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Dr Thacker is a distinguished paediatrician and global health leader, currently serving as Executive Director of the International Paediatric Association. Dr. Thacker served as President of the Asia Pacific Paediatric Association (2016-18) and the Indian Academy of Paediatrics (2007). He is an active member of the Scientific Committee and faculty for ADVAC in France. He is also Vice-chair of Steering Committee of the International Collaboration on Advanced Vaccinology Training. He is a member of India's Expert Advisory Group on Measles and Rubella and co-chair of 30th and 31th India Expert Advisory group on Polio Eradication. He served on the Gavi board and the PMNCH board. UN listed him as Top Most Influencer of Polio Eradication in the World in 2017. Dr. Thacker has played a key role in polio eradication, pneumonia prevention, and routine immunisation efforts, particularly in South Asia. His leadership continues to drive improvements in paediatric care, medical education, and vaccine access globally. His area of interest is in Global Health, Vaccine Hesitancy, and Vaccinology.