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From the Desk of the President

The National Academy of Medical Sciences (India), New Delhi fosters and utilizes the academic excellence of health professionals in the country as its resources to promote excellence in medical education and skill development in the field of medicine and allied sciences.



The National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) "Recognizes Academic Excellence" (RAE) among eminent scientists in the field of Medical, Biomedical and Dental Sciences. I congratulate all the eminent scientists who have been selected for this recognition for the year 2025 for their valuable contributions and these scientists will be honoured at the 66th Annual Foundation Day of NAMS on 21st April, 2026 at New Delhi.

NAMS Emeritus Professors (EP) provide guidance and mentorship to various institutions to develop specialty/laboratory services with newer technologies/services in medical & allied sciences. In addition, EPs also assist the departments in strengthening training and research activities. I request all medical institutions to utilise their expertise in development of specialities in their institutions.

NAMS regularly organises National Quiz with participants from medical colleges/institutions from all over the country. I request all medical institutions to encourage participation from UG, PG students and young faculty in the ONLINE National Quiz.

I request readers to give their valuable feedback which will help us in shaping the future issues of the Newsletter.

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Recognition of Academic Excellence for 2025

National Academy of Medical Sciences (India) “Recognizes Academic Excellence” among eminent scientists in the field of Medical, Biomedical and Dental Sciences. The list of Eminent Medical, Biomedical and Dental Scientists selected for Recognition of Academic Excellence for 2025 is as follows:

Dr. Pran Nath Chhuttani Recognition of Academic Excellence (RAE) in the field of Tropical Medicine and Communicable Disease

- **Dr. Narinder Kumar Mehra**, Emeritus Professor, ICMR Mentor, Agilus Laboratories, Gurgaon: Original contributions on the immunological aspects of Leprosy, Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and HIV.

And

- **Dr. Premashis Kar**, Senior Director, Medical Gastroenterology, Max Healthcare, Max Super Specialty Hospitals, Patparganj, New Delhi: Significant contribution on molecular epidemiology and genotyping of Hepatic Viruses (A to E).

Dr. Tulsi Das Chugh Recognition of Academic Excellence (RAE) in the field of Infectious Diseases (including epidemiology, pathogenesis, prevention, control and treatment of infections or translational studies).

- **Dr. Shally Awasthi**, Former Professor & Head, Department of Pediatrics, King George’s Medical University, Lucknow: significant contribution in pathogenesis and control of Community Acquired Pneumonia, Diarrhoea, Sepsis in newborn and Helminthic Infestations.

Gen. Amir Chand Recognition of Academic Excellence (RAE) in the field of Non-communicable Degenerative Diseases.

- **Dr. Aman Sharma**, Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh: significant contribution in the area of DADA2, a Monogenic Auto Inflammatory Disorder.

Achanta Lakshmi pathi Recognition of Academic Excellence (RAE) in the field of Maternal and Child Health, Women’s Health, and Community Nutrition.

- **Dr. Mohd. Ashraf Ganie**, Director & Professor, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar: significant contribution in early determination of Metabolic Diseases, Nutritional Deficiencies and Endocrinal Disorders in Pregnancy.

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Recognition of Academic Excellence for 2025

Dr. KL Wig Recognition of Academic Excellence (RAE) in the field of Medical Education

- **Dr. Tejinder Singh**, Chair, Center for Health Professional Education, Adesh University, Bathinda: significant contribution in competency based education.

Col. Sangham Lal Recognition of Academic Excellence (RAE) in the field of Surgical Sciences, with discernible impact on Evidence-based Surgical Practice.

- **Dr. Shashanka Mohan Bose**, Senior Consultant Onco-surgery, Former Senior Professor & Head, Department of Surgery, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh: significant contribution in the area of Breast Cancer, MRM, non-operative management of Hemoperitoneum & Liver Trauma.

Dr. Abhaya Indrayan Recognition of Academic Excellence (RAE) in the field of Epidemiology or Biostatistics having relevance to Health Sciences (for a Biomedical/Clinical/Public Health Scientist/Biostatistician,

- **Dr. Tinku Thomas**, Professor, Department of Biostatistics, St. John's Medical College, Sarjapur Road, Bangaluru: significant contribution in the area of Mathematical Modeling to optimize foods for Supplementary Nutrition Programs.

Dr. Niranjan Khandelwal Recognition of Academic Excellence (RAE) in the field of Interventional Radiology.

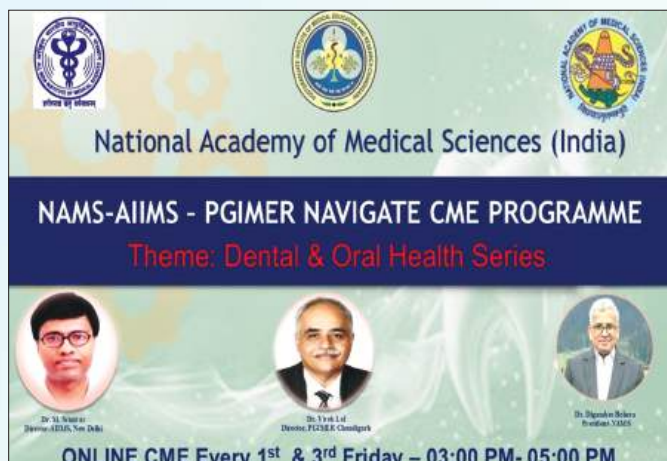
- **Dr. Naveen Kalra**, Professor, Department of Radiodiagnosis, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh: significant contribution in Interventional Radiological Procedures in Hepatobiliary Interventions.

Dr. R.V. Rajam Recognition of Academic Excellence (RAE) in the field of Community Health/ Communicable Diseases, Leprology and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

- **Dr. Sonu Goel**, Professor, School of Public Health, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh: significant contribution in policy development towards Tobacco Control, Capacity Building and Community level Interventions.

NAMS-AIIMS-PGIMER Navigate-Medico-CME

NAMS in collaboration with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and PGIMER, Chandigarh conducts online Navigate-Medico-CME on every first & third Friday of every month, between 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Till date 86 sessions have been conducted. The video recordings are available on NAMS website and U-tube.



Meeting of Dr. Digambar Behera, President, NAMS with Medical Colleges & DNB Institutions



NAMS National Quiz MEDIQUEST 2026

NAMS regularly organizes online National Quiz with participants from medical colleges/institutions from all over the country. NAMS invite participation from UG, PG students and young faculty from medical institutions to participate in the online National Quiz. The details of the NAMS National Quiz [MEDIQUEST 2026](#) is given below:

A zoom meeting of Dr. Digambar Behera, President, NAMS was organised on 24.2.2026 at 3.30 PM in which nearly 267 Directors, Principals, Deans, Faculty members of medical colleges and DNB institutions participated. The President NAMS requested the NAMS Cells at medical colleges/institutions to play more active role for joint academic activities with National Academy of Medical Sciences and sought their suggestions for strengthening the academic activities of NAMS in their respective states and medical colleges.

Meeting of Dr. Digambar Behera, President, NAMS with NAMS Emeritus Professors

A zoom meeting of Dr. Digambar Behera, President, NAMS was organised on 24.2.2026, at 2.00 PM with NAMS State Conveners, Emeritus Professors to seek their suggestions for NAMS academic activities. President reviewed and appreciated the academic activities carried out by the NAMS State Conveners & NAMS Emeritus Professors. He requested them to actively participate in NAMS academic activities.

NAMS Emeritus Professors provide guidance and mentorship to various institutions to develop specialty/laboratory services with newer technologies/services in medical & allied sciences. In addition, EPs also assist the departments in strengthening training and research activities. Each

of them has made significant contributions in their core scientific area of specialization.

NAMS requests medical institutions to visit the weblink to review the profiles of Emeritus Professors and based on the requirements of the department(s) in these institutions may consider inviting the appropriate Emeritus Professors. NAMS bears the cost of travel expenses and honorarium of Rs. 6000/- per day to a maximum of Rs.15,000/- per visit to the Emeritus Professor. NAMS expects that logistics and local hospitality is to be provided by the host institution. The contact details along with brief profile of NAMS Emeritus Professors is given on NAMS website, on the link as:

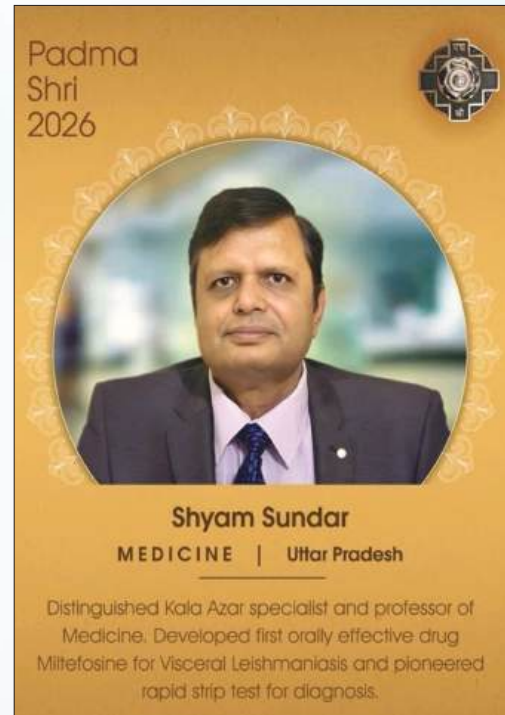
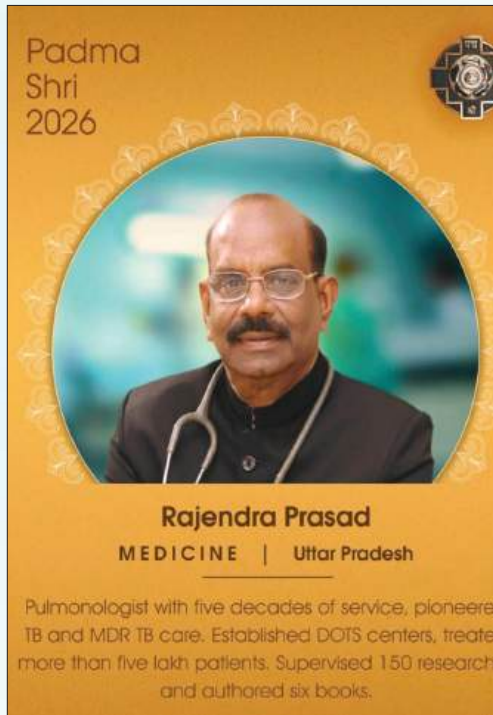
<https://nams-india.in/downloads.php?n=emeritusprofessor>
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NAMS Fellows awarded Padma Shri

Hearty congratulations to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, NAMS Council Member and Director, Medical Education & Professor, Pulmonary Medicine, Era's Lucknow Medical College & Hospital, Lucknow;

and Dr. Shyam Sunder, FAMS, Distinguished Professor at BHU, Varanasi for being awarded Padma Shri in 2026. NAMS is privileged to have them as NAMS Fellows.



Honouring of NAMS Fellows

Dr. Ashok Gupta, NAMS Council Member, renowned Plastic Surgeon of India affiliated to Grant Medical College, Mumbai and Bombay Hospital & Institute of Medical Sciences, Mumbai was honoured at the annual conference of the Indian Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, held at Mumbai from 22nd to 26th January 2026, for his valuable contributions to the specialty.

Dr. O.P. Kharbanda, NAMS Council Member participated in the Annual Convocation and Awards 2026 of the International Dental Association. During this occasion, Global President, Dr. Julio Rodrigues received an author-signed copy of “Kharbanda’s Orthodontics.”



Online certificate course on AI in Health for health professionals

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad and the National Academy of Medical Sciences (India), New Delhi have jointly launched a certificate course in 2024. Currently 3rd batch is undergoing training. The registration for next batch beginning September 2026, is open .

For registration the link is as follows:

<https://ihub-data.ai/archives/courses/ai-for-medical-professionals-2026-sep/>

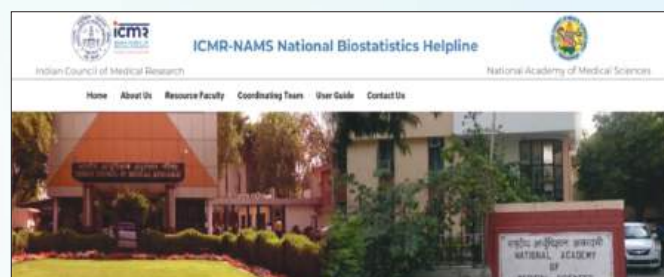


ICMR-NAMS National Biostatistics Helpline for PG Medical Students

The helpline was launched in 2024. This ICMR-NAMS National Biostatistics helpline supports the PG students & young faculty members from all over the country undertaking research projects.

The link for free registration is as follows:

<https://stats-help.icmr.org.in/>



NAMS Research Fellowships

NAMS extends Research Fellowships for postgraduate medical students and young faculty members from North Eastern states, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Andaman & Nicobar, Daman & DIU, J&K and Ladakh. One-time financial assistance upto Rs. 50,000/- is provided to postgraduate students for their thesis related work. NAMS Research Fellowship for young faculty members comprises of one-time financial assistance up to Rs. 1,00,000/- for their research related work. The details are available on NAMS website: <https://nams-india.in/index.php>

Obituary

Prof. Jagdev Singh Guleria, FAMS (1972)



Prof. Jagdev Singh Guleria was born in 1927. He was elected Fellow of NAMS in 1972. His specialty was Cardio-respiratory Medicine/Chest Diseases. He passed away on January 22, 2026.

Prof. J.S. Guleria, one of India's most respected physicians and a towering figure in bedside medicine. He was a former Dean and Professor at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He belonged to a generation of doctors for whom medicine began not with tests, but with listening. He was a recipient of Padma Shri in 2003. Prof. Guleria was widely regarded as a "doctor's doctor" - the one colleagues turned to when cases were complex and decisions carried weight. His influence extended far beyond AIIMS, shaping medical practice and training across the country.

He left for heavenly abode at the age of 98. May his soul rest in peace.

NAMS Online Application Forms

Application forms for Fellowship and Membership have been made Online and objective criteria have been introduced for assessment from the year 2023.

NAMS International Fellowship and International Membership

Applications are invited from Medical Doctors and Scientists, who are Nationals of Foreign Countries, NRIs, OICs, for NAMS International Fellowship and Membership. The application form and guidelines are available at:

<https://www.nams-india.in/downloads/Notice%20Int%20fellowship.pdf>

The duly completed applications to be sent to email id: namsaca01@gmail.com, by 30th June / 31st December, every year.

NAMS Fellowship (FAMS)

NAMS offers Fellowship (FAMS) to Indian scientists of eminence from any field of Basic Sciences, Medicine or Surgery or Biomedical Sciences, or Dental Sciences. The application form and guidelines are available on NAMS website at the link:

Fellowship-Direct <http://namsdigital.in/home/fams1home>

Fellowship-Advancement <http://namsdigital.in/Home/AdvFAMSHome>

Last date for submitting application form is 31st December, every year.

NAMS Membership (MAMS)

NAMS offers Membership (MAMS) to Indian scientists of eminence from any field of Basic Sciences, Medicine or Surgery or Biomedical Sciences, with postgraduate qualification and minimum of five years of experience after post graduation. The application form & guidelines are available:

<http://namsdigital.in/Home/MAMSHome>

Last date for submitting application form is 31st December, every year.

NAMS Associate Fellowship (AFAMS)

NAMS offers Associate Fellowship (AFAMS) to scientists of eminence from any field of Basic Sciences, Medicine or Surgery or Biomedical Sciences. The eligibility criteria follows:

- Age of nominee should be upto 45 years on the date of nomination
- Should have the degree of DM, MCh or DNB (in Super specialities)
- Should be serving in Medical College, Teaching Hospital, or Consultant in a corporate hospital
- Minimum 3 publications in indexed journals

The application form and guidelines are available at: <http://namsdigital.in/Home/FAMSHome>

Last date for submitting application form are 30th June / 31st December, every year.

NAMS Associate Membership (AMAMS)

The Associate Membership has been introduced for the Medical / Dental Scientists who have completed Postgraduate qualifications (MD/ MS/ MDS) or PhD/MSc Biotechnology in SINGLE ATTEMPT and have a postgraduate degree with any ONE of the following:

- a. Membership of a National Professional organization in his/her specialty
- b. Publication in a Scientific Journal
- c. Presentation at the Annual Scientific Conference of National Professional organization.

The application form and guidelines are available at:

<https://namsdigital.in/Home/AMAMSHome>

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

NAMS Membership for DNB passed candidates (MNAMS)

Candidates who have obtained the DNB degree, are eligible to apply for MNAMS. The application on the prescribed format should be sent to the Secretary, NAMS.

The application form and guidelines are available at: <https://namsdigital.in/Home/MNAMSHome>

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

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