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Diary

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Delivering the Presidential Oration at ABSICON 2017

Dr P Raghu Ram served as the President of The Association of Breast Surgeons of India (ABSI) from 2015 to 2017. Having conceptualised the formation of this dedicated breast surgical Society and having served as its Founder Honorary Secretary, he delivered the Presidential oration at ABSICON 2017—the Annual Congress of ABSI held in Bengaluru. Rich tributes were paid to Dr Raghu Ram for his vision and for ‘walking the talk’ by Dr Shiva Misra, President of the Association of Surgeons of India, the chief guest at ABSICON 2017.



Dr Raghu Ram being felicitated at ABSICON 2017 by Dr Shiva Misra (President ASI) and Dr Devendra Patel, Dr SP Somashekhar, Dr Diptendra Sarkar (Office bearers of ABSI)

Dr Raghu Ram as Guest Speaker at INK 2017 Conference

Dr P Raghu Ram, director, KIMS-USHALAKSHMI Centre for Breast Diseases was invited to participate at the INK Conference 2017 held on November 26 and 27 at HITEX in Hyderabad, as a prelude to the prestigious Global Entrepreneur Summit.

With the theme, “Road to GES: Beyond Boundaries”, this was a unique conference since for the first time INK (India’s leading thought-leadership platform), T-Hub (India’s largest startup incubator), NITI Aayog (National Institute for Transforming India, GOI) and the Telangana government came together to host this event. At the event, Dr Raghu Ram highlighted the importance of counselling in cancer care and the urgent need to introduce this concept into the medical curriculum in a panel discussion titled ‘Stuff of Life: Exploring Health, Well-being and Society’. The panel discussion was moderated by Lakshmi Pratury, curator and host of INK 2017. The panel included Dr P Raghu Ram, Ananda Shankar Jayant (classical dancer and breast cancer survivor) and Raghu Gullapalli (executive director, LV Prasad Eye Institute).

It is the doctor’s duty to address a patient’s fears and anxieties, and equally prepare the mind to deal with the illness, said Dr Raghu Ram. “Cancer does not just affect the body—it affects the body and mind—and hence, treating just the body is not adequate. Preparing the patient’s mind helps enormously to cope with the cancer diagnosis” he explained on the panel. On her part, Ananda Shankar Jayant, breast cancer survivor also explained eloquently how counselling at every stage by her doctor, Dr Raghu Ram, helped her to come to terms with the diagnosis and to complete her treatment.

Pink Ribbon Evening 2017 at Secunderabad Club



On November end, The Secunderabad Club’s 139-year-old building was illuminated in pink to demonstrate its unwavering support to the Pink Ribbon campaign championed by Ushalakshmi Breast Foundation. Modern musicals of the stage and screen classics of yesteryears were recreated by vocalists and performers from London, ensuring plenty of glitz and glamour.

UBF's Tenth Anniversary: Asha Bhosle mesmerises Hyderabad



Asha Bhosle, the 84-year-old Bollywood's living legend mesmerised 4,000 Hyderabadis at a live concert held in Telangana and AP at HITEX grounds. The event was organised by Metalloid Productions with Telangana government to celebrate UBF successfully completing ten positively eventful years (2007–2017) serving the community

“The Foundation has been working with missionary zeal over the past decade towards empowering people about importance of early detection of breast cancer in the Telugu States through a number of innovative initiatives, in addition to implementing South Asia’s largest population based breast cancer screening programme in the

region. We are delighted to associate with Asha Bhosle Live concert, which has been a fitting year end tribute to the initiatives championed by the Foundation over the past decade.”

Dr P Raghu Ram, CEO & Director, Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation.

A Landmark Training Initiative

In an endeavor to ensure bright, young surgical trainees from India obtain higher surgical training in the United Kingdom, Dr Raghu Ram, in his capacity as convenor, International Affairs for The Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) spearheaded a joint collaboration between ASI and The Royal College of Surgeons of England. Six trainees have been selected to obtain structured training through the International Surgical Training Programme (ISTP).



All the six selected trainees meet Dr Shiva Misra, president, ASI, Dr Dilip Gode, president elect, ASI, Dr Santhosh John Abraham, past president and director of surgical studies, ASI and Dr Raghu Ram, Convenor, International affairs, ASI at the inaugural ceremony of the 77th Annual Conference of ASI (ASICON 2017) held in Jaipur

Col Pandalai Oration

Dr Raghu Ram has been selected to deliver ‘The Pandalai Oration’ for 2018 at the annual Conference of Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) to be held in Chennai, December 2018. The oration has been instituted in memory of Col Dr Pandalai, a legendary surgeon born in 1885, who served as the founder president of ASI, the largest surgical association in south Asia representing over 20,000 surgeons. Dr Raghu Ram is the first and the only surgeon from the Telugu States chosen to deliver this coveted annual ASI Oration since it was instituted 57 years ago in 1961.

Dr Raghu Ram Conferred the Social Services Award for 2017

Dr Raghu Ram was conferred the ‘Social Services Award’ for the year 2017 by Dr Shiva Misra, president, The Association of Surgeons of India and Ashok Jain, chief secretary, Rajasthan government, at the inaugural ceremony of the 77th Annual Conference of The Association of Surgeons of India (ASICON 2017) held in Jaipur on December 27, 2017.

This award is bestowed annually to a surgeon in India in recognition of their outstanding service to the community. On getting the award, Dr Raghu Ram, the youngest and the only surgeon from Telangana and AP to do so, said: ‘To be recognised by peers is the greatest reward’.

