

Press Release

Padma Shri award for Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh

Indian American physician, philanthropist and publisher, Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, has been named a recipient of the 2010 Padma Shri award. The New Jersey-based doctor made the President of India's honoree's list released on Jan. 25th, the eve of the country's 60th Republic Day.

With this honor, Dr. Parikh now joins the ranks of most honored Indian Americans and the only one to receive all three much coveted awards: the Ellis Island Award, the highest honor conferred on U.S. immigrants for their lifetime of community service; the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, a special award given by the Government of India to select non-resident Indians for their individual accomplishments and contributions to India, and; the Padma Shri, which is awarded to distinguished Indians and people of Indian origin for their contribution in various spheres of activity including the arts, education, industry, literature, science, sports, social service and public life. The award will be presented by President Pratibha Patil at a ceremony in New Delhi in March.

"I'm deeply honored and humbled by the honor conferred on me by the President of India," Dr. Parikh said in a statement, adding, "but I also recognize the responsibility of living up to this honor by redoubling my efforts to further U.S.-India relations, and making greater efforts at community service on both sides of the Atlantic."

Dr. Parikh, who is a noted allergist and an acclaimed authority in the field of allergy, asthma and immunology, is also the chairman and publisher of New York-based Parikh Worldwide Media, Inc., which publishes three periodicals – "News India Times," "Desi Talk" and "The Indian American." (Please see the detailed resume attached.)

Apart from medical practice and publishing, Dr. Parikh is actively involved in a number of charitable causes in the U.S. and in India. He was recently in New Delhi to attend the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, where he was invited to speak about philanthropy as part of the PBD lecture series.