

# Harmony

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### Editorial

## ***DIVISION & DIVERSITY*** ***A DOCTOR'S DILEMMA***

**Dr Indranil Chakravorty MBE**

There are two issues that appear to be dividing the medical profession as we approach the festive season. Both are controversial and there are no right or wrong answers. Yet, the elephant(s) in the room are the formulation of the plan for rebuilding the NHS and the impact of both these issues on widening the inequalities that exist in the profession, which in turn reflects modern British society. We, as members of the profession, representative of the diversity that enriches the NHS and society should and do have a voice that must be heard and contribute constructively to the national debate.

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# Latest BAPIO News

## BAPIO signs MoU with University Hospitals of Northamptonshire

The University Hospitals of Northamptonshire (UHN) has signed a memorandum of understanding with the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO) supporting Indian and other ethnic minority doctors who want to work in the UK and develop their careers.

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## BINA holds very successful conference in Leicester

BINA (British Indian Nurses Association) held its highly popular annual conference in Leicester on 29 November 2024. The conference began with the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, a beautiful symbol of knowledge and dedication to nursing. Dr Ramesh Mehta (President, BAPIO) congratulated BINA for their rapid growth, serving the Indian nursing community.

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## BAPIO submits organisation response to ChangeNHS questionnaire

Following the launch of the ChangeNHS questionnaire by HM Government and NHS England in October 2024, BAPIO has submitted its organisation response to the survey.

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## **BAPIO Training Academy signs MOU with Shri Balaji Institute of Neurosciences and Trauma**

BAPIO is delighted to announce that BAPIO Training Academy (BTA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Shri Balaji Institute of Neurosciences and Trauma (SBINS&T) based in Karnataka, India.

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## **BAPIO Concerned about number of IMGs Passing PLAB and availability of NHS Jobs**

In recent months, BAPIO has received numerous enquiries and appeals for help from international medical graduates (IMGs) who have completed the Professional and Linguistics Assessment Board (PLAB) exam and are looking for suitable jobs in the UK. BAPIO is committed to helping these doctors as far as possible but in view of the difficulties being faced by many of these doctors.

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## **Dr Ramesh Mehta delivers inaugural Jointi Dass Saggur Lecture at University of Dundee**

Dr Ramesh Mehta CBE, Founder and President of British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO), was invited by the University of Dundee School of Medicine to deliver the inaugural Jointi Dass Saggur Lecture on 22 October 2024. This lecture is named after Dr Jointi Dass Saggur who holds a pivotal part in Dundee's social and medical history.

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# News from Divisions and Forums

## BAPIO women's forum

The BAPIO women's forum is inviting applications for the following roles in the forum executive committee.

- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Resident doctor representative
- SAS/LED representative
- Medical student representative
- Social Media representative

We would encourage all BAPIO members to consider putting their name forward to join the EC of this dynamic forum. If you would like to apply for a role, please submit your CV and a short cover note (less than 300 words) by email to [admin@bapio.co.uk](mailto:admin@bapio.co.uk) with a copy to [jyothi.srinivas@mkuh.nhs.uk](mailto:jyothi.srinivas@mkuh.nhs.uk) by Monday 9 am 27th January 2025. The cover note should clearly state your BAPIO membership number, which role you are applying for and why you feel you are the ideal candidate for the position as well as provide an overview of your previous involvement with BAPIO activities. Please note that the positions are only open to active BAPIO members.

Further information on the BAPIO Women's Forum can be found in the attached document or you can also contact the Forum Chair, Dr. Jyothi Srinivas ([jyothi.srinivas@mkuh.nhs.uk](mailto:jyothi.srinivas@mkuh.nhs.uk)).



# BAPIO Honours List

## **Dr Anuradha Giri**

*General Practitioner, Retford*

- Awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of GP (FRCGP)

## **Dr Mukesh Chugh**

*Consultant Anaesthetist in Altnagelvin hospital*

- Awarded BB-Mahatma Gandhi Award 2024 in recognition of his exceptional contributions to promoting Indian culture, heritage, and interfaith harmony

## **Dr Pankaj Chandak**

*Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons of England; Research Fellow, Dept of Developmental Biology and Cancer and Stem and Regenerative Medicine, Institute of Child Health, UCL*

- Presented the Royal Institution Discourse (Michael Faraday Lecture) on "The Future of Organ Transplantation – From Machines to 3D Printing"
- Delivered the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Christmas Lecture, "Modelling Innovation and Visualising Surgery"
- Received the Royal College of Surgeons of England Hunterian Professorship and Medal for groundbreaking research in pediatric transplantation

## **Dr Prokar Dasgupta OBE**

*Foundation Professor of Surgery at King's Health Partners, Chairman of the King's-Vattikuti Institute of Robotic Surgery*

- Appointed Chair of Responsible AI UK Health and Social Care Group
- Awarded Fellowship of the Institute of Engineering and Technology
- Publications
  - Khanna et al. Artificial intelligence in the management of prostate cancer  
Nat Rev Urol (2024)
- Gave a keynote lecture on *AI in the operating room* for SIUUK (Nov 2024)

## **Dr Prosenjit Giri**

*Consultant OH Physician, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*

- Awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of GP (FRCGP)

## **Dr Rakesh Kumar**

*Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, CTM health board*

- Awarded PG Cert degree for Innovation in healthcare by Swansea University

# Upcoming Events

26-28 March 2025  
Glasgow

Future of  
child health:  
innovate,  
integrate  
and inspire



**RCPCH**

## BAPIO Hot Topics session and BAPIO Gala dinner

26th March, 2025  
Glasgow

Save the  
date



BAPIO Women's Forum Conference  
**Power of us - building bridges,  
breaking barriers**

2 May 2025  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
Leicester

**NHS**  
University Hospitals  
of Leicester  
NHS Trust

## Women in NHS Conference

2nd May, 2025  
Leicester

# BAPIO Family

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*BAP10 wishes all  
its members a very  
happy festive  
season and lots of  
joy and success in  
2025!*