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MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR SYED AKBARUDDIN



I am glad to know that the Indo-American Press Club (IAPC) has elected a new Executive Committee with Prof. Indrajit S. Saluja as its President. IAPC has played a crucial role in upholding journalistic ethics and promoting them among the vibrant India-American media. I am confident that IAPC will further prosper in achieving its mission goals under the experienced leadership of Prof. Saluja. I take this opportunity to congratulate him and other members of the new Executive Committee and wish them a very productive tenure.

I am also happy to know that on the day of inauguration of the new Executive Committee of IAPC, Mr. H.R. Shah, Chairman & CEO of TV Asia and the much-respected community leader, will be felicitated on being conferred Padma Shri by the Government of India. I congratulate Mr. Shah for his leadership and valuable contribution to the community affairs.

The Government of India takes pride in the success and achievements of the Indian Diaspora and appreciates their catalytic role in promoting friendship, international understanding and furthering the objectives of Indian foreign policy. I take this opportunity to wish the Indo-American Press Club all success in its future endeavors.

Syed Akbaruddin

*Permanent Representative of India
to the United Nations*



MESSAGE FROM CG OF INDIA

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न्यू यार्क



CONSUL GENERAL OF INDIA
NEW YORK



February 22, 2017

MESSAGE

I am very pleased to know that the Indo - American Press Club is issuing a souvenir on the occasion of the inauguration ceremony of the Executive Committee 2017. I take this opportunity to congratulate Professor Indrajit S Saluja who will be taking over as President of the Indo - American Press Club. I would also like to congratulate all other members of the newly elected Executive Committee.

In a very thoughtful gesture, the Indo - American Press Club is also using this opportunity to felicitate Mr. H.R. Shah, Chairman & CEO of TV Asia who has been conferred Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian awards. Mr. H.R. Shah who is a multifaceted personality has put in several years in community service and is a pioneer in the media sector in the U.S. He truly deserves this honour. I take this opportunity to also congratulate Mr. H.R. Shah for this well deserved recognition.

I am confident that the Indo - American Press Club under the leadership of Professor Indrajit S Saluja will reach new heights in building public opinion to further strengthen India - U.S. relations.

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MESSAGE FROM NASSAU COUNTY COMPTROLLER



Hon. George Maragos
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March 4, 2017

Dear Professor Saluja:

On the occasion of the formal inauguration as President of the Indo-American Press Club, it is my pleasure to personally congratulate you and your entire executive committee.

I would also like to congratulate Mr. HR Shah, Chairman & CEO of TV Asia for receiving one of the highest civilian awards of India, "Padma Shri."

I am very confident that under the leadership of Professor Saluja, the Indo-American Press Club will be raised to greater prominence and provide a bigger platform to journalists and writers of Indian origin in the United States and Canada.

My best wishes to the Indo-American Press Club for continued success.

Sincerely,

Hon. George Maragos
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MESSAGE FROM TV ASIA

It gives me great pleasure to felicitate and honor a great journalist like Prof. Indrajit S. Saluja on the occasion of his inauguration as the President of Indo-American Press Club (IAPC).

I have known Professor Saluja for many years as a fearless journalist, who always fights for social causes, especially those concerning the Indian community in USA. He knows how important media's role is in strengthening the democratic values and progress in society. A fearless journalist represents the aspirations of people and stands up to represent important issues for the welfare of the masses. Prof Saluja is among such journalists, who are needed today much more than ever before.

I am confident that Professor Saluja will successfully lead Indo-American Press Club as its president and utilize his great journalistic skills to carry forward his mission. In his role as the President he will help build an environment of friendly relations between India and the United States.

I congratulate Prof. Indrajit Saluja, and his team of Executive Committee members and wish them good luck in their mission going forward.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. V.K. Raju & Dr. Leela Raju whose book "Medicine, Myth and History- India's Legacy" is being launched at the inauguration of IAPC Executive Committee.

H.R. Shah
Chairman & CEO,
TV Asia



Mr H.R. Shah gave the Keynote Address at the inauguration of Mr Parveen Chopra as IAPC President and the 2016 Executive Committee last February.



Prof. Indrajit S. Saluja
Incoming President
Indo-American Press Club (IAPC).



MESSAGE FROM SANT CHATWAL

I am very happy to learn that Professor Indrajit S Saluja is taking over as the President of Indo-American Press Club. It is indeed a great moment for all of us to celebrate. I wish him great success in fulfilling his duties as a media leader.

Prof Saluja is a friend and advisor for me. He made himself available whenever I needed his valuable advice on important matters concerning Indo-US relations. He is well informed on international matters and possesses balanced views on topics of current affairs. We need more journalists like him to guide our society. I am sure, Prof. Saluja will help further strengthen the friendly relations between India and the US. Good luck, my friend!

Let me take this opportunity to also congratulate my dear friend Mr. H.R. Shah, Chairman of TV Asia, who is also being felicitated. Mr. Shah has selflessly served the community for decades. His door is always open for all for any kind of assistance. I am so glad Government of India has recognized this gem of the Indian American community by bestowing the prestigious honor of 'Padma Shri' on a worthy son of Mother India. I also congratulate a leading physician and surgeon, Dr. VK Raju, who along with his daughter has authored a valuable book "Medicine, Myth & History- India's Legacy". The book is being launched on the occasion of the inauguration of Prof Saluja and IAPC executive committee.



Padma Bhushan Sant Chatwal, *Chairman*
Dream Hotel Group, New York

MESSAGE FROM DR DATTATREYUDU NORI

I am pleased that Government of India is conferring on Mr. H.R. Shah, Chairman and CEO of TV Asia, Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian awards. Mr. Shah gets it rightly for Literature & Education-Journalism. In fact, Mr. Shah deserved this honor long ago, since his relentless for the Indian American communities goes back many decades. He represents the aspirations of all people of Indian origin. As a media leader, he efficiently rose on many occasions for celebrating India and her culture, and protecting the interests of India in USA through his TV channel TV Asia.

I am also delighted to learn that a leading journalist of our community, Professor Indrajit S Saluja, is taking over as President of the 'Indo-American Press Club'.

For the past two decades Prof. Saluja has dedicated his journalistic career for publishing truthful news and views for the enlightenment of the readers of his newspaper, 'The Indian Panorama'. The Indian community in USA is fortunate to have a dedicated journalist like him to make its voice heard far and wide. I wish him great success in his entire endeavors.

I also congratulate my dear friend Dr. VK Raju and his daughter Dr. Leela Raju, for their accomplishment as authors of a fine book – titled "Medicine, Myth, and History- India's Legacy" -- on the Indian tradition of medicine and healing. The book is being launched at the IAPC event.



Padma Shri Dr D. Nori, M.D., FACR, FACRO,
Professor and Executive Vice Chairman
Dept. of Radiation Oncology
New York Presbyterian Hospital
Weill Cornell Medical College, New York



MESSAGE FROM PARIKH WORLDWIDE MEDIA

I wish Indo-American Press Club, under Prof. Indrajit S. Saluja, all the best. The role of press is critical to uphold freedom of speech and expression in a vibrant democracy. A free and independent press is a vital link to inform, engage and give guidance to the second and third generation of Indian Americans as well as new immigrants.

I commend Dr H.R. Shah, Chairman of TV Asia, for receiving the Padma Shri from the Government of India and welcome him into our Padma Awardees Club (myself having received the honor in 2010).

My best wishes also to Dr VK Raju and Dr Leela Raju, whose book "Musings on Medicine, Myth and History—India's Legacy" will be launched on the occasion.



Padma Shri Dr Sudhir M. Parikh

*Chairman, Center for Asthma & Allergy, NJ
Chairman & Publisher, Parikh Worldwide Media*

MESSAGE FROM CUNY

On behalf of the Center for Community and Ethnic Media at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, my colleague and center's other Co-Director Karen Pennar and on my own behalf, I congratulate Prof. Indrajit Saluja and the new executive committee of the Indo-American Press Club on assuming office. The club is playing an important role in serving as a bridge between journalists of Indian origin across the United States as well as between Indian diaspora and mainstream America.

The IAPC's numerous member publications and media houses share inspiring stories of the Indian community. The club's role in efforts to strengthen, promote and empower the Indian community's vibrant media is both important and commendable.

At CCEM, we are making efforts to strengthen and promote this media through an extensive professional development program, the voicesofny.org website that showcases the best of this media, the Ippies journalism awards, Newsmakers on-record Q&A series with public officials and research on the emerging trends in this media sector. I invite IAPC members to take advantage of the exciting training opportunities the CCEM offers. I look forward to working with you all.



Jehangir Khattak

*Co-Director, Center for Community and Ethnic Media
CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, New York*



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Heartiest congratulations to our dear friend **HR Shah**

on being conferred Padma Shri, one of the highest civilian award by the Republic of India. HR is one of the earliest visionaries to bring television media - TV Asia - to benefit Indians in America, coast to coast. Your hard work and dedication in creating this medium has benefited the entire Indian community in USA and has been instrumental in fostering India's interest in USA.

Wishing you the very best, and proud to call you our friend.

Indira & Bhupi Patel



Congratulations to **President of IAPC, Prof Indrajit Saluja** &



Mr. H.R. Shah

for getting Padma Shri award.
You are our shining star who is always
evolving and inspiring others. Well done.

-Anu Jain



MESSAGE FROM AAPI

On behalf of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), I offer warm congratulations to Prof. Indrajit Saluja on his inauguration as President of Indo-American Press Club. I am confident that under him, the AAPI-IPAC close relationship would continue to develop dynamically.

Founded in 1981, AAPI is the largest ethnic medical society in the US, second only to AMA. AAPI represents 65,000 physicians of Indian Origin and 25,000 students, residents, and fellows of Indian origin. It has 160 component chapters. Our flagship, AAPI Charitable Foundation has supported numerous charitable causes in India and USA. Currently we support 8 free health clinics in the US and 15 in India.

It has been a pleasure getting to know IAPC and I look forward to working with Prof Saluja to develop closer relations between our both organizations.



Ajay K Lodha, MD
President AAPI

MESSAGE FROM HAB BANK

On behalf of HAB BANK, I would like to extend our joyous greetings to Indo-American Press Club for holding its Gala Event on March 4, 2017. We take this opportunity to congratulate Prof. Indrajit Saluja on assuming the presidency of IAPC. We are confident that with all of his expertise and extensive record as one of the finest journalists, he will take IAPC to greater heights.

Our warmest greetings and best wishes to Mr H.R. Shah for being honored at the IAPC Gala. He has dedicated his life to serve our community and his contribution to the growth and progress of community's institutions has been invaluable. We wish him luck in his future projects.

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Saleem Iqbal
President
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MESSAGE FROM EYE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

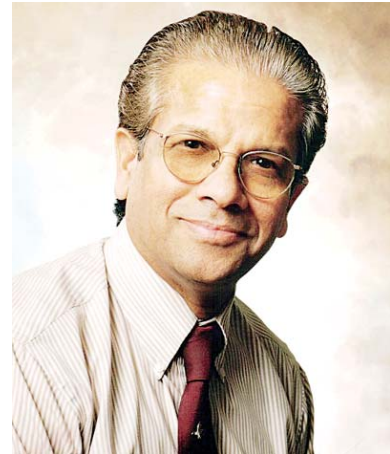
I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Prof. Indrajit Saluja on the occasion of his formal appointment as President of Indo-American Press Club. IAPC members should be complimented for the splendid choice they made.

IAPC has a major role to play in serving the Indian diaspora and society at large in America. In these turbulent times, we definitely need journalists with heart and I know Prof. Saluja is one of them.

I also take the opportunity to congratulate Mr. H.R. Shah, chairman of TV Asia and philanthropist, for receiving well deserved honor, Padma Shri, from the government of India.

The board of directors of the Eye Foundation of America and the board of directors of Goutami Eye Institute, Rajahmundry, AP, India join me in wishing all the best to you all. In

this context, I am reminded of the book "Media, the second God" by Tony Schwartz. Media has a sublime role to play in these uncertain times and I am sure, under the new leadership, IAPC will excel in this endeavor.



VK Raju, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S.
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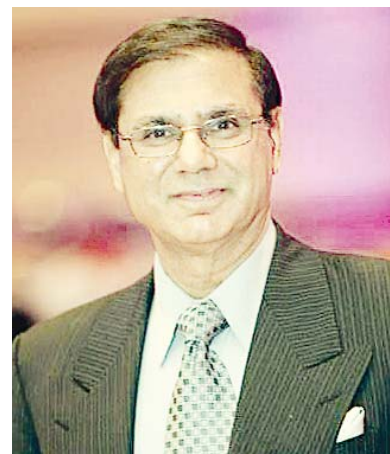
*Clinical Professor, Department of Ophthalmology; West Virginia University
Founder, President, The Eye Foundation of America
Chairman, Goutami Eye Institute, AP, India*

MESSAGE FROM AIA

On behalf of The Association of Indians in America, New York Chapter, I congratulate Prof. Saluja, the incoming President of the Indo-American Press Club, and other executive committee members on assuming office. IAPC is playing an important role in serving as a bridge between journalists of Indian origin across the US and Indian Diaspora as well as mainstream America.

I would also like to felicitate Mr. H.R. Shah, Chairman & CEO of TV Asia, for receiving one of the highest civilian awards of India, Padma Shri. He truly deserves it.

I am quite confident that under the leadership of Prof. Saluja, IAPC will reach new heights by bringing to the forefront the issues related to Indian community and building a positive image of India and the Indian community here.



Gobind P Munjal
President,
Association of Indians in America (AIA),
New York Chapter



MESSAGE FROM HARRY SINGH BOLLA

I wish to convey my best wishes to a great journalist and friend, Professor Indrajit S. Saluja for taking over as the President of the Indo-American Press Club (IAPC). I have known him for many years. He always stands up for the right causes. He is a helpful person and proud supporter of the Indian community. As a fearless journalist, he has served us for more than two decades in USA.

I am certain that IAPC will grow by leaps and bounds under the leadership of Prof. Saluja. He will help build a very friendly environment for the benefit of all.

I feel humbled as I pay my tribute to a great friend of India, Mr. H.R. Shah, Chairman and CEO of TV Asia, who was recently honored with the title of 'Padma Shri' by the Government of India. Mr. Shah is a well-known community leader in the United States. India has rightly honored him with Padma Shri, which is a matter of pride for us.

Once again, I congratulate Prof. Saluja, his Executive Committee as well as Mr. Shah. I'd also like to congratulate Dr. VK Raju & Dr. Leela Raju whose book, "Medicine, Myth and History - India's Legacy" will be launched IAPC event.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Congratulations, IAPC team 2017

The Induction Ceremony is the symbolic beginning to a member's service as a great achievement. It is also a key element in the lifelong retention of a member. A thoughtful induction, followed by a thorough orientation and meaningful involvement in the club's activities, will keep a new member interested and engaged in the club.

We, the members of the Indo-American Press Club, believe that Indian-American journalists nationwide should promote the values and culture of our home land. Also, the people the IAPC honors on this occasion will be the ambassadors of our community. So I extend my sincerest wishes to them too.



Ginsmon Zacharia
Founder and Chairman

IAPC Preamble

We the members of IAPC believe that the Indian origin journalists in America should unite to increase employment in the media, to increase the number of Indian Americans in management positions, to encourage and educate young Indian Americans interested in pursuing a journalism career, to monitor and sensitize all media to social justice. IAPC is a syndicate of print and electronic media journalists of Indian origin working in the US.



- IAPC has been formed with the objective of enhancing the standard and working conditions of journalists.
- We strive to work towards greater co-operation among journalists working across the nation.
- IAPC is committed to offering educational opportunities for its members with a view to enhance their skills and proficiency in this modern world.
- IAPC is committed to promoting unbiased and accurate news coverage of all events with fairness and objectivity.
- We will adhere to the code of conduct for journalists and the organizations they represent in accordance with high professional standards.
- We will work towards preserving the freedom of the Press by adjudicating the just concerns against and by the press for violation of ethics and freedom of the press.
- By maintaining high standards, we will be able to offer accreditation to media outlets and journalists of Indian origin.
- Will promote effective journalism and honor those adhering to highest standards of journalism by honoring media persons and organizations with annual awards.
- Will recognize and honor eminent Indians in media in North America.



PRESIDENTSPEAK

Let me welcome dignitaries, patrons, guests and colleagues to this happy occasion of the inauguration of the Executive Committee of Indo-American Press Club.

As the new executive committee is being inaugurated with me as President, I would like to thank the Chairman and board of directors for placing their trust in me and my team.

It is an enormous responsibility that the strong media fraternity here has entrusted me with. Whereas it fills me with pleasure and pride to think that my colleagues in Indo-American Press Club found me worthy of the assignment, their confidence in me humbles me a lot.

I am fortunate to be taking over from where my friend, Mr. Parveen Chopra, the outgoing president, left IAPC. He worked hard to steer the organization and has done a splendid transformational job, making it easier for me to go in for a sprint. I am sure he will always be around to counsel and guide me. I thank Mr. Chopra and the outgoing executive committee members.



The board of directors have chosen a great team for me to work with. And, I am confident, together we will take our mission of providing the media bulwark to communities here and scaling greater heights to make IAPC a stronger and more vibrant media organization. All that is needed is support of all -- friends on the board, the executive committee, media fraternity and the wonderful Indian American community.

IAPC will work to strengthen the roots of journalism with a view to serving the community, the larger society and our two countries. I believe and I have said and written it often, and it is there on the front page of the IAPC Souvenir that "the bedrock of democracy is journalism. And the bedrock of journalism is facts, and facts alone". Media persons are trained to ignore all news which is not based on facts. If the hearsay is turned into news, it will at best be fake news. And IAPC, as a body of media persons, has a responsibility to its members – to help them in following the ethical tenets of journalism, which we will take care of.

These are especially difficult times for media in both US and India. Freedom of press and expression is being challenged and sought to be taken away. It is for a vigilant media to stand up to this onslaught from the establishment. Also, it is the obligation of the people to stand by media to protect their freedom for which the media fights.

It is an occasion the IAPC chose to felicitate a media baron Mr. HR Shah, Chairman & CEO of TV Asia, on his being conferred with "Padma Shri", one of the highest civilian awards bestowed by Government of India. I am glad that Mr. Shah who has been into media for decades now was chosen to be honored with Padma Shri in the category of "Literature and Education-Journalism". And, we in media here should feel proud that he is the first Indian origin media person abroad to be conferred Padma Shri in the category of Journalism.

I congratulate Dr. VK Raju and Dr. Leela Raju for authoring a wonderful book - "Medicine, Myth, and History-India's Legacy" which will be launched on the occasion.

I am happy to mention here there is no dearth of talent among Indian Americans for which they have been highly commended, recognized, honored at various levels by a number of organizations and governments. In the gathering here, there is not one who has no claim to merit, excellence and recognition. Excelsior!

I take this opportunity to welcome and thank everyone to grace the event with their presence.

I also wish to thank everyone associated with organizing the grand event.

Thank you

Prof. Indrajit S Saluja

*Publisher & Editor, The Indian Panorama
President, Indo-American Press Club*





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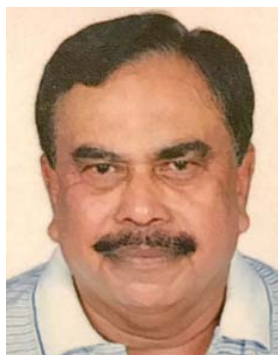




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Indo-American Press Club was launched in 2013 with these objectives:

- Promote fellowship and understanding among Indian men and women engaged in media in English and Malayalam.
- Forging a united group of print and electronic media professionals of Indian origin working in the United States and Canada.
- Standard bearers of media ethics and accuracy to promote effective journalism
- Research and suggest ways to make Indian American media initiatives financially sustainable
- Recognize and honor eminent and accomplished Indian American media professionals in North America

Headquartered in New York, IAPC has chapters in Dallas, Houston, Atlanta, Chicago as well as in Vancouver, Toronto and Alberta in Canada.

IAPC holds International Media Conferences every year as well as regional summits organized by its chapters. It has partnerships with the Kottayam Press Club and Trivandrum Press Club, both in Kerala, India.

At IAPC launch in New Jersey with Ajay Ghosh as first President, Ginsmon Zacharia, founder and chairman of the Board of Directors, said, "While striving to have greater coordination and networking among journalists, our motto is to be the voice of the community of Indian American journalists." Media owner Sunil Hali gave the keynote.

At the 2nd International Media Conference in Long Island in October 2015, eminent journalists and media experts convened from the US, Canada, India, Australia and the UAE. It accorded a valuable professional development opportunity, featuring educational seminars and workshops. Kerala's Public Works Minister VK Ibrahim Kunju was the chief guest. IAPC's Sathkarma award was given to social worker Daya Bhai and the Sadbhavana Award to Bobby Chemmannur.

For year 2016, IAPC members selected Parveen Chopra, Editor of The South Asian Times and now of The Asian Era lifestyle magazine, as its President. Under his presidency, the 3rd International Media Conference in Connecticut too was graced by dignitaries. The highlight was 'Presidential Debate', held weeks before the actual hard-fought US election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Prof AD Amar defended Trump, and Peter Jacob, upcoming New Jersey politician, spoke on behalf of Hillary. The heated debate was moderated by Prof Indrajit Saluja, Editor-Publisher of The Indian Panorama. The Connecti-



IAPC Chairman Ginsmon Zacharia (right) shaking hands with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in 2016.



Colorful, informative souvenirs for media conferences were edited by Thomas Mathew Joys, IAPC Board Member. The souvenir in your hands is compiled by Parveen Chopra, outgoing IAPC President.

cut meet was inaugurated by Manoj K. Mohapatra, India's Deputy Consul General in New York, who said that Indian journalists in America can do a lot to project the community's long strides. Parveen Chopra in his presidential address, argued that despite the prevalence of social media, the role of print media has not diminished. Guests from India and US included

J. Alexander IAS, former minister of Karnataka, Thomas Abraham (GOPIO Chairman), Mukesh Modi (businessman), and Dominic Chackonal (Atlanta Chapter President).

Special guests from Kerala included G Sakthidharan (Ex. Chairman Press Academy), Sekharan Nair (Bureau Chief,



PACE PICKS UP IN 2016



(Clockwise from left) * Core Committee and guests at IAPC's 3rd conference in Connecticut in 2016. * A seminar in Malayalam moderated by Vineetha Nair. * IAPC Executive Committee 2016 inaugurated with Parveen Chopra as President. * Connecticut conference opened by Deputy Consul General Manoj Mohapatra. * HR Shah, chairman of TV Asia, was keynote speaker at induction of 2016 executive committee.

Mathrubhoomy), M.V. NikeshKumar (MD Reporter TV), J.S. Indukumar (Executive Editor, JaiHind TV), P.T.Chacko (ex P.A. to Chief Minister), and Meera Nair (Poet). They participated in engaging seminars. Mathewkutty Easow, Conference Co-Chairman, organized a Business Meet with leading businessmen.

Closing Ceremony and Gala Dinner was headlined by Dr Prasad Srinivasan, Connecticut State Representative who has recently announced his bid for Governor of the State. IAPC's Sathkarma Award for 2016 was announced for Theruvoram Murugan, a street social worker at Kochi, who rehabilitated 8,000 poor children and destitutes.

The 2016 conference was kicked off at a Press Conference held at Trivandrum Press Club, led by IAPC Board Co-Chair Vineetha Nair, Vice President Cyriac Scaria, and Secretary Mini Nair.

In year 2016 also, IAPC Dallas Chapter was inaugurated by Executive Vice President Dr. Mathew Joys, and the Houston Chapter started with Easo Jacob as President.

Houston Chapter also hosted an ambitious US Presidential Election Debate on September 11th as envisioned by IAPC Vice President Cyriac Scaria in San Antonio.

The newly formed Atlanta Chapter hosted India's Republic Day celebration and awards ceremony in January 2017. In June last year, the Toronto Chapter was reorganized under Ashley Joseph and inaugurated by IAPC Chairman Ginsmon Zacharia.

The 4th International Media Conference will be held during the Columbus Day Weekend in October 2017; the venue city will be announced soon.

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VIGNETTES FROM 2016 ACTIVITIES



A highlight of the IAPC's 3rd International Media Conference in Stamford, CT in October 2016 was the Presidential Debate. Representing the GOP was Dr AD Amar, and Peter Jacob spoke for the Democrats. The debate was moderated by Prof Indrajit Saluja.

IAPC Atlanta chapter hosted a Republic Day celebration and Awards function in January 2017. The guest of honor was Chairman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, Charlotte Nash. Keynote speaker was Consul General Nagesh Singh.



Group at the inauguration of IAPC's Dallas chapter last year.



Honorees, guests and IAPC officials at the finale of IAPC's 3rd International Media Conference in Stamford, CT in October 2016. The chief guest was Prasad Srinivasan, legislator in Connecticut who is running for governor in the state.





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VIGNETTES OF IAPC ACTIVITIES IN 2015



(Clockwise)
IAPC gave 2015 Sathkarma Award at its annual media conference in New York to Daya Bai, social activist working in Madhya Pradesh.

2015 SathBhavana Award went to Bobby Chemmanur, philanthropist and international jeweler

IAPC took part in India Day Parade in Hicksville, NY

VIGNETTES FROM 2014

IAPC was launched and held its first annual media conference in New Jersey with Ajay Ghosh as President.



IAPC members and guests at the New Jersey conference.



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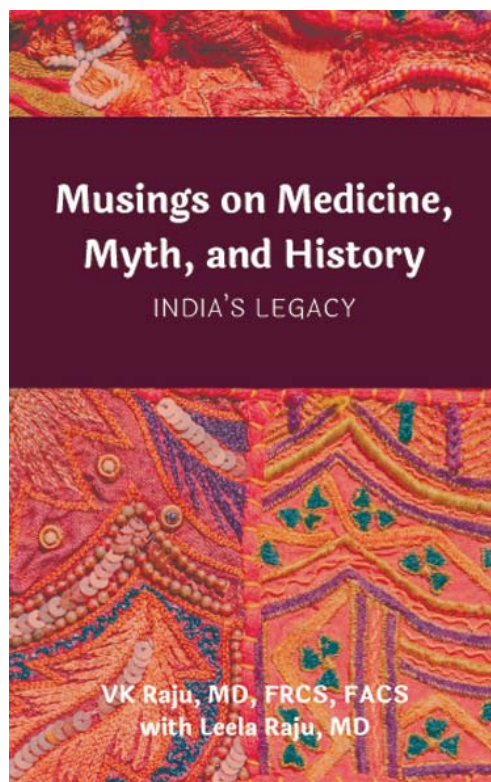
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Dr VK Raju and Dr Leela Raju's book "Musings on Medicine, Myth and History—India's Legacy" will be launched by IAPC at the 2017 Executive Committee inauguration event.

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The group will stage *Aaj ka Gadhha* by Writer/Director Ameeya Mehta.

The satirical play revolves around a character who has fallen into a ditch (aka Gadhha). A variety of people, including rich, poor, students, police, media, politician etc visit him, but nobody helps him. Artists are Ameeya Mehta, Deepak Gupta, Dhananjay Nichakawade, Dhanashree Vaidya, and Himanshu Sharma.



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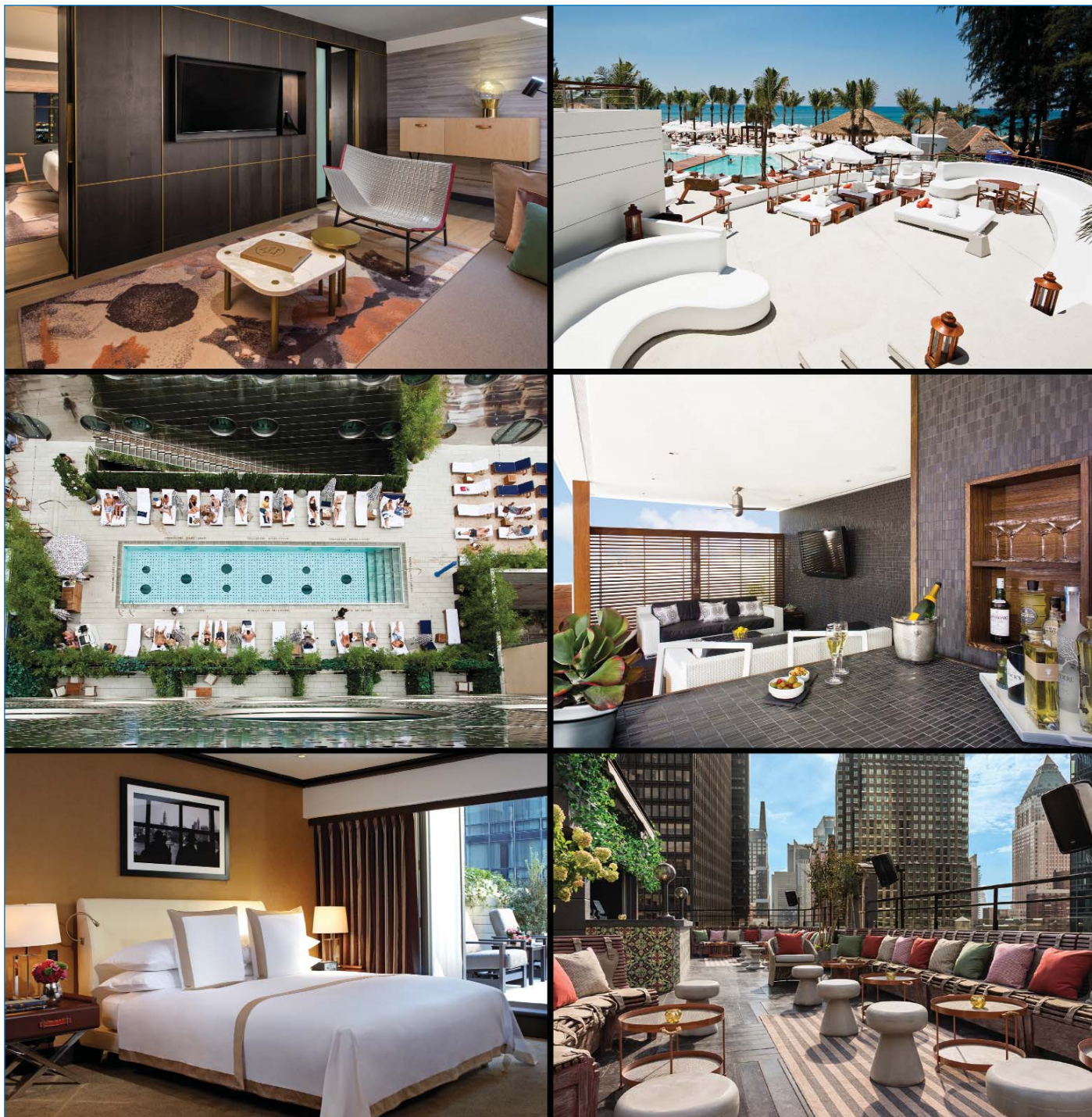
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KALPITA CHAKOTE

For Kalpita, a senior in high school, dancing is her way of expressing emotions and relating to others. She has been training in Bharatanatyam since age of 6. Under Guru Satya Pradeep's guidance, Kalpita had her Arangetram at age 12 and performed at prestigious venues such as the UN and the Met. Under the tutelage of Archana Phillip and Nikhil Sadhnani, she has excelled at Bollywood dance also. She has used her talent to help raise money for organizations such as St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Himalayan Development Foundation, and NDMF. With the help of her family and friends, Kalpita held her own charity show last July for the Seva Foundation. She performed 4 solo Bharatanatyam and 4 solo Bollywood dances to raise \$7001.





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