



Indian Doctors Association

Greater Houston

July 2021 Edition

President's Message

IDA's annual picnic was a huge success at Sugar Land Memorial Park on June 6th, 2021! Over 250 attendees had the opportunity to network, learn about IDA membership benefits, enjoy kids activities, and hear updates from IDA's Covid Task Force.



IDA also hosted a Private Sunday Brunch Seminar to discuss "The Current State of Healthcare Private Equity" at Grotto Ristorante on June 13th. The Keynote Speaker, Managing Director of Private Equity at Truist Wealth, Ravi Ugale discussed current trends in private equity.



I look forward to meeting everyone for a night to share the wonderful accomplishments of the IDA Board during our upcoming, sold-out Gala on July 31, 2021. This evening will be filled with touching stories and Connecting, Inspiring, and Giving back to our community.

Over the last two years, we have held over 30 events, spanning networking, community service, education, finance, and social impact. There has never been a better time to enjoy the benefits of IDA membership and we look forward to bringing on the next generation of physicians into IDA.

It has been my absolute honor and privilege to serve as your IDA president for the past two years. Together, with your help, we have navigated some of the most challenging, devastating, and unexpected times, all while growing our community and making a positive impact on those around us. While I am confident IDA will continue to remain in great hands, I am proud of all that we have accomplished and the people whose lives we have touched, not just here in Houston, but across the world. Thank you so much for letting me serve. I look forward to being a part of this community for the years to come!



IDA's Covid-19 Awareness Campaign

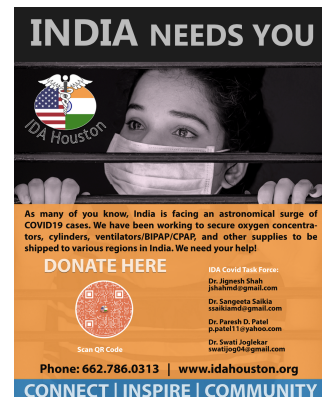
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*Jignesh Shah, MD
President*

COVID19 Relief for India



IDA's [gofundme](#) page

“Friends of IDA”



“It is truly overwhelming to see the kind of support that our Indian Doctors Association Houston USA have been providing to their mother-country. We feel honored in the Red Cross to be of whatever little help we can at this trying time. A heartfelt thank-you!”

Homi R Khusrokhhan
Vice Chairman
Maharashtra State Branch
India Red Cross Society

Meet Homi Khusrokhhan

Homi is a B.Com (hons.) from Bombay University, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and an M.Sc.(Econ) from the London School of Economics. He worked for 29 years with Glaxo & Burroughs Wellcome in India and retired in 2000 as MD of both companies. In 1999, Glaxo-Wellcome was ranked ‘The Most Respected Company in India’ across all categories by Business World.

In 2001 he moved to the Tata Group and was appointed MD of Tata Tea and later Tata Chemicals, both ranked 2nd in their industries, globally after major acquisitions made during his time.

After retiring from Tata Chemicals in 2008, he was appointed a Special Adviser to the Government-appointed Board of Satyam Computer Services Ltd. in February 2009, to assist with the successful turn-round of the

company and induction of a new strategic investor.

He serves on the Boards of a few companies and is a Senior Adviser, Private Equity to Tata Capital. He was till recently President of the Bombay Natural History Society and Chairman of United Way, Mumbai. He is Vice Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society, Maharashtra and Chairman of the Western Region of the Employers Federation of India. He serves on the Boards of two Hospitals and a School.

IDA’s Annual Gala

July 31st, 2021



We have reached capacity and as such, ticket sales are now closed. To inquire or add your name to the waiting list, please contact Dr. Jignesh Shah at jshahmd@gmail.com

Westin COVID19 Safety Protocols



WORK SAFE BEST PRACTICES

At Westin Houston Medical Center, the health and well being of our guests and associates is our highest priority! We have and will continue to implement significant cleaning and disinfecting procedures throughout the hotel. In addition to our existing, deep cleaning practices, we are leading the way for Westin and Marriott in using innovative and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

Here's what we're doing to protect your health and peace-of-mind so you can focus on getting down to business.

- Masks will be available for attendees and guests
- Gloves and hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the hotel
- New front desk design allows for social distancing measures and plexiglass shields for protection
- Indoor/outdoor spaces will be used as much as possible
- Larger aisle ways and one-way only aisles in the trade show and appointment areas help manage traffic
- Public Space Seating/Event Classroom Seating will allow for 6' space between chairs
- FBH will be offered in a no-contact way (i.e. pre-packaged food, no self-serve buffets)
- Large group sessions will be limited to the capacity guidelines provided by the Reopening Texas Plan

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In order to maintain a safe gala, IDA requests that all attendees be vaccinated prior to this year's gala.

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Dated: May 13th, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

At the Westin Houston Medical Center, the health and wellbeing of our guests and associates is our highest priority. We have and will continue to implement procedures throughout the Hotel, including:

- Temperature screenings for all employees upon arrival to the property
- Health screening questionnaire to determine if any symptoms exist or exposure has taken place
- Thorough protocol if an associate is experiencing any symptoms and/or has a positive exposure
- Masks are required throughout the property by all guests and associates
- Rigorous sanitizing practices and personal health practices
- Frequent training for all associates on Marriott's Commitment to Clean initiatives

The Hotel has encouraged all associates to take advantage of the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Subject to change at anytime based on current CDC and Marriott International Protocols and Guidelines

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Covid-19 Vaccine Scheduler & Resources:

<https://findvaccinenow.com/>
<https://vaccinefinder.org/search/>

MEMBERS CORNER



Annual Member
Hemali Patel, DPM

I am a board certified podiatrist and foot and ankle surgeon. I specialize in all foot and

ankle care for patients of all ages. I joined the Woodlands Center for Special Surgery in 2019 after completing my residency at the Cleveland Clinic. I received extensive surgical training in all areas of foot and ankle surgery. My research has included wound care and limb salvage. I am currently accepting new patients at our Woodlands and Willis locations and can see patients the same day.

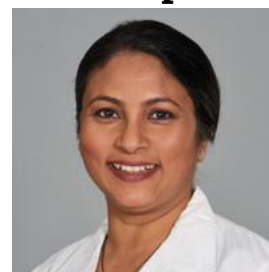
It has been a pleasure being a part of the Indian Doctors Association and working closely with the other physicians in IDA and getting to know them on a personal level.

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IDA's COVID-19 India Task Force Update!



Dr Sangeeta Saikia
Cardiologist

In the months of May and June, IDA's donations of PPE reached their destination hospitals and health care institutions from Gujarat in the west to Assam in the east, from Haryana in the north to Karnataka in

the south. It took countless hours of strategy, communication and perseverance, but we were able to achieve our goal of delivering the much-needed PPE and oxygen concentrators to hospitals in smaller towns across India. We have personally stayed in touch with the recipients, and their response has been one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives. We thank all the members of the IDA and the Board for their support in this endeavor. Our goal will be to continue our relief efforts as long as the need exists with your continued support.

TIMELINE:

May 1: COVID19 Task Force formed

May 1: Gofundme Page went live

May 4: Procured 100 sterilized auto CPAP machines

May 5: Procured 40 - 10L oxygen concentrators

May 6: Procured 50 - 5L oxygen concentrators

May 7: Procured 7 FDA Approved ventilators

May 13: Procured 32,000 pounds of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Ventilators valued at 1.1 million dollars. Isolation gowns, KN95 Masks, Face Shields, Coveralls, Shoe Coverings will continue to provide protection to health care providers in more than 15 high-risk regions in India.

May 27: Educational Videos and Telemedicine to India's First Responders and Physicians

May 8th – May 31, 2021: Distribution of Concentrators, Ventilators, and PPE to at high risk regions in South, North, East, and West India.

June 3rd: Procured of 20 jumbo oxygen cylinders

June 1st - July 2021: Distribution and procurement of additional 10 & 5 liter oxygen concentrators, Ventilators, Cylinders, and PPE.



10L Oxygen Concentrator Distribution: Community Hospitals in Bidar, North-Eastern Karnataka State, Mysore State, District Gulbarga of Karnataka, and Hubli.



PPE Distribution: Assam, State in Northeastern India



10L Oxygen Concentrator Distribution: Government Medical College and Hospital in the Aurangabad City



N95 Masks, Isolation Gowns, Shoe Coverings, Face Shields, Coveralls, Ventilator Distribution: Community Hospitals in Guwahati, Assam



*KN95 Masks and Isolation Gown
Distribution: Smile Odisha,
non-governmental organization in
Bhubaneswar, Odisha (Orissa)*



10L Oxygen Concentrators: Rural Hospitals



*10L Oxygen Concentrators undergoing
biomedical testing and clearance in India*



Government of Assam Health & Family
Welfare National Health Mission
Distribution of PPE and Ventilators to
Tezpur Medical College & Hospital (TMCH
Tezpur) Tezpur and Jorhat, Assam



*10L Oxygen Concentrator Distribution:
Government Medical College and Hospital,
Aurangabad*



*20 XL Oxygen Cylinders sent to 5 Oxygen
Shelters, Odisha*

We will have more updates soon, but until then, please continue to share [IDA's gofundme page](#) to help send more supplies! All monetary contributions will be strictly used India Covid Disaster Relief. We will continually update you on the progress and impact of your contribution. Please don't hesitate to contact our Task Force with any questions regarding our efforts. *For questions, please reach out to anyone in IDA's Covid – 19 India Task Force:*



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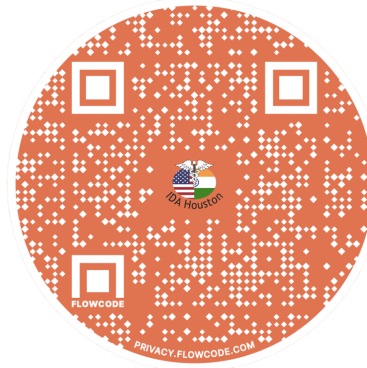
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Donate to [IDA's gofundme page](https://gofundme.com/5d0e8c5a). All monetary contributions will be used to secure oxygen equipment and supplies which will be shipped directly to India.
<https://gofundme.com/5d0e8c5a>

If you would like to mail a check made out to IDA, please send it to IDA Houston, ATTN Jignesh Shah, 444 FM 1959, Houston, TX 77034.



Indian Doctors Association
of Greater Houston

INDIA NEEDS YOU




As many of you know, India is facing an astronomical surge of COVID19 cases. We have been working to secure oxygen concentrators, cylinders, ventilators/BIPAP/CPAP, and other supplies to be shipped to various regions in India. We need your help!

DONATE HERE



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Out. No./GMCH/Medicine/ 703 /21 Date - 02.06.2021

To,
Indian Doctors Association of Houston, USA
Dr. Anshu Bhatnagar,
Dr. Sangam Singh,
Dr. Ajay Shah,
Dr. Manish Patel.

Subject: Receipt of 7 oxygen Concentrators.

Dear Sir,

We appreciate your concern for benefit of society and thank you from the bottom of my heart for donating 7 oxygen Concentrators. We received these machine on 22nd May 2021 at 10.30 am in the presence of respected Dean Dr. Kanubhai Yelkar, Hospital Superintendent Dr. Suresh Harbale, Surgical super-charge Dr. Anshu Bhatnagar, Dr. Yashu Patel, Mr. Jai Singh, Mr. Ganesh Dutt and team. We appreciate the efforts of Dr. Manish Patel and his team for arranging vintage convention and adapters for making these machines functional. We would like to thank Dr. Manish Patel for coordinating the transports of the machines from USA to Aurangabad. The help you all have offered in the form of oxygen concentration is truly a symbol of your social awareness and responsibility towards mankind. Our administration appreciates the help offered by you in the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic in Aurangabad District.

Thanking you.

Professor and Head,
Dept. of Medicine,
Govt. Medical College,
Aurangabad

Professor & Head
Department of Medicine,
Govt. Medical College, Aurangabad

Covid Crisis Management

Project: COVID Crisis Management
Date: 24/06/2021

SMILE please

APPRECIATION LETTER

Smile FORG

Dear Team of Indian Doctor's Association (IDA),

We acknowledge with thanks your benevolent gesture of donating 10,000 PPEs, 4000 N95 Masks, 100 face Shields, 100 coveralls, for use in the welfare of COVID-19 patients. The materials reached us via Red Cross India, Assam State branch. As per your instructions, We received it under OSA+HWG's "Heal Odisha Build Odisha" project.

It will help us a lot in handling COVID-19 patients at our oxygen shelters & home quarantine. It will ensure safety of hundreds of families suffering, when all logistics have fallen short to handle the huge patient load. We consider you as our smile force, to spread smiles. Thanking You,

Sabyasachi Mishra

Sabyasachi Mishra, Trustee, Smile Please

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Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute, Kolkata

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June 21, 2021

To
Mr. A.K. Abhisar Hazarika
Chairman
Indian Red Cross Society
Gowahati District Branch
Chandmari, Gowahati-781 003

Sub: Acknowledgement for Donation.

Dear Sir,

We, on behalf of our Centre would like to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to you & The Indian Doctor's Association (IDA), Houston, Texas, USA for donating the following materials to health care workers of this Institute to fight against the Covid 19 Pandemic:-

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| 1. Isolation Gowns | | |
| a) Yellow Gowns 25 Carton 100 Pcs each | = | 2500 Pcs |
| b) Blue plastic Apron 5 Carton 480 Pcs each | = | 2400 Pcs |
| c) Blue plastic Apron 100 Pcs loose 1 Carton | = | 100 Pcs |
| | | 5000 Pcs |
| 2. KN 95 Masla 1 Carton 100 Pcs each | | 1000 Pcs |
| 3. Face Shield 1 Carton 100 Pcs | | 100 Pcs |
| 4. Coveralls 4 carton 100 Pcs | | 400 Pcs |

Our institute is a philanthropic organization dedicated to providing comprehensive Cancer management at affordable costs. We cater to patients from the Eastern region & neighbouring countries from all sections of the society. Along with treatment of patients, our primary focus & thrust is also on Cancer Research. The Institute today stands as a pioneer Super-Specialty Cancer Care Hospital catering to almost 70,000 patients annually.

More than four decades back in order to confront the grave mental and physical ordeal, a group of doctors, social workers and philanthropists joined hands together under the leadership of Dr. Saroj Gupta and formed a charitable society in 1973. Located at the southern fringes of the city, on a donated piece of land this centre was conceived initially to provide a 'Home away from Home' to distressed Cancer patients who came to this city in search of affordable treatment at various

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hospitals. In the span of four decades, this small 'Home' with 25 beds has emerged as a full-fledged modern Cancer hospital with 311 beds.

SGCC&RI is not directly funded either by Central or State Government Grants. This institute has come up through the private donations, help and support received from various organizations and individuals from various walks of life.

We all at our Centre, appreciate your kind support and patronage to take this centre to greater heights, and carry forward the legacy of our founder Late Dr Saroj Gupta of serving the suffering humanity.

Thanking you,
Warm Regards,

Ajay Gupta
Ajay Gupta
Hon' Secretary

Dr Anshu Gupta
Dr Anshu Gupta
Director

Bike Around the Bay



IDA has partnered with Galveston Bay Foundation for a new wellness initiative.

The interest meetings are an excellent way to find out more information about this event in an informal setting. Tune in as Dr. Shah and Dr. Thurman share their experience with cycling and how you can join them in participating in and supporting this great event.

Scheduled for October 23 and 24, the Cyclic AMP Team will be riding around Galveston Bay in the 15th annual Bike Around the Bay cycling event. The 2021 Bike Around the Bay, is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to see and experience Galveston Bay on a bike, all while supporting a great local cause: the preservation of Galveston Bay for years to come.

Don't miss out on this chance to help support a great cause and further your wellness journey.



Bike Around the Bay Interest Details:

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http://support.galvbay.org/site/TR/Events/General/1311605468.jsessionid=00000000.app30119b?pg=team&fr_id=1230&team_id=4793&NONCE_TOKEN=5B21A85F72679F25296A5A18D65E831D

Team: Cyclic Amp
Password: MH2021

Exclusive Event: COVID19 Task Force Update July 20th

[Click here](#) to Register

"I had mixed feelings especially after my wife contracted Covid within 5 days of the 1st dose. I had mild symptoms after receiving the vaccine but now feel confident."

Dr Mohit Bansal
IDA Member
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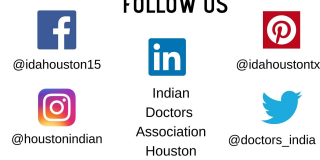
India Ministry of Culture: Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum



Established in 1961, Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum is located in the grounds of Lakshmi Vilas Palace. It has been built inside what was Motibaug School, constructed for Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III in 1875. Constructed in the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture, the museum houses a collection of the Gaekwad royal family's personal belongings. It also has exhibits of royal paintings and art treasures. Apart from a collection of portraits by renowned artist Raja Ravi Varma, including portraits of the royal family, the museum also houses works of Raphael, Rembrandt, Murillo and Titian. A fully operational toy train, which Prince Ranjitsinh Gaekwad had received on his fifth birthday, finds a place of pride in the museum. Another interesting gallery exhibition is that of headgear- vibrant headgear from the collection of Maharaja Ranjitsinh Gaekwad is on display at the museum. Moreover, you can find exclusive marble collections from countries like Europe, Japan and China. One artist who has been particularly honoured by the museum is Italian artist Fellicci. While here, one can view Fellicci's works adorning not only the walls but also the well-manicured landscape of the Sayaji Garden or Kamati Baug.

For more information, [click here](#).

IDA Social Media



Members and events are highlighted on our social media channels.

IDA Speakers Bureau

Please update your membership profile on idahouston.org if you would be interested in becoming a motivational speaker for IDA at our future events.

IDA Physician Specialty Awareness Videos



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