JIMA (2023) as well as the Bengal Physician Journal .
- She has edited many books and to her credit are the following publications- Monograph on Art of Publication, Approach to Differential Diagnosis, Mucormycosis, Tropical Fever, Dengue 3rd ed , Clinical Compendium , API Update book 2025 , API Handbook of Medicine 2026.
- She is also the Co chief editor SA edition of Mc master Textbook of Internal Medicine
- She is the Regional Counsellor International of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Glasgow.(RCPSG)
- She is the State Principal Investigator in the ongoing AIIMS New Delhi – CDC Project on --- Burden and sequelae of SARS Co 2 and Influenza associated SARI among Indian adult population 18-60 yrs of age a Multicentric study.
- She is also the co PI in ICMR Study Genetic Polymorphisms determining telomere length and their association with non CML Myeloproliferative disorders .
- Her commitment and passion as a physician, teacher and academic, makes her a leader in the field of medicine .



Dr. Puneet Rijhwani, Jaipur

- **Dr. (Prof.) Puneet Rijhwani**
- Current Position: Professor & Head, Department of Medicine, Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology (MGUMST), Jaipur
- **Professional Summary**
- Dr. Puneet Rijhwani is an accomplished physician, academician, and researcher with over two decades of experience in clinical medicine, teaching, and research. He is renowned for his leadership in academic medicine, robust research contributions, and commitment to advancing medical publishing.
- **Academic & Clinical Experience**
- Professor & Head, Department of Medicine, MGUMST, Jaipur
- Over 20 years of experience in medicine, combining teaching, clinical practice, and research mentoring
- Experienced examiner for MBBS, MD, and MRCP (PACES); mentor for postgraduate research
- **Research & Publications**
- Authored 120+ peer-reviewed articles in national and international journals
- Contributor to high-impact research, including the PLACID Trial (BMJ, 2020)
- Authored textbook chapters for API Medicine Update and RSSDI publications
- Principal Investigator in 26+ national and global clinical trials
- **Editorial & Peer Review Roles**
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of MGUMST
- Section Editor (Rheumatology), API Medicine Update (2019)
- Extensive peer-review experience for scientific journals and conference abstracts
- **Leadership in Professional Bodies**
- Active leadership roles in API (National & State levels)
- Board Member, PRF
- Hon. Secretary, IPF Rajasthan
- Hon. Secretary, IACM Rajasthan
- Key member in various other professional organisations
- **Conference Organisation**
- Organised major scientific conferences:
 - APICON 2022
 - IMSACON 2023
 - IPF MEDICON 2024
 - RAJIACMCON 2026
- **Core Interests**
- Critical Care
- Diabetes
- Infectious Diseases
- Academic Medicine
- Medical Publishing
- **Statement of Purpose**
- I am applying for a post in API, aiming to further strengthen our professional community with my expertise in academic leadership, research, and medical education. My proven track record in clinical excellence, organisational leadership, and scientific publishing positions me as a committed advocate for advancing medicine and serving the API fraternity.



DR. PALANIVELRAJAN SHANMUGAM, Aranthangi

- **DR. PALANIVELRAJAN SHANMUGAM , MBBS., MD**
- **SENIOR CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN, PUDUKKOTTAI,**
- **FOUNDER SECRETARY- API PUDUKKOTTAI**
- **EC MEMBER – API TAMILNADU**
- **SPEAKER IN APICON, TAPICON, SZAPICON, RSSDI**
- **ORGANISING COMMITTEE – TAPICON 22**
- **EDITORIAL MEMBER - TAPIJ**
- **CONVENER – DIABETES AWARENESS COMMITTEE – IMA TNSB**
- **PAST CHAIRMAN – HYPERTENSION AWARENESS COMMITTEE – IMATNSB**
- **PAST STATE FINANCE SECRETARY – IMA TNSB**
- **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN- TIMACON 25**
- **AWARDED THE “ MARUTHUVA NATCHATHIRAM “ BY THE HINDU DAILY**
- **FORMERLY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – KAPV MEDICAL COLLEGE , TRICHY**



Dr. Vijay Kumar, Patna

- MD (Medicine), FICP, FICCMD , FRSSDI, FIACM, FDI , FICS,

Additional Professor ,Department of Medicine, AIIMS, Patna

- Fellowships & Courses:

- Fellows Indian College of Physicians (FICP)
- Fellow RSSDI (FRSSDI)
- Fellow Indian Academy of Clinical Medicine (FIACM)
- Fellow Indian Chest Society (FICS)
- Fellow, CCDSI (FICCMD)
- Fellow Diabetes India (FDI)
- PGDH & HM (NIHFW, New Delhi),
- FGID & AMSP (CMC, Vellore),
- DFID (CMC,Vellore)

- Organizational Experiences:

- Executive Committee Member APICON 2026
- Chairman Elect, API Bihar 2026-27
- Vice Chairman, API Bihar 2025-26
- Scientific Chairman Bihar ICPCON 2025
- Scientific Convener, API Bihar 2024-25
- Executive Committee member API Bihar 2023-24, 2022-23
- Scientific Committee Member API Patliputra 2021-22, 2020-21
- Treasurer BAPICON 2015
- Organizing Secretary, RSSDICON Bihar 2025
- Chapter Secretary, RSSDI Bihar
- Vice Chairman, GSI Bihar
- Joint Secretary, Bihar Rheumatology Association

- Publications , Awards & Orations:

- ICP Monograph- A practical handbook to Geriatric Medicine
- Over 42 publications in indexed journals.
- Over 20 chapters in Different Books.
- Late Punam Chand Baid Oration at ICPCON Kishanganj, Bihar
- Speaker and Invited faculty in national and state conferences.
- P J Mehta Young Scientist award

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Dr. Rajiv Raina, Shimla

- Dr. Rajiv Raina did his MBBS in 1983 and MD Medicine in 1995. He retired as Professor and Head of Unit from Department of Medicine, Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla in 2019 with 27 years of teaching experience. He was one of the founding member of HP State API Chapter which has now subsequently grown into a well organized state chapter. He is past chairman of HP State API Chapter and during his tenure the State chapter was awarded best State chapter award twice. Awarded V Parmeshwara Oration and lifetime achievement award by API in 2023 and outstanding achiever award by APICON 2024. Regular faculty in APICON for last many years and contributed chapters in Medicine update.
- Contributed chapter on Rickettsial disease in 2012 API text book of Medicine and on Chlamydial diseases in 2021 edition.
- 30 plus publications in national and international journals. He was Principal Investigator in WHO Project for status of health of elderly in India. Organized nine state level annual API Chapter meet and numerous CME programs.



Dr. Sanjay Shah, Haridwar

- MBBS (1988) MD Internal Medicine – MLN Medical College, Prayagraj
- Trained at the Joslin Diabetes Center
- Founder Member of API Uttarakhand, Organised the landmark 2001 Roorkee Conference formalizing the state chapter
- Served in multiple leadership roles within API Uttarakhand, including :
 - Joint Secretary
 - Secretary (Two Terms)
 - E-Journal Editor
 - Vice Chairman
 - Governing Council Member
- Chairman, API Uttarakhand (2025-2026)
- Academically profile with numerous research and faculty contributions at state, regional and national API, RSSDI and ACP conferences.
- Received multiple awards and fellowships recognizing his health care contributions.
- Founder member of RSSDI Uttarakhand; held posts including Governing Body member and past chairman.
- Editor of Principles and Practice of Clinical diabetes.
- Clinical experience includes tenures at:
 - AIIMS Delhi
 - Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital
 - University college of Medical sciences (1992-1994) and Himalayan Institute of medical sciences, Dehradun
- Served at 200mbd Ramakrishna Mission Charitable hospital from 1995 onwards
- Since 2021 Medical Director of Swami Vivekanand Health Mission Society's Swami Ram Prakash Charitable hospital, Providing healthcare to 15 surrounding villages, schools and slums
- The society operates 15 charitable hospitals, notably providing free medical facilities at Kedarnath, Badrinath and Gangotri Dham Hospitals.

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Dr. Nihar Mehta, Mumbai

- Dr. Nihar Mehta is a distinguished cardiologist with extensive experience and affiliations in the field of cardiovascular medicine. He currently serves as the Associate Director of the Structural Heart Valve Department at Jaslok Hospital and Research Centre and is a Consultant Cardiologist at several prestigious hospitals including HN Reliance Hospital, Breach Candy Hospital, and KJ Somaiya Super-specialty Hospital.
- Dr Nihar Mehta specialises in Interventional Cardiology, particularly in Structural heart disease and TAVI. This includes non invasive ways to replace the Aortic valve and to repair other valves like the mitral and tricuspid valve of the heart. He also specialises in Coronary Angiography, Angioplasty and Stenting. He has received extensive training all over the world for the same; at Seoul, South Korea, New York and Los Angeles, USA as well as specialised training in TAVI at Budapest, Hungary.
- Dr. Mehta has played a pivotal role in shaping cardiovascular care in India, particularly through his contributions as a Core Committee Member for the Indian Guidelines on Management of Hypertension (I.G.H) in both the III (2013) and IV (2019) editions. He is also a Governing Body Member of the Mumbai Cardiological Society of India (2023-2027) and the Association of Physicians of India (2020-2022, 2024-2027). In addition, he has contributed significantly to medical literature as the Assistant Editor of the API Textbook of Medicine for its 11th and 12th editions.
- Throughout his career, Dr. Mehta has been recognized with numerous awards, including the prestigious 'Dr. Coelho Memorial Lectureship in Experimental Medicine' at APICON 2016. His exemplary performance as a resident was honoured with the 'Amar Gandhi Award for Outstanding Resident' in February 2013 at Jaslok Hospital and Research Centre. Early in his career, he was awarded the Rai Bahadur Gold Medal for securing the first rank in the Final M.B.B.S. Examination of 2003, conducted by MUHS, Nashik.
- Dr. Nihar Mehta remains deeply committed to academics, regularly conducting monthly Cardiology Clinics designed to educate both students and practitioners. He has also conceptualized and leads the TAVI SKILL LAB, a unique quarterly workshop where he trains aspiring cardiologists in TAVI procedures using cadaveric heart models—a program unmatched anywhere else in the world.
- In addition to his hands-on teaching, Dr. Mehta has an extensive academic portfolio, with numerous publications and participation in various randomized clinical research trials across India, the USA, and South Korea. He is also a prolific author and editor, having contributed to key medical textbooks such as *PJ Mehta Practical Medicine*, *Understanding ECG*, *Medical Emergencies*, *Clinical Endocrinology*, and *Common Medical Symptoms*.
- Dr. Mehta's contributions to cardiology, both as a clinician and a thought leader, continue to influence the field and set high standards for healthcare in India.



Dr. Pichakacheri Sureshkumar, Calicut

- Dr. Pichakacheri Sureshkumar
MBBS (Calicut Medical College, 1992), MD (Goa Medical College, 1997), PhD (Calicut University, 2006),
FRCP (Edinburgh, 2016), FRSSDI (2021)
Current Position: Chief Physician & Diabetologist, Diabcare India Diabetes Center, Calicut
Association of Physicians of India (API) Life Member: L-10339
- **Research & Academic Roles:**
- Published 40+ research papers and case reports in indexed national and international journals of repute, and delivered hundreds of lectures at various forums
- Reviewer for Springer Nature, Elsevier, Wiley, Wolters Kluwer
- Associate Editor, Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice (Elsevier)- commencing 01 June 2026
- PhD Guide, Kerala University of Health Sciences
- Honorary Research Scientist, Calicut University
- Senior Fellow, International Diabetes Federation
- Associate Member, Sigma Xi – The Scientific Research Honour Society
- Reviewing Editor, Springer Nature
- ORCID ID: 0000-0002-2345-9493, Scopus ID: 57866294400
- **Awards & Leadership:**
- Prof. Dr. V.C. Mathew Roy Memorial Oration Award (API, 2023)
- Chairman-Elect (2026–27), Vice Chairman (2025–26), State Secretary (2022–25) – RSSDI Kerala Chapter
- Indian Medical Association (IMA) Central Working Committee (CWC) member, State Action Committee Member, Branch President & Secretary
- **Community Service:** Organized free diabetes screening camps, awareness drives, and telemedicine outreach reaching thousands
- **Vision:** Advance physician-led, evidence-based, ethical diabetes care through clinical excellence, research, and medical education.



Dr. Saikat Datta, Siliguri

- Professor & Head, Department of Medicine, MJN Medical College, Coochbehar, with over two decades of experience in clinical care, teaching, and research. A committed academician and clinician with a strong focus on advancing internal medicine and strengthening professional collaboration among physicians.
- **Experience in serving API**
- Joint Secretary to President, API (2025–2026)
- Active member, API West Bengal Branch
- Regular faculty and participant at APICON
- Organizer of multiple state and national conferences
- **Academic & Professional Highlights**
- Professor & Head of Medicine (since 2018)
- Extensive experience in UG & PG teaching and mentorship
- Examiner across multiple universities
- Section Editor – *McMaster Textbook of Medicine (SE Edition)*
- **Research & Contributions**
- 40+ publications in reputed national and international journals
- Key areas: Non-communicable diseases, Infectious diseases, Rheumatology
- Active involvement in research training and academic development
- **Leadership Strengths**
- ✓ Experienced academic leader
- ✓ Strong organizational and administrative skills
- ✓ National academic engagement and visibility
- ✓ Dedicated mentor for young physicians
- **My Vision for ICP**
- **Make PRF more vibrant and inclusive**
- **Expand outreach to grassroots and community levels**
- **Empower young physicians to actively participate and lead**
- **Strengthen academic excellence and research culture**
- **Commitment**
- To work collaboratively for a stronger, more dynamic ICP that supports its members, advances medical science, and serves society with excellence.