

Padma Shree Dr Sahariah to attend GPC programme



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Padma Shree Dr. Sarbeswar Sahariah, MS, MAMS, FICS, FACS will attend the next 'Guest of the Month' programme of Guwahati Press Club (GPC) on 4th March 2014. The interactive session will start at 2 pm.

Hails from Mangaldoi in central Assam and presently based in Hyderabad of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Sahariah has performed more than 3000 renal transplant operations which may be a record for a surgeon in India. He has recently started a charitable organization titled North East Care Foundation along with free medical clinic and dispensary at Pachim Baragaon of Guwahati for the benefit of weaker sections in the society.

Dr. Sahariah, who has attended a number of conferences held in Singapore, Taipei, Bangkok, Karachi, Dubai, Mauritius, Japan, Greece, USA, Turkey, Philippines, Pattayah, Rome etc and honored with many awards lately with Padma Shree by the Union government. Member-journalists are requested to participate in the programme.

Brief profile of Dr. Sahariah (www.drsahariah.com)

Dr. Sarbeswar Sahariah was born on 1st of April, 1945 at Mangaldai, in the Darrang district of Assam. After completing his Primary School education in a remote village in Assam he joined Mangaldai Higher Secondary School in 1954 and passed Higher Secondary examination in 2nd division in 1961. Incidentally Dr. Sahariah secured the highest mark in Biology in H. S. final examination in the state of Assam during that year which helped him in joining the Medical College in Guwahati in 1962. Dr. Sahariah completed the medical course in 1967 and stood 4th in order of merit in the university. Due to the poor financial condition of the family Govt of Assam helped him in completing the undergraduate medical education by offering him a scholarship for "economically backward class".

After completing his graduation Dr. Sahariah wanted to pursue higher studies in medicine and had to go to New Delhi as proper post graduate training facility was not available in Assam during those days. After completion of one year of House job training at Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi, Dr. Sahariah was selected at the prestigious Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGI) at Chandigarh for post graduate training in the field of General Surgery which he completed in the year 1975. He secured the bronze medal in the final examination for the degree of Master of Surgery (M.S). Though there were many opportunities to go abroad for a lucrative job he decided to stay back in the country and pursue his career both in clinical and experimental surgery. He developed interest in experimental transplantation and started working in the field of experimental kidney and pancreas transplantation in 1972. He was also associated with the first successful renal transplantation at PGI, Chandigarh in 1973. Since then Dr. Sahariah has completely devoted his medical career for the development of renal transplantation programme in the country. While Dr. Sahariah was working as a faculty member at the Post Graduate Medical Institute Chandigarh, he was offered the post of Head of Organ Transplantation Centre at the Osmania University, Hyderabad which he joined in 1981.

Immediately after joining Dr. Sahariah performed the first successful renal transplant operation in the state of Andhra Pradesh in May, 1981 and since then has performed more than 3000 such operations which is perhaps the largest by a single surgeon in the country. Dr. Sahariah subsequently resigned from the government job and started practicing at various hospitals in the city of Hyderabad. He has the distinction of initiating the Renal Transplant Programme in almost every center in the state of A.P. which includes the prestigious Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences. He has single handedly developed the specialty of Organ Transplantation in the state of Andhra Pradesh and Assam during last 30 years.

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Dr. Sahariah has also the distinction of performing the first Cadaver Renal Transplantation in the state of Andhra Pradesh and has performed the first laparoscopic donor nephrectomy in the country. He has performed the first ten successful Renal Transplant Operation in the state of Assam (Dibrugarh & Guwahati) during 1992-2003 and presently he is an adviser to All Assam Kidney Transplant Forum for the Renal Transplant Program.

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