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Pravasi Bharatiya Samaan Awardees 2025



PROF. AJAY RANE (AUSTRALIA)

- Treated survivors of sexual violence; recipient of UN Human Rights Award.
- Championed women's health in war zones; helped set up medical education in Queensland.
- Built Kasturba Gandhi Hospital in Chennai; invented Duneze for universal toilet support.



DR. MARIALENA JOAN FERNANDES (AUSTRIA)

- International concert pianist; 50+ years in Western classical music.
- PhD on Konkoni songs; bridges Indian-European youth via "Quest for Passion".
- Strengthens Austria-India ties through music and education.



SWAMI SANYUKTANAND (FIJI)

- Founded Fiji Sevashram Sangh; promotes Indian culture and service.
- Leads events like Ganesh Utsav and spiritual camps.
- Strengthens Indian heritage in Fiji through community outreach.



DR. PHILOMENA ANN MOHINI HARRIS (BARBADOS)

- Former Honorary Consul of India; promoted strong bilateral relations.
- Awarded for medical excellence and diaspora service by Barbados.
- Advocate for healthcare and Indian interests in Caribbean.



SWAMI AKSHARANANDAJI SARASWATI VIDYA NIKETAN (GUYANA)

- Established 1998; fosters emotional, intellectual, spiritual development.
- Inclusive education; rooted in Indian values.
- Builds India-Guyana cultural connection.

DR. LEKH RAJ JUNEJA (JAPAN)

- CEO of Kameda Seika; innovator in food, cosmetics, pharma.
- Globally recognized scientist; promotes India-Japan ties.
- Active in philanthropy and cultural diplomacy.





DR. PREM KUMAR (KYRGYZ REPUBLIC)

- Practiced medicine in Kyrgyzstan for 25+ years.
- Provided critical service during COVID-19.
- Honored with national health excellence award.

MR. SOUKTHAVY CHOWDHURY (LAOS)

- Pioneered agarwood industry and Lao fragrance exports.
- Supports Indian cultural events in Laos.
- Vice-Chair, ASEAN-India Business Council (Laos Chapter).





MR. KRISHNA SAVJANI (MALAWI)

- Senior lawyer; founded top law firm in Malawi.
- Honored by President for legal excellence.
- Promotes India's interests and culture since 1970s.

DR. SARITA BOODHOO (MAURITIUS)

- Founded Mauritius Bhojpuri Institute; promoted Geet Gawai to UNESCO.
- Helped establish World Hindi Secretariat.
- Advocates Indian heritage and linguistic identity.





DR. RAM NIWAS - HLA TUN (MYANMAR)

- Sanskrit professor for 20+ years; leads Dharma Swayamsevak Sangh.
- Teaches in Buddhist monasteries; cultural promoter.
- Strengthens India-Myanmar cultural links.

MR. ABHAYA KUMAR (MOLDOVA)

- Promotes Indian business and festivals in Moldova.
- Led evacuation of Indians from Ukraine (Operation Ganga).
- Offers free Hindi classes through his NGO.



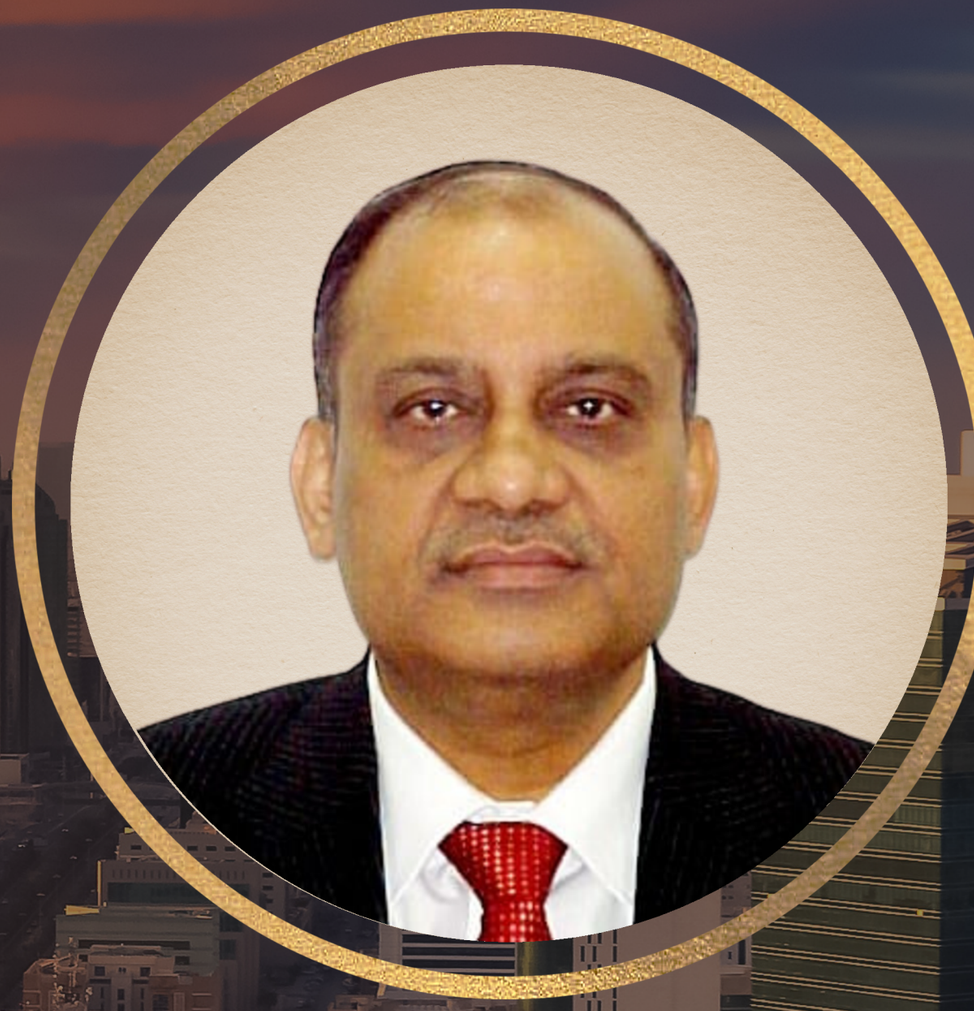


KASHMIR SINGH - HINDUSTANI SAMAJ (RUSSIA)

- Oldest Indian socio-cultural group in Russia (est. 1957).
- Partners with Indian Embassy and JNCC Moscow.
- Connects diaspora, promotes Indian events and unity.

MR. JAGGANNATH SHEKHAR ASTHANA (ROMANIA)

- Founder, Ferco Group; leads sustainable business across EU.
- Backs education for underprivileged youth.
- Combines business innovation with Indo-European cooperation.





MS. SUDHA RANI GUPTA (RUSSIA)

- Founded Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University in Russia.
- Promotes Indian spirituality, meditation, and values.
- Author of spiritual books in Russian.

DR. SYED ANWAR KHURSHEED (SAUDI ARABIA)

- 45+ years in critical care and emergency medicine.
- Founded Indian School in Taif; promotes AYUSH.
- Serves underprivileged Indian diaspora with compassion.





MR. RAMAKRISHNAN SIVASWAMY IYER (UAE)

- Chairman, Transworld Group; 40+ years in shipping.
- Boosted India-Gulf trade via feeder services.
- Honored globally for visionary business leadership.

BARONESS USHA KUMARI PRASHAR (UK)

- First woman Civil Service Commissioner in UK; Iraq Inquiry member.
- Strengthens diaspora's business and policy links with India.
- Honored as Dame Commander of the British Empire.





DR. KAUSHIK LAXMIDAS RAMAIYA (TANZANIA)

- CEO of Hindu Mandal Hospital; leads diabetes care in Africa.
- Published 84+ research papers; shaped NCD strategy.
- Awarded Best Doctor (2022), Sir George Alberti Award (2019).



DR. SHARAD LAKHANPAL (USA)

- First non-American President of American College of Rheumatology.
- Founded US-India Rheumatology Fellowship Program.
- Globally awarded for excellence in medical leadership.



MR. ATUL ARVIND TEMURNIKAR (SINGAPORE)

- Co-founded Global Schools Foundation; educated 45,000+ students.
- Strengthened India's cultural-educational ties with 11 countries.
- Supports tribal education in India via PPP model.

MR. ROBERT MASIH NAHAR (SPAIN)

- First Indian-origin Asian Senator in Spain.
- Led massive COVID-19 relief; founded Indian Cultural Centre.
- Active in sports, community, and diaspora welfare.





MR. BONTHALA SUBBAIAH SETTY RAMESH BABU (UGANDA)

- Started with 2 staff; now leads multi-sector businesses in Africa.
- Heads Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh; founded Sewa International Uganda.
- Honored by Ugandan President; "Indian Community Ambassador" title.



H.E. CHRISTINE CARLA KANGALOO ORTT (TRINIDAD & TOBAGO)

- Rose from indenture roots to President of Trinidad & Tobago.
- Held key political roles including Legal Affairs Minister.
- Champion for marginalized groups and diaspora inspiration.



DR. SHARMILA FORD (USA)

- Vaishnava philanthropist; building world's largest temple in Mayapur.
- On board of Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies.
- Supports global projects preserving Indian heritage.

MR. RAVI KUMAR S. (USA)

- Ex-nuclear scientist turned tech leader; held top roles in PwC, Oracle, Sapient.
- Expertise in digital transformation and consulting.
- Drives innovation across sectors; formerly with BARC India.





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