

UBF Diary

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Doctor Couple Inspired Bollywood Film 'Bhavishya' Turns 10!



At the inauguration



Deepti Reddy and others on the panel



Kingshuk Nag making a point



Indira and Subbarami Reddy



Doctors Vyjayanthi and Raghuram with Ramoji Rao

Dr Raghuram and his wife, Dr Vyjayanthi's courageous decision to relocate to India in 2007; to leave behind lucrative careers and a well-settled life in the UK, had inspired a Bollywood film, *Bhavishya*, starring the late Saeed Jaffrey. A decade after its release, the film-maker Dr Nikhil Kaushik, an ophthalmologist from the UK, shared his experience of making the film, at a red carpet evening at Marriott Convention Centre in April. This talk was followed by a panel discussion on 'Reverse Migration' led by Kingshuk Nag, editor, *The Times of India*, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Eminent people, who have lived abroad and returned to make an impact in their respective professions in India, also shared their experiences. Rich tributes were paid to Dr Raghuram and his wife Dr Vyjayanthi, for achieving excellence in their work and for practising ethical medicine with patient's welfare as their highest priority.

"At a time when migration of talent from India was a great source of concern, Dr Raghuram & Dr Vyjayanthi chose to relocate to their motherland, leaving behind lucrative career and a settled status in the United Kingdom. It is indeed heartening to note that Bhavishya-the Future, a film that drew inspiration from their life has completed a decade after its release. My best wishes are with Vyjayanthi & Raghuram."

Ramoji Rao, Chairman, Ramoji Group

Bringing Best of British National Health Service to India

Dr Raghuram played a pivotal role in the meeting between the Indo-UK healthcare team from London and K Chandrashekar Rao, chief minister, Telangana. Nearly Rs 1,000 crores is expected to be invested in Telangana as the best of British National Health Service will be offered in India, in collaboration with the Oxford Medical School as the strategic clinical partner.



Screening Tool CBE Makes National Impact

Impressed with Dr Raghuram's strategic implementation of south Asia's largest breast cancer screening programme in the Telugu-speaking states, the government of India chose him (the only doctor from south India) as one of the three-member steering committee, formed by the Department of Health, to frame national guidelines for breast cancer screening.

In the Steering Committee meeting, the proposal to conduct population based breast cancer screening through Clinical Breast Examination (CBE) was approved unanimously. The national guidelines for breast cancer screening have also been recently approved by the health ministry and every state government will shortly be earmarked funds, with a request to implement CBE as a screening tool to detect cancers early.



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Adopting a Village

Believing in the adage that a man's true wealth is the good he does in the world, Dr Raghuram and his family have adopted Ibrahimpur, a remote village in Medak district. Harish Rao, minister for irrigation of Telangana accompanied Dr Raghuram to identify charitable projects to benefit the village.

A dining room, a library, study room with Internet facilities in the village school, and a modern crematorium which will also benefit the neighbouring villages will be constructed. Besides, a Health Centre, manned by an Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wife (ANM), will be set up in the future to provide basic healthcare and regular cancer detection camps.



June 2016

UBF Joins Hands with Telangana Government



Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation partnered with the Telangana government to train core healthcare workers in the state to perform Clinical

Breast Examination (CBE), a screening method for early detection of breast cancer. The training programme launched by Rajeshwar Tiwari, principal secretary, Telangana department of health & family welfare, was held at the Indian Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad.

A Felicitation



Dr Raghuram was felicitated by Kadiyam Srihari, deputy chief minister, Telangana at an event organised by RIDA (Returning Indian Doctors Association), the only organisation in India to represent doctors trained abroad and currently working in India.