

UBF Diary

May

Rare Honour

It is a matter of great pride that Dr Raghu Ram was featured on the homepage of the The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh website (the oldest surgical college in the world). Titled 'International Surgical Advisor for the Royal College receives Padma Shri', the write up features the news of Dr Raghu Ram being conferred the Padma Shri – one of India's highest civilian awards by Hon'ble President of India for the year 2015.

<http://www.iss.rcsed.ac.uk/the-iss/iss-news/2015/may/padma-sri-honour.asp>



An Indian doctor addresses American Society of Breast Surgeons - A First



Dr Raghu Ram with Dr Clifford Hudis, Chief of Breast Service, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, New York (third from left) and other eminent speakers after delivering his presentation

Dr Raghu Ram was the first and the only surgeon from the Indian sub-continent to be invited to address the Annual Congress of the American Society of Breast Surgeons (ASBS) – the world's largest breast surgical society – since its inception 16 years ago. His presentation titled, 'Breast Cancer Screening in India – Finding Indian solutions to Indian problems', which highlighted UBF's innovative population based breast cancer screening programme in Telangana and AP, was voted as one of the best presentations through a poll conducted and tabulated on voting pads.

June

Youngest President Helms ABSI



Dr Raghu Ram was unanimously elected and installed as President of the Association of Breast Surgeons of India (ABSI) for 2015-17 at the Annual

Conference of ABSI held in Indore in June. He is the youngest ever and the only surgeon from south India to become the head of an organisation that represents general surgeons, surgical oncologists and plastic surgeons practising breast surgery all over India.

Fitting Tribute on Mother's Day



Who better than Dr Raghu Ram? The doctor was felicitated by Dr KV Ramana, advisor to Telangana government on Mother's Day for his outstanding contribution towards improving breast healthcare in his motherland through innovative initiatives undertaken by a Foundation established in his mother's name.

Dr Raghu Ram Inspires a Bollywood Film



Bollywood producer and ophthalmologist from UK, Dr Nikhil Kaushik (extreme left) with Dr Raghu Ram



Dr Raghu Ram with other doctors at the felicitation function in the UK

Dr Raghu Ram was felicitated by the Indian Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of London and the British International Doctors Association, UK, for receiving one of India's most prestigious award – the Padma Shri.

At the felicitation ceremony, Dr Nikhil Kaushik, consultant ophthalmologist in UK revealed that he had made a Bollywood film, *Bhavishya* in 2006, inspired by Dr Raghu Ram's bold decision to relocate to India despite his lucrative career opportunities in the UK. The film explores issues concerning medical migration, from the East to West and vice-versa. It also weaves in the tale of the developing love between two young medics, from India working in the National Health Service (NHS) in the UK.

Unveiling Breast Cancer Care in India in Britain

In June, Dr P Raghu Ram delivered a guest lecture, 'Breast Cancer Care in India – Time for a Paradigm Change' at the Annual Congress of the Association of Breast Surgeons, UK in Bournemouth. The talk highlighted the paradigm changes that were introduced in breast healthcare in India, including all the activities undertaken by the UBF in the past eight years.



The Grand Round at UK hospital



Dr Raghu Ram with Professor Andrew Baildam and Professor Roger Kirby, world-renowned breast surgeons, after conducting the Grand Round at North Stoke University Hospital

July

The Ultimate Salute for UBF



The Indian subcontinent's first large-scale population based breast screening programme in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh being spearheaded by Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation (UBF), is the subject of research at RTI International, one of the world's leading research institutes dedicated to improving the human condition by turning knowledge into practice and has its operations in some 75 countries worldwide.