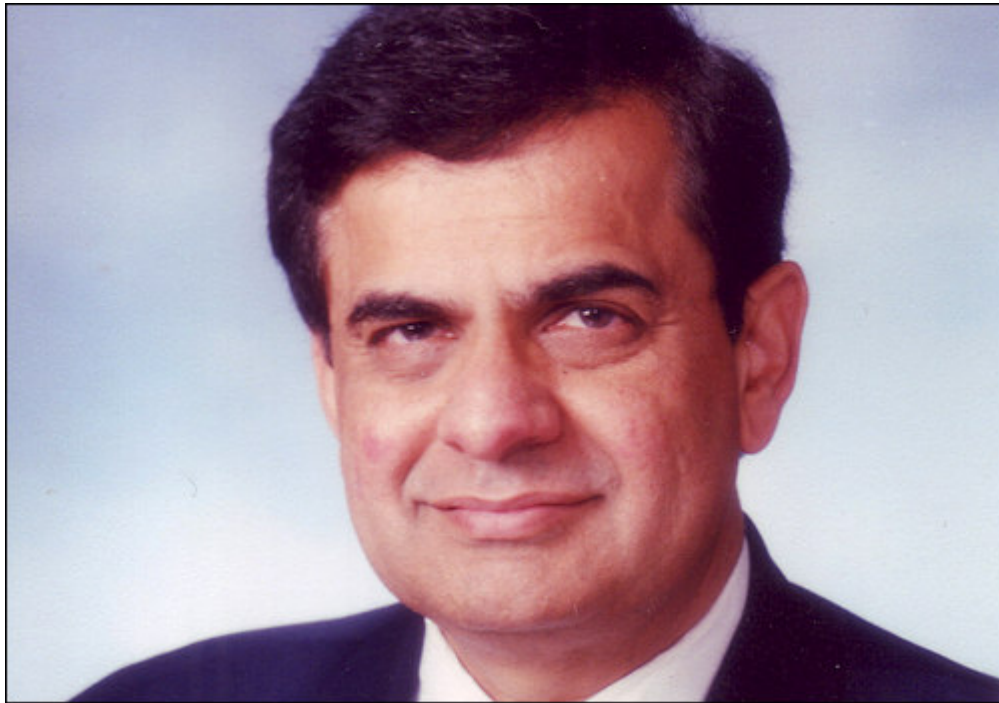


Indian American physician wins Padma award

Washington: Indian American physician Dr Sudhir M Parikh has been bestowed with the country's highest civilian award, the Padma Shri.



The philanthropist and publisher, who was given the award in the category of "social work", said in a statement in New York, "I'm deeply honoured and humbled by the honour conferred on me by the President of India. I also recognize the responsibility of living up to this honour by redoubling my efforts to further US-India relations, and making greater efforts at community service on both sides of the Atlantic."

The Padma Shri 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.

Dr. Parikh is a noted allergist and an acclaimed authority in the field of allergy, asthma and immunology. Apart from medical practice and publishing, Dr. Parikh is actively involved in a number of charitable causes in the US and in India.

Parikh has become the only Indian American to receive the three top honours for immigrants -- Ellis Island Award, the highest honor conferred on US immigrants for their lifetime of community service; the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, a special award given by the Government of India to select NRIs for their individual accomplishments and contributions to India, and the Padma Shri.

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