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Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya is one of India's leading medical doctors specializing in infectious diseases, preventive medicine, and vaccines and immunization. He has extensive experience in child health, school health, early childhood development, and the issues surrounding preterm and stillbirths. Dr. Lahariya has over 15 years of international experience working with the World Health Organization (in India, Africa, and at the headquarters in Geneva), as well as with UNICEF and the World Bank. He has published extensively in reputable medical journals and has received several prestigious awards, including the Dr. BC Shrivastava Foundation Award from the Indian Council of Medical Research in 2012. In 2020, 2021, and 2022, he was listed among the top 2% of global researchers in the fields of Pediatrics and Public Health by Stanford University research. His writings appear regularly in leading newspapers, and he contributes columns for publications such as The Hindu, The Asian Age, and Dainik Bhaskar. Dr. Lahariya is also the lead co-author of the bestselling book "Till We Win: India's Fight Against the COVID-19 Pandemic." In 2015, he became the youngest person ever elected as a fellow to the Indian Public Health Association.