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Background

He has been the director and Pediatrician of an exclusive pediatric hospital, Mangla Hospital & Research Center, Bijnor, since 1992 (www.manglahospital.org). His qualifications include an MD in Pediatrics, and he is a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (FIAP).

Professional Roles

Co-chair and convener of the IAP Immunization Committee (2011-15, 2016-17). He served on the 2009-10 IAP Immunization Committee.

He served as a zonal coordinator and national convener of the IAP Polio Eradication Committee and a core member of the IDSurve web-based surveillance initiative for vaccine-preventable diseases in India. He has also represented the IAP in IEAG (2007, 2013 & 2014) and NTAGI (2014 and 2015) sessions.

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He is the Editor-in-Chief of a comprehensive COVID-19 vaccine book (Ed 2022), 'IAP Textbook of Vaccines' (Eds 2014 & 2020), and Vaccine FAQ.

He is also an Associate Editor of Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics and a member of the Editorial Board for 'Expert Review of Vaccines,' an international publication.

In addition to having 252 publications in indexed national and international journals and contributing 70 chapters in other volumes, he has produced and edited 15 books on vaccines, vaccine-preventable diseases, and public health.

He reviews over 50 national and international journals, including BMJ Public Health, Vaccines, The Lancet, Immunology Reports, The Lancet Infectious Diseases, Pediatrics, PLoS One, PIDJ, Expert Review of Drug Therapy, ERV, Human Vaccines, IJMR, IJME, IJP, Indian Pediatrics, and others.

Recognition.and.awards¿

Among his recognitions and honors are an international fellowship in vaccinology (ADVAC Annecy, France, 2008) and an IAP fellowship (2005).

Agra University Anilendra Varshney Memorial Gold Medal

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Since 1997, he has helped the IAP create a committed team in UP and Bihar to work with the GoI-NPSP, UNICEF, and WHO to eradicate polio at the regional, and national levels. He edited 'Polio Pulse'

He has been associated with advocacy of various community health projects related to VPDs like John Hopkins's projects on Pneumonia, pneumococcal diseases and breastfeeding awareness.

He also continued involvement in monitoring and discussing infectious disease trends, particularly in the context of vaccine safety, as he is also a member of WHO's Vaccine Safety Net.

He participates in public health discussions. He published the first study on the unusual link of XBB.1.16 COVID variation with conjunctivitis in children on CNBC TV18 in March 2023.

Teaching and training in vaccinology

Taught vaccinology courses in India, including ADVAC by INCLEN-CHF (2011, 2016, 2017), INDVAC by CMC, Vellore (2012-15, 2017, 2019, 2021-24) and IAP-run courses like SOV, ASOV, IAPVAC, etc.

Since 1999, he has raised awareness of several new pediatric, vaccination, and public health breakthroughs through Pediascene, a quarterly publication.

Research work

A team led by him solved the enigma of a unique lethal outbreak of acute encephalopathy in numerous districts of western UP, UK, and Haryana. This saved at least 500 poor, young children and eradicated the disease from the region. He helped create a new medical entity not previously described in medical literature.

His other research included the Rotavirus Vaccine Impact Study (RVIS) of ICMR, the prevalence of TB in western UP, childhood meningitis, and a collaborative project with national investigating agencies to isolate and classify measles virus strains in Uttar Pradesh.