

## DOCTOR BRINGS HOPES AND HONORS

It is our proud privilege to nominate and extend support Dr. Ashok Gupta, a Renowned Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon, for the Jindal Prize 2011. Earlier, Dr. Ashok Gupta has been conferred upon Coveted Honors of "PADMA SHRI" by "THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA" for the outstanding community services in the fields of Medicine Year 2009 and "SHEIKH HAMDAN INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR HUMANETERIAN VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICAL SCIENCE" BY H. E. SHEIKH HAMDAN BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM, THE DEPUTY RULER OF UAE (Considered equal to the Nobel Prize) for the outstanding community services in the fields of Medicine Year 2010.

The Gupta Family, hailing from a small village from Haryana and Dr. Gupta being born at small district in Madhya Pradesh, fulfilled the dream of his grandfather, first of becoming a Doctor and then acquired the highest Post Doctoral Degree (M.Ch.) in Plastic Surgery in 1978 from India. Thereafter, he successfully completing the Specialized Training in various aspects of Reconstructive Microsurgery including Brachial Plexus Injury, Facial Paralysis and re-animation, Cancer Reconstructive Surgery, Hand Surgery and Burns at few of the Worlds' best known centres of Learning. In recognition to his contributions in the field of community service through reconstructive microsurgery, he was awarded the coveted F.R.C.S. (Ed.) by the legendary Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, United Kingdom and "D. Sc." (Hon.) by an International University.

Across the globe, we have a large pediatric population, suffering from congenital defects, deformities caused by accidents, disease, and burn Injuries etc. Unfortunately most belong to the economically deprived class and cannot even afford the basic medical treatment. Thus even thinking of approaching a specialist for reconstructive surgery is beyond their means and imagination.

**Dr. Ashok Gupta felt that he owed certain obligations to these underprivileged people of the country towards the social and community commitments. To materialise his dream of corporate social responsibilities, he began conducting free reconstructive surgeries for the underprivileged in the remote areas. Despite many odds, he continued to help the poor in backward areas like Amravati, Akola, Badnera, Gondia, Jalna, Srirampur, Tumsar, Warora (Maharashtra), Padher, Betul, Itarsi, Jhansi, Durg (Madhya Pradesh) Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh), Ludhiana (Punjab) and Sumerpur, Udaipur (Rajasthan).**

**During his professional carrier spanning over 35 years, Dr. Ashok Gupta has performed a number of very complex life saving reconstructive surgery procedures as well devised a few of the surgical techniques and made India proud at a number of International scientific forums.**

**Dr. Ashok K. Gupta also responded to the call on the nation and extended his highly specialized services to the victims of natural and man-made calamities such as riots during the post Lok Sabha Election, 1984, Babri Masjid related violent episodes, the infamous 1993 Serial Mumbai Bomb Blasts, heroes of Kargil War, victims of Bhuj Earth Quake, terrorist attack at Akshardham Temple at Gujarat, 2002, serial Bomb Blasts in Mumbai 2003, Train Bomb Blasts in Mumbai, 2006 and the recent attack in Mumbai on 26/11/ 2008. When the earthquake in Gujarat on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2001 shook the whole nation, Dr. Gupta decided to help the victims and “Reconstructive Surgery Foundation” operated upon the victims free of charge.**

**Dr. Ashok Gupta has brought laurels to the country on the scientific fronts as well, being the founder member of the International professional organizations like World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, the American Society for Reconstructive Transplantation. He also holds Executive Offices at “World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery”. He is also featured in the Book on “History of Microsurgery”. He had also represented India for eight years as the “National Secretary for India” at the “International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery”.**

**Dr. A. K. Gupta is grateful to his parents, wife, children and other members of family as well all his patients and members of their family, who had reposed faith in him and allowed him to undertake various complex procedures. They have matured into a group of friends and well wishers and without their understanding it would be impossible to achieve even part of this Herculean task as this one.**

**For many Dr. A. K. Gupta is the best example of medical miracle man with a golden heart and exceptionally gifted hand. He also has the unique opportunity to treat both “rich and famous to poor and downtrodden” at the same time.**

**As I understand more and more about Dr. Ashok Gupta, I can reaffirm that he is having the leading role in developing the reconstructive microsurgery. He treated the underprivileged and tried to reach out to them to offer a ray of light in getting rid of their disabilities and deformities. He made this as a mission in his life and since last thirty five years.**

**Dr. Gupta was always the leader / member of the team of volunteers offering the volunteer services.**

**It is indeed an honor for me to recommend Dr. Ashok Gupta name for the prestigious “Jindal Prize 2011” for his great contributions to the humanity through the reconstructive surgery. I wish him all the best.**