



Dr. Sriram Sonty, MD, FACS
Ophthalmologist



Dr. Sriram Sonty is an Ophthalmologist by profession and has done immense research on the Glaucoma Pharmacology and made 180 presentations and published 125 publications. He is currently a Glaucoma Consultant at the Midwest Eye Center, Calumet City, Illinois and Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

He graduated from Andhra Medical College and did residency as well as Cornea fellowship at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi. He did his fellowships in Neuroophthalmology and Pediatric Ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh and Boston Children Medical Center respectively. Professionally he has secured many teachings as well as administrative appointments.

Dr. Sonty cofounded Sri Annamacharya Project of North America (SAPNA), Hearts for Arts Organization and Sonty Renaissance International (SRI) Foundation with Dr. Sarada Purna Sonty.

Dr. Sonty is a great admirer of Gandhi Ji. His first visit in 1986 to Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad and subsequent trips to South Africa have propelled him to do many activities to promote Gandhian ideals. From Gandhi commemorative stamps, lectures, power point presentations, donation of books on Gandhi, as well as presentations on radio to actively celebrating Gandhi's birthday at a statue in Skokie, IL.

Dr. Sonty has an enviable record of being honored by his community, medical associations, civic organizations like Rotary Club, and being recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award. He wears too many hats as a trustee, president, founder member, chairman and member of numerous institutions.

He lives with his wife, Dr. Sarada Sonty, in Flossmoor, Illinois.

Dr. Sarvam TerKonda, MD
Plastic Surgeon



Dr. Sarvam TerKonda is a physician and past Chair in the Division of Plastic Surgery, Department of Surgery, at Mayo Clinic Florida. He joined Mayo Clinic in 2001 and holds the academic rank of Associate Professor of Plastic Surgery, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, and Science. He founded the Mayo Clinic Florida Cosmetic Center and currently serves as the Codirector. Dr. TerKonda also serves as the Medical Director of the Referral and Resource Panel, a confidential resource for physician wellness. He is the past Medical Director for the Center for Connected Care and previous Chair of Information Technology. Currently, Dr. TerKonda is the Chair of the Board of

Directors for the Federation of State Medical Boards, which provides policy guidelines for all state medical boards. He is a past member and past Chair of the Florida Board of Medicine. Dr. TerKonda also has served on the Board of Governors for the Florida Medical Association. Dr. TerKonda earned his B.S. in Biomedical Engineering with an emphasis in digital electronics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He received his medical degree in 1989 from University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine and completed his residency in General Surgery and fellowship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He completed an additional fellowship in Aesthetic and Endoscopic Plastic Surgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. Dr. TerKonda is a Mayo Clinic Quality Silver level Fellow and has been awarded Teacher of the Year from the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education.

He is married to Tracy TerKonda, and they have two children. They live in Jacksonville FL.

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV



Mr. Nitin Ajmera, B.Sc., MBA
Chief Financial Officer



Mr. Nitin Ajmera is a Chief Financial Officer of New York Sports Clubs for which he has worked since 2008. The company has 1500 employees, 67 clubs in northeast USA and three in Switzerland. Prior to that he worked for eleven years as a Director of Business Support Services for Schenker Inc, a leading global freight forwarder company having 3800 employees, 70 operating locations and a billion dollars in revenue. He stood first in the B.Sc. physics class of 45 at the University of Delhi and received his MBA from Drexel University, Philadelphia. He is currently Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Parliament of World Religions (PoWR). He played a leading role in organizing virtual convention in October 2021 that delivered more than 500 programs and having luminary speakers from around

the world. PoWR traces its roots to 1893 convention in Chicago, having main goal of promoting interfaith understanding and harmony for an enduring peace for humanity. He played a vital role in reducing substantial six figure debts. Prior to that he was treasurer of PoWR and instrumental in streamlining accounting.

Mr. Ajmera belongs to an ancient faith Jain. He and his family are very spiritual. Their contribution to Jain institutions is very exemplary and praiseworthy. Since 2008 he held more than dozen positions including President of Jain Center of America in New York. He is deeply knowledgeable about the Jain texts, e.g., Tatvarth Sutra, Bhaktamar Strota, Jain Tatva Vidya, Padam Puran, Shantinath Puran among dozen or so others.

Mr. Nitin Ajmera lives with his wife also an MBA in Plainview, Long Island NY. They have one son.

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- At the fourth traffic light turn right for H. Lee Dennison Building.
- Turn left at any one of the left turns after passing the building for the south parking lot. You can enter only from the south or east entrance.

H. Lee Dennison Building, 100 Veterans Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788

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Birth: October 2, 1869
Death: January 30, 1948

GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER 2, 2022

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Hon. Steven Bellone
Suffolk County Executive



Steven Bellone was sworn into office as Suffolk County Executive on January 1, 2012. He was re-elected to a third term on November 5, 2019. Bellone is the 8th County Executive in County history, and previously served as Babylon Town Supervisor from 2001-2011.

County Executive Bellone, who represents more than 1.5 million residents, has focused his efforts on saving taxpayer dollars through Government Reform, boosting Economic Development to create local and lasting Suffolk County jobs, improving Long Island's Water Quality to protect the region's water supply, and enhancing the Quality of Life of Suffolk residents by improving public safety and investing in County parks and roads. His Connect Long Island vision aims to invest in an upgraded rapid transportation system that will connect universities, research centers, downtowns, and parks while reversing the brain drain. His signature Downtown Revitalization efforts include transit-oriented developments such as Wyandanch Rising, Ronkonkoma Hub, Heartland project and the EastEnd Transportation plan. In April 2015, Bellone introduced the Long Island Innovation Zone that will synergized Connect Long Island and Downtown Revitalization.

Bellone is a graduate of North Babylon High School and he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Queens College in 1991. Enlisting in the US Army in 1992, County Executive Bellone served as a communications specialist stationed and earned a master's degree in Public Administration by attending night classes at Webster University. Bellone earned his Law degree from Fordham University and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1999. He has received numerous awards for his leadership.

County Executive Bellone resides in West Babylon with his wife, Tracey, their two daughters, Katherine Ann and Mollie Elizabeth, and his son, Michael.

Dr. Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, MACP, FRCP (London)
President and Chief Executive Officer
Federation of State Medical Boards



Dr. Humayun J. Chaudhry is the President and CEO of the Federation of State Medical Boards, which represents all 50 states and territories and co-owns the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). He is also a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, DC.

From 2016 to 2018, he was Chair of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities. Raised in Brooklyn, he is a graduate of New York University, the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Harvard School of Public Health. He spent 22 years on Long Island before taking his current position at the FSMB in 2009. While on Long Island, he volunteered his time and talent to strengthen several organizations including Long Island Multi Faith Forum to promote peace and harmony.

Dr. Chaudhry did his internship at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, followed by a residency in Internal Medicine at NYU Langone Long Island Hospital, where he was Chief Resident. He is a Master of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London.

He worked previously as a Director of Medical Education at Long Beach Medical Center and then as Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Assistant Dean at NYIT's medical school. He spent 14 years with the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of Major and serving as a Flight Surgeon. He spent more than two years (2007-2009) as Health Commissioner for Suffolk County, under the administration of County Executive Steve Levy, overseeing 1,300 employees and a budget of \$400 million.

He is married to Nazli Chaudhry. They live in Potomac, MD.

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Promoting the Culture of
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at the

H. Lee Dennison Building
Hauppauge, New York

6:00 pm

Sunday, October 2, 2022

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Randhir Jaiswal
Consul General of India New York



Randhir Jaiswal is a career diplomat. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1998. In his over two decades of diplomatic career so far, he has served in Portugal, Cuba, South Africa and at the Permanent Mission of India in New York.

In between his overseas assignments, he served in New Delhi at the Ministry of External Affairs, first as Deputy Secretary looking after India's relations with the United States of America, and then as Joint Secretary managing India's relations with West European countries. In the middle of 2017, he was deputed to serve the President of India as Joint Secretary managing his international relations portfolio.

He serves as Consul General of India in New York from 19 July 2020.

Randhir Jaiswal is passionate about sports, environment, culture, monuments, old cities and cuisines. He is deeply interested in strategic, sustainable development and public policy issues. He has been part of India's delegation at various Climate Change Conferences and was the lead negotiator for the G-77 countries at the RIO+20 Conference held in Brazil in 2012.

He holds a Master's degree in History from Delhi University, India. He speaks Hindi, English, Portuguese and Spanish and is conversant with several dialects of Bihar, India.

He is married to Dr. Abha Jaiswal, a public health expert. They have two daughters.

Chirag D. Gandhi, MD, FACS, FAANS
Neurosurgeon



Dr. Chirag Gandhi is the Chairman of Neurosurgery at New York Medical College and the Director of the Brain and Spine Institute for the Westchester Health Network based in Valhalla, NY. He obtained his BS in Bioengineering from Columbia University, MS in Genetics from Boston University, and MD from Rutgers University. Dr. Gandhi then completed his residency in Neurosurgery and fellowship in Neurointerventional Surgery from Mount Sinai Medical Center, NY, making him one of the few neurosurgeons in the country performing both traditional and minimally invasive surgery for vascular diseases of the brain and spinal cord.

As a clinical leader, Dr. Gandhi has most recently overseen the rapid expansion of the Westchester Health System's neurosurgical program through the Hudson Valley. He has a regional and national reputation as a gifted surgeon, educator and innovator. Dr. Gandhi is a passionate teacher and mentor for many years and leading the training programs for the next generation in both Neurointerventional Surgery. For nearly two decades, his educational leadership has helped shape the future of students ranging from high school through fellowship, and many of his graduates are in successful practice throughout the US.

Dr. Gandhi has also been a prolific researcher, authoring over 200 peer-reviewed publications in the medical literature in both clinical and basic neuroscience, focused on cerebrovascular disease. He has also been an invited speaker both nationally and internationally and a successful author of three well-recognized textbooks. His combined contributions in academic neurosurgery have earned him recognition and membership into the leading professional societies within his field, including the American Association of Neurological Surgery, Congress of Neurological Surgery, and Society of Neurointerventional Surgery. He has played important roles in key educational initiatives within these societies.

Through his career, Dr. Gandhi has been the recipient of a variety of professional accolades. Among these are the AOA Medical Honors Society, Outstanding Clinician Award by the Rutgers University Board of Trustees, Mount Sinai Neurosurgery's prestigious Sidney Hollin Invited Lectureship, and nominations to Top Doctors 2018-2021. In 2019, Dr. Gandhi was inducted into the Society of Neurological Surgeons, the world's oldest neurosurgical group comprised of clinical and educational leaders within the field.

Outside of his professional life, Dr. Gandhi is an avid tennis player and skier who, along with his wife Gita Subramaniam Gandhi MD, have raised two college-bound twins, Sedna, and Ronan, and live in Mamaroneck, NY.

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