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GMC LEGACY BUILDERS

HONOURING ALUMNI WHO INSPIRE THROUGH THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS



Name: Dr. Sunil Malik

Batch: 1986

Contribution: 1,00,000



Name: Dr. Padma Mishra

Batch: 1990

Contribution: 1,00,000



Name: Dr. Jagdish Yadav,

Batch: 1974

Contribution: 1,00,000



Name: Dr. Dr. Vijaya Laxmi

Rao

Batch: 1972

Contribution: 1,00,000



Name: Dr. Sunil Jain

Batch: 1983

Contribution: 2,08,000



Name: Dr. Anil Bhargava

Batch: 1986

Contribution: 1,00,000

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KNOWLEDGE & REFLECTIONS



Dr. Rasik Vajpayee (BATCH 1975)

Prof. Rasik Vajpayee is a globally renowned ophthalmologist, currently serving as Professor at the University of Melbourne and Consultant at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, Melbourne. An alumnus of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal (1981 batch), he completed his ophthalmology training at GMC before pursuing fellowships at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, Melbourne, and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, USA.

From 1998 to 2012, he led the Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Surgery Services at the RP Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AllMS, New Delhi, where he also served as Dean and Sub-Dean (Academic). In 2006, he was appointed to the Chair of Cornea and Cataract Surgery at the University of Melbourne.

Prof. Vajpayee's contributions span cataract, cornea, ocular surface diseases and refractive surgery. He pioneered the use of single donor cornea for multiple patients and the application of Umbilical Cord Serum therapy for ocular surface disorders. His academic record includes 13 books, 25+ book chapters, and over 400 research papers, with several works translated internationally.

He has delivered 500+ invited lectures worldwide and received numerous awards, including the Achievement Award (2005) and Senior Achievement Award (2012) from the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and the Life Time Achievement Award from the Cornea Society of India.

Prof. Vajpayee continues to inspire as a clinician-scientist, innovator, and teacher of international repute.

DR. GEETA KUMAR (FORMERLY GEETA NAIR) (BATCH: 1982)

Dr. Geeta Kumar is a distinguished Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in the NHS since 2003. She currently serves as Vice President for Clinical Quality at the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (RCOG) and sits on its Board of Trustees. She is also the Lead for Women's Services at BCUHB, the largest health board in Wales, and holds a Visiting Professorship at Glyndŵr University, Wrexham, UK.



Dr. Kumar has played a pivotal role in shaping women's health policy and clinical practice by leading and contributing to the development of numerous national and international guidelines, quality standards, and patient information resources. Her leadership was recognised with the award of Senior Fellowship by the Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management, UK.

With special interests in menopause, menstrual health, and ambulatory gynaecology, she combines clinical excellence with academic research and medical education. A respected voice in women's health, she continues to influence healthcare policy and advance patient-centered care.

Through her contributions, Dr. Geeta Kumar exemplifies the highest standards of clinical leadership, bringing meaningful improvements in women's health services across the UK and beyond.



DR. SALMA KHAN (BATCH:1986) ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, USA

Dr. Salma Khan is Associate Professor at Loma Linda University School of Medicine with dual faculty roles in Basic Sciences, Internal Medicine, and Otolaryngology. She earned her MBBS from Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal (1992), completed her MD in Obstetrics & Gynecology in Dhaka, and received a PhD in Gynecologic Oncology from Kumamoto University, Japan, as a Government of Japan (Monbusho) scholar. She pursued postdoctoral fellowships at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, and Loma Linda University before joining its faculty.

At Loma Linda, she has served as Vice Chair of the Faculty Council, Chair of the Basic Science Symposium, and Course Director for Genetics and Cancer, Translational Research Training, and Cancer Journal Club. She has mentored hundreds of medical students, residents, and fellows globally, earning multiple Best Mentor Awards and the AACR Women in Cancer Research Award (2024).

Her research focuses on cancer health disparities, particularly thyroid and ovarian cancers, emphasizing molecular biomarkers, vitamin D metabolism, and tumor immune microenvironment. With over 50 peer-reviewed publications, she serves on several editorial boards, NIH review panels, and leading cancer societies. Dedicated to outreach, she actively engages in community health and international medical volunteerism.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIORS:



Dr. P. Rajani (BATCH 1959)

Dr. Parmanand Rajani joined Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, in 1959 as part of the 5th batch of 74 students from across India. Proud of his alma mater, he earned his MBBS and MD degrees there and later served as Lecturer for six years (1965-1970). He then established himself as a private practitioner, pathologist, and sonologist.

His active involvement in the Indian Medical Association led him to serve as Local and State President in 1983, where he initiated medical camps, published the State Directory, and was honored with the Life Time Achievement Award

In 1967, he joined Lions Clubs International at age 25, rising to District Governor and Council Chairman of Multiple District 323, covering five states. He attended international conventions, presided over numerous seminars, and received the prestigious Ambassador of Goodwill Award along with a district Life Time Achievement Award. He is also a proud founder member of the Alumni Association.



Dr. SAS Kazmi (BATCH 1966)

It fills me with immense pride and gratitude to be a part of the glorious legacy of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. The years I spent here not only shaped my career but also instilled in me the values of service, commitment, and leadership that guided my journey in public health, medical legislation, and transfusion medicine.

GMC has always been more than an institution—it is a family that nurtures talent and

inspires generations of doctors to serve society with knowledge, compassion, and integrity. I feel privileged to have contributed, in a small measure, to strengthening healthcare systems, safeguarding the medical fraternity, and advancing alumni development, all of which stemmed from the foundation laid at this great institution. As GMC celebrates its Platinum Jubilee, I extend my heartfelt wishes for its continued growth and excellence. May it keep producing leaders in medicine and public health who will carry forward its proud tradition of service to humanity.

With warm regards, Dr. S. A. S. Kazmi

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Dr. Ajay Goenka is a visionary physician, philanthropist, and institution-builder who has transformed healthcare in Central India. Beginning with a 20-bed facility in 1992, he established Chirayu Health & Medicare in 1997 and later expanded to create Chirayu Blood Bank (2000), Chirayu Cardiac Centre (2004), and Chirayu Medical College & Hospital (2010) – the first NABL and NABH accredited medical college and hospital in Madhya Pradesh.

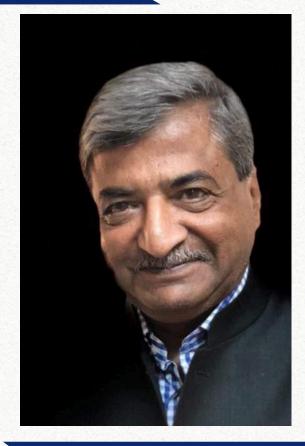
Under his leadership, the state witnessed its first neonatal cardiac surgery (2011), kidney transplant in Bhopal (2012), and cochlear implant (2014). He further advanced specialized care through Chirayu Cancer Hospital (2015), Chirayu College of Nursing, Chirayu Paramedical College (2012), a De-addiction Centre, Skill & Simulation Lab, and Chirayu University.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, he dedicated his 1000-bed hospital, authored the Chirayu Covid-19 Protocol adopted in India and abroad, and established the first private RTPCR lab in Madhya Pradesh. Over 30,000 patients were successfully treated, with contributions to the WHO Solidarity Trial and publications in leading journals.

Recognized with the State Covid-19 Award and Indian Army commendation, Dr. Goenka continues his mission through rural health camps, NGO support, and free surgeries, redefining healthcare compassion, innovation, responsibility.

Dr. Ajay Goenka

President, Chirayu Charitable Foundation



Dr. Ajay Goenka (BATCH 1982)

कविता

आधी बूँद मिला देता हूँ..... उस विशाल समंदर में जिसने मुझे बहुत कुछ दिया आत्मसम्मान दिया शोहरत दी मृश्किल वक्त से लडने की हिम्मत दी आगे बढ़ते रहने की ताक़त दी काबिलियत दी पर कभी कुछ लिया नहीं कुछ रिश्ते दिए ज़िंदगी भर के लिए दोस्त दिये ज़िंदगी जीना सिखाया

जिंदगी को पहचानना सिखाया निकले जब पाथ पर उस पर चलना सिखाया जो क़र्ज़ तेरा उधार है मुझ पर अदा तो कभी कर ना पाऊँगा यह क़र्ज़ साथ लेकर जाऊँगा मानता हुँ यह एहसान कभी उतार नहीं पाऊँगा आधी बूँद मिला देता हूँ....

Dr. Rajat D Maheshwari, MS **Cataract & OphthalmicPlastics** MBBS 1987 batch

ALUMNI @ WORK.. अभी तकः

01. Meeting with Deputy CM, Meeting of Alumni of Gandhi Medical College with Deputy Chief Minister and Principal Secretary

On 9th September 2025, the office-bearers of the Alumni Association of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, met Hon. Rajendra Shukla, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Public Health & Medical Education.

The main purpose of the meeting was to present key issues on the occasion of the Platinum Mahakumbh being organized to mark 70 years of Gandhi Medical College. These included improvement of the college infrastructure, buildings, and auditorium; better hostel facilities for students; enhanced cleanliness; development of the sports ground; and proper parking arrangements for all doctors working in the college.

Present in the meeting were the Principal Secretary, Public Health & Medical Education; the Commissioner, Public Health & Medical Education; senior officials from PWD and PIU; Superintendent Dr. Sumit Tandon; Dr. Gurudutt Tiwari; Dr. Ajay Mehta; Dr. Dinesh Bhatnagar; Dr. Lalit Srivastava; Dr. Rakesh Malviya; Dr. Suresh Kumar; Dr. Kuldeep Gupta; and Dr. Siddhartha Rai.



02. Meeting with Dean Ma'am and Head of Department

The Alumni Association of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, held a constructive meeting with Dean Ma'am and the Heads of Departments. Discussions focused on the upcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations, academic collaborations, and strengthening alumni involvement in institutional development.



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The Dean and HODs appreciated the active role of alumni in supporting infrastructure, research, and student welfare initiatives. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to work together for the success of GMC's landmark 70th year celebration.

3. Water purification machine at D and G block

Alumnus Donates Water Filtration Plant and Cold Storage Facility to GMC Girls' Hostel

Bhopal: Gandhi Medical College Alumni Association has received yet another generous contribution from its distinguished alumnus. Dr. Anjum Khan Gajdhar (Batch of 1973, batchmate of Dr. Dinesh Bhatnagar) has donated a Water Filtration Plant and Cold Storage Facility for the Girls' Hostel (Block G & D).



This thoughtful contribution will directly benefit students residing in the hostel, ensuring access to safe drinking water and better storage facilities.

Alumni members expressed their gratitude, noting that while development through the government system continues, such noble gestures inspire fellow alumni to come forward and extend support for the progress of the institution.

The Alumni Association appreciated Dr. Gajdhar's commitment and appeals to other members to join hands in strengthening Gandhi Medical College's infrastructure and student welfare initiatives.

'Let us all come forward for our Alma Mater," the Association said

4. Meeting with Batch Coordinators

The Alumni Association of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal convened a meeting of Batch Coordinators in the presence of the Association's representative. The discussion centered on preparations for the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations – GMC Mahakumbh.

Batch coordinators shared updates on mobilizing their respective batches and strengthening participation in various academic, cultural, and social events planned for the Jubilee. The Alumni Association representative appreciated their commitment and stressed the importance of collective efforts to make the event memorable.





05. Meeting with Culture and Tourism Minister

On 19th September 2025, the office-bearers of the Alumni Association met Additional Chief Secretary Shri Shiv Shekhar Shukla. Earlier, on 10th September 2025, they had also met Hon'ble Minister Shri Dharmendra Singh Lodhi, Department of Culture & Tourism.

During both meetings, the main agenda was the upcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations of Gandhi Medical College scheduled for 21–22 December 2025. The Hon'ble Minister and the Additional Chief Secretary responded positively and discussed several important matters regarding the event.

Present in the meetings were Dr. Gurudutt Tiwari, Dr. Ajay Mehta, Dr. Sumit Tandon, Dr. Lalit Srivastava, and Dr. Rakesh Malviya.

From the Desk of President Alumni Association of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal.

कितनी यादें हैं कि नर्गिस की तरह हसतीं हैं, मीर उन गलियों का आखरी फेरा ही सही. छोटी उम्र में बड़े-बड़े सपनों को इन्द्रधनुषी रंग हमारी मातृ संस्था गांधी मेडिकल कॉलेज ने ही दिये थे। असंख्य यादों, अनिगनत दोस्तों, जूनियर्स, सीनियर्स और अपने गुरुओं से मिलने का सौभाग्य हमें मिल रहा है, Platinum जुबली महाकुंभ में जो कि 20 और 21 दिसम्बर 2025 को प्रस्तावित है। आपसे करबद्ध प्रार्थना है कि इस महाकुंभ में जरूर आयें और इस विशाल आयोजन को सफल बनायें। आपकी बेरुखी और Apathetic Attitude के लिये कहीं कहना न पडे। इस गुलिस्तां की यही रीत है ऐ शाख-ए-गुल, तुने जिस फूल को पाला वो पराया होगा। Please come & enjoy the Platinum Jubilee celebration of Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal Proposed on 20 & 21 December 2025.



DR. GURUDUTT TIWARI (PRESIDENT, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF GMC BHOPAL)

MAHAKUMBH 20th - 21st Dec 2025

📢 *जीएमसी महाकुंभ – प्लैटिनम जुबली वर्ष*

प्रिय साथियों. गांधी मेडिकल कॉलेज महाकुंभ की तैयारियाँ जोरों पर हैं ⊁। यह हम सबके लिए गौरव का अवसर है।

- *रजिस्ट्रेशन शुल्क (15 सितम्बर तक):*
- * ₹9,000 (इंडिविजुअ**ल**)
- * ₹15,000 (विद स्पाउस)
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- 🗎 रजिस्ट्रेशन फॉर्म संलग्न है।

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कृपया इस सूचना को अपने बैच ग्रुप में अवश्य साझा करें और मित्रों को भी प्रेरित करें।

🔌 सबके मिलने से यह मिलन महोत्सव अविस्मरणीय बनेगा।

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***** Closing Note

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- 🙏 सरकार से लगभग 2.5 CR का बजट release हो चुका है, जिससे toilets renovation, painting & repairs, auditorium repair और chairs upgrade का कार्य प्रारंभ हुआ है।
- 🬟 कुछ क्षेत्रों जैसे sports arena सरकार के दायरे में नहीं आते, इसलिए alumni fraternity ने इसे अपने जिम्मे लिया है।
- 🥄 Badminton court का काम Dr. Deepak और उनके साथियों के सहयोग से शुरू
- E sport arena, Library upgradation और कुछ अच्छे journals लाने जो सरकार नहीं कर पा रही है का संकल्प प्लेटनियम सेलब्रैशन के बाद alumni fund से पूरा किया जाएगा।
- 🎉 असली रंग तो तभी आएगा जब हम सब साथ मिलकर इन प्रयासों को आगे बढाएँगे।
- 💚 Long Live GMC! यही हमारा गर्व, यही हमारी पहचान।

"सफ़र अकेले तय किया तो राह मुश्किल लगी, कदम दर कदम बढे तो मंज़िल आसान लगी।"

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