



Dr. SUDHIR M. PARIKH

Publisher. India Advocate. Philanthropist. Physician

HIGHLIGHTS OF LIFE AND CAREER

Publishing

Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh is the Chairman and Publisher of **Parikh Worldwide Media Inc.**, the largest Indian-American publishing group in the United States. The group publishes four periodicals – “**News India Times**,” a national weekly newspaper; “**Desi Talk in New York**,” a weekly newspaper serving the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut region; and “**Desi Talk in Chicago**,” a weekly newspaper serving the Greater Chicago area and the Midwestern states; and “**The Indian American**,” a national bimonthly feature magazine. The combined circulation and readership of these publications make the media group the most influential in the ethnic Indian market.

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. He was, for instance, personally responsible for Congressman **Elliot Engel** (D-N.Y.), **Rush Holt** (D-N.J.) and **Anthony Weiner** (D-N.Y.) joining the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans. 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 **Benjamin Gilman**, **Frank Pallone** and **Gary Ackerman** – to rally political support for the nuclear deal and foster a strategic partnership with India. Recognizing his efforts as part of the core group that lobbied for the nuclear deal, **Prime Minister Manmohan Singh** personally acknowledged Dr. Parikh’s contributions during his visit to the U.S. last year.

Dr. Parikh also has been a **cultural ambassador** of India in the United States. To this end, he has often been a **Grand Sponsor** of **India’s Independence Day** celebrations that have been held in New York City for the past 25 years. He also advanced the cause of the Indian-American community through his leadership of organizations like the **Federation of Indian Associations** (FIA), **Indian American Forum for Political Education** (IAFPE), where he was instrumental in starting a **Congressional Internship Program** for second-generation Indian Americans to work in the U.S. Congress.



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Philanthropy

Dr. Parikh is a patron of several philanthropic organizations, including the **American India Foundation**, and so far has contributed over **\$2 million** to select causes in India and the United States, including to 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. He has been a dedicated patron of **Ekal Vidyalaya** in the tribal areas of India. As a physician, Dr. Parikh is particularly gratified by his effort to raise \$150,000 for the **Gujarat Cancer Society**. He has also contributed extensively to the **Nargis Dutt Foundation**. As a part of his efforts to promote Indian culture and values, Dr. Parikh donated \$151,000 to the **Vraj Shrinalhajee Temple**.

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 **Diplomate** 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.

Honors

Dr. Parikh is one of the most honored Indian Americans. He is the recipient of **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman**, bestowed on non-resident Indians (NRIs) by the government of India. The U.S. Congress recognized this honor by mentioning his achievements in the **Congressional Record**. He's also a recipient of the 2005 **Ellis Island Medals of Honor**, the highest civilian honor for U.S. immigrants, for his lifetime of community service. In 2002, he received the **National Excellence Award** from former prime minister P.V. Narasimha Rao in recognition for his philanthropic activities, at the 6th annual meeting of the Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC) in Washington, D.C. In recognition of his efforts on Capitol Hill, Dr. Parikh was appointed member of the **National Leadership Advisory Committee** of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans in 1999 by the Chairman of the India Caucus, U.S Congressman Gary Ackerman (D) of New York.