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
https://www.facebook.com/idadoctorsassociationsouthtexas
https://www.instagram.com/indian.doctor.association.south.texas/
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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 Khusrokhan
Vice Chairman
Maharashtra State Branch
India Red Cross Society

Meet Homi Khusrokhan

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

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
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.
KN95 Masks and Isolation Gown Distribution: Smile Odisha, non-governmental organization in Bhubaneshwar, 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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Donate to [IDA’s gofundme page](https://gofund.me/5d0e8c5a). All monetary contributions will be used to secure oxygen equipment and supplies which will be shipped directly to India.

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.
Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute, Kolkata

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

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**Exclusive Event: COVID19 Task Force Update**  
July 20th

Click [here](#) to Register

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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.