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MR. DILIP SHANGHVI

Managing Director, Sun Pharma

Padma Shri award-winner Mr Dilip Shanghvi is the Founder & Managing Director of Sun Pharma, India's top pharma & world's No 5 specialty generic pharma company. He has extensive industrial experience in the pharmaceutical industry. A first generation entrepreneur, Mr. Shanghvi has also won numerous awards and recognitions, including Forbes's Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2014), Economic Times' Business Leader of the Year (2014), CNN IBN's Indian of the Year (Business) (2011), Business India's Businessman of the Year (2011) and Ernst and Young's World Entrepreneur of the Year (2011). He has also been awarded the Economic Times' Entrepreneur of the Year (2008), Business Standard's CEO of the Year (2008) and CNBC TV 18's First Generation Entrepreneur of the Year (2007). Mr. Shanghvi is also Chairman and Managing Director of Sun Pharma Advanced Research Company Ltd., and Chairman of the Shantilal Shanghvi Foundation. He holds a B.Com degree from University of Calcutta. The HRD Ministry recently announced Dilip Shanghvi as the Chairman, IIT Bombay.

DR. SOUMYA SWAMINATHAN, MD, FIAP, FASc, FNASc, FAMS,

Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi is a paediatrician by training. She completed her medical education at the Armed Forces Medical College and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (India) followed by a fellowship in paediatric pulmonology at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (USA). Dr Soumya has spent over 24 years at the Tuberculosis Research Centre in Chennai, South India (now renamed National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis) where she was the principal investigator for several clinical trials investigating treatment and prevention of TB among HIV-infected patients and was also involved in operational, epidemiologic and behavioural research. Before joining as Secretary, DHR /DG, ICMR she was Director of the NIRT, Chennai and heads the NIH International Centre for Excellence in Research. She has over 190 peer-reviewed publications, serves on many national and international committees. Her major research interests are in paediatric and adult TB, their interaction with HIV and nutrition and management of co infections, as well as pharmacokinetics and pharmacogenetics.

She is an elected Fellow of three of India's Science Academies and chaired the HIV section of the International Union against TB and Lung Diseases between 2011 and 2013. She also served as Coordinator for Neglected Priorities Research at WHO/TDR, Geneva from 2009-2011. She is the recipient of several awards for excellence in biomedical sciences. She serves on several technical advisory committees of Department of AIDS Control and Central TB Division, MoHFW, as well as DBT, PHFI and other agencies. She has served as mentor and trainer for several batches of ART Medical officers at GHTM, Tambaram.



ALTAF LAL, PhD

Senior Advisor, Global Health & Innovation, Sun Pharma

Dr. Lal is Senior Advisor for Global Health and Innovation, Sun Pharma. With vast interest and knowledge of Discovery, Development, Delivery, and Diplomacy in biomedical sciences and public health Dr Altaf Lal has over three decades experience in infectious disease research, vaccines and immunization, biotechnology, global health, product safety, and policy matters. He has strong leadership skills using science-based decision making, strategic thinking, and fostering teamwork approach. Throughout his career Dr. Lal has worked towards building bilateral and multilateral partnerships, which has led to significant growth and collaborations at academic, institutional, industry and government levels, including establishing the FDA Offices in India.

He has received FDA Commissioner's Special Citation Award, Unit Citation Award, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, National Oceanic Service, James H. Nakano Citation, National Center for Infectious Disease (NICD), CDC, Outstanding Scientific Contribution to Public Health Award, NCID, CDC, Honour Award, NICD, CDC, Group Honour Award for Operational Research, NCID, CDC. Dr. Lal has published over 220 papers. Dr. Altaf Lal graduated with Honours from Kashmir University in 1973 and did his post-graduation in Biochemistry from Lucknow University in 1976, India, and PhD in Chemistry from Kanpur University in 1980 for work done at the Central Drug research Institute, Lucknow, India. Previously, he served as the Director of FDA India Office; Technical Director, Decade of Vaccines Collaboration; Chief Executive Officer, Hilleman Laboratories, U.S. Health Attache and Regional Representative for South Asia at the U.S. Embassy in India; Chief Malaria Vaccine Section at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, GA. He was recently inducted as Board Member for the Roll Back Malaria Partnership.

DR. NEERU SINGH, PHD, FNASC

DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN TRIBAL HEALTH, JABALPUR

Dr. Neeru is the Director of National Institute for Research in Tribal Health, Jabalpur since 2007, prior to that she was officer-in-charge of the institute from 2002 onwards. She was officer-in-charge of NIMR, FS, Jabalpur from 1989-2015. She has international collaborative projects with CDC Atlanta, MSM Atlanta, Boston School of Public Health Boston, NIH Bethesda, LSHTM London, LSTM Liverpool, Weill Cornell Medical College, Doha Qatar (Qatar National Research Fund, Qatar Foundation) and WHO Geneva. She has 30 years of research experience in epidemiology and vector control (Tribal malaria and Forest malaria). Dr. Neeru Singh is a post-graduate in Zoology with specialization in Biochemistry in 1976 from Agra University. She did her PhD from Agra University in 1980 and post-doctoral research from CSAU, Kanpur (1981-82) and NIMR, Delhi (1983-84).
