

## Dr AGGARWAL APPOINTED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF CMAAO



The Confederation of Medical Association of Asia and Oceania (CMAAO) appointed Dr KK Aggarwal as President.

Dr KK Aggarwal takes over from Dr Ravindran Naidu, Past President at 34th CMAAO General Assembly and 55th Council Meeting

Dr KK Aggarwal, a well-known proactive professional who has known to provide a voice to the medical fraternity in India.

He is President of Heart Care Foundation of India (HCFI). Dr Aggarwal has been the past national president of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), an advisor to the ethics committee, World Medical Association.

Dr Aggarwal said, "It is my immense privilege to assume the role of the President of CMAAO. The theme of the General Assembly – Path to Wellness – 'One Health', he said will be his priority this year.

There are several public health challenges today such as vector-borne diseases; communicable and non-communicable diseases (NCDs); antimicrobial resistance

(AMR); tobacco use; HIV/AIDS, etc. In addition he referred to the violence against doctors and inequity in health among many issues for concern. "Attaining universal health coverage, which is affordable, accessible, available, appropriate and accountable, remains a distant goal for many of us. Only by addressing and prioritising we consider the concept of 'One Health'.

For the success of CMAAO, let us give 80 seconds every day to the body and share one idea with me to make this year, one of the most vibrant years in the history of the organisation. □

Indian - American Congressman Ro Khanna appointed to the White House Corona-virus advisory council



The White House has appointed an Indian-American Democratic Congressman Ro Khanna to the Corona-virus Advisory Council. The 43 year old Senator is the only Indian-American lawmaker to be named in the White House's Opening Up America Again Congressional Group which comprises Congressmen from both the Republican and the Democratic parties. He represents California's 17th Congressional District, located in Silicon Valley.

## The First Sikh A&E Consultant In Britain Dies Of Coronavirus.

Dr Manjeet Singh Riyat is the latest victim of coronavirus. He was 52 years old and was the first Sikh emergency medicine consultant at Royal Derby hospital. His colleagues described him as the "father of the emergency department" and said that he always set an example by living life in keeping with his high standards and strong values.

Dr Jagdeesh Singh Dhaliwal based in Australia, said that Manjeet was wise beyond his years and always measured, highly principled, and pragmatic. He had a deep innate desire to do good in the world by being of service to others, whether you were a friend, a patient, or a colleague. Manjeet would be the person you knew you could ask for help, and he would never refuse. He would go out of his way to do the right thing.

Dr Satwinder S Basra, a GP in Bedford

paid tribute to Dr Riyat saying, " For the Sikh community, he was regarded as true 'hero' who broke barriers of the glass ceiling for our community". Adding, "His contribution, I am sure will be valued by the NHS like many of our colleagues across the United Kingdom have given their lives fighting this menace of corona pandemic worldwide.

Dr Gautam Bodiwala CBE, Former World President of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine said, " I had known Manjeet Riyat since he was a medical student in Leicester and became my trainee too". Adding, "Manjeet was a very loyal colleague. A man with great team spirit, had big hearted friendship, dedicated and committed to his patients. His departure is a great loss for his friends, family, Derby hospital and the world of Emergency Medicine. □



**Dr Manjeet Singh Riyat**  
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