

## MSU INDIA COUNCIL

### MISSION AND PURPOSE

The mission of the MSU India Council is to promote educational and cultural activities related to India. The MSU India Council was established on August 7, 1989 as an endowment at the University. Its objective is to work with the Asian Studies Center within the International Studies Program at Michigan State University, as well as independently to:

- Stimulate interest in India and matters related to India among the people in Michigan;
- Promote educational and cultural activities related to India;
- Assist organizations at Michigan State University and elsewhere in promoting activities that are aligned with the mission of the India Council;
- Promote outreach and exchange programs with organizations interested in socio-economic, educational, cultural and artistic aspects of Indian culture;
- Undertake activities to increase the India Council Endowment Fund and establish such other funds as may be deemed necessary to promote the mission of the India Council.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to individuals with an interest in furthering the mission and purpose of the MSU India Council subject to approval by the Steering Committee.

### STEERING COMMITTEE

The MSU India Council is administered as an MSU-related council through the University's Asian Studies Center. It is led by a Steering Committee, which serves in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Asian Studies Center. The presidents of two Indian student organizations at MSU are ex-officio members of the Steering Committee.

### CHAIR

**Satish Joshi**, Professor, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, MSU

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Ved Gossain**, Emeritus Swartz Professor and Former Chief Division, College of Medicine, MSU

**Sanjay Gupta**, Dean Emeritus and Broad Endowed Professor, Eli Broad College of Business, MSU

**Nidhi Sarda**, EVP Head of Deposit Strategy, First National Bank of America

**Dhiraj Shah**, Former Michigan Insurance Commissioner, Former Executive VP & Chief Operating Officer - Accident Fund Insurance Company, and Former Board Member - Michigan Insurance Hall of Fame

**Sitara Thobani**, Assistant Professor, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, MSU

### THE GLOBAL INDIA AWARDS

The Global India Awards (GIA) were created by the MSU India Council in collaboration with the Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University in 2023 to recognize individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to cross-cultural understanding, global education, and the well-being of Indian people around the world. The selection criteria for the award include:

- Demonstrated commitment and unselfish devotion to the well-being of the people of India and globally.
- Exceptional devotion to quality education for younger generations in India and the world.
- Outstanding achievement in scholarly and creative work that advances global understanding of India.

### 2025 GLOBAL INDIA AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

The 2025 Global India Awardee was selected by the MSU India Council Steering Committee.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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# The Global India Awards 2025



April 12, 2025

10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

MSU International Center

Room 115

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Asian Studies Center  
International Studies & Programs

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## AGENDA

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

12:00 AM - 01:30 PM

## OPENING REMARKS

**Dr. Ved Gossain**

Swartz Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Endocrinology (Emeritus), MSU  
Founding Member, MSU India Council

## WELCOMING REMARKS

**Dr. Titus Awokuse**

Vice Provost and Dean for International Studies & Programs, MSU

## CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

**Dr. Yen-Hwei Lin**

Interim Dean and Professor of Linguistics, College of Arts & Letters, MSU

## GLOBAL INDIA AWARD

Introduction by **Dr. Satish Udpa**, Emeritus Interim President, Emeritus University Distinguished Professor, and Dean Emeritus of the College of Engineering, MSU

**Dr. Anil Jain**

University Distinguished Professor and Douglas E. Zongker Endowed Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, MSU  
Global India Awardee, 2025

## INDIA @ MSU FEATURE VIDEOS

Education Abroad Programs

**Dr. Amol Pavangadkar**, Professor of Practice and Senior Specialist, School of Journalism, MSU

**Dr. Soma Chaudhuri**, Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, and Co-Director, Center for Gender in Global Context, MSU

## DEDHIA FAMILY ENDOWMENT FOR ENGAGEMENT IN INDIA

**Nisha Dedhia**

Medical Study Abroad in India: Shree Bidada Sarvodaya Trust Hospital

## INDIAN AND SOUTH ASIAN LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Presented by: **Dr. Rajiv Ranjan**

Associate Professor of Indian and South Asian Studies, Department of Linguistics, Languages, & Cultures, MSU

**Hindi: Kush Gopu**

**Nepali: Shannon Harasta**

**Tamil: Noel Premkumar**

**Urdu: Umer Nadeem**

Kinesiology  
Second Language Studies  
Computer Engineering  
Social Relations and Policy

## CLOSING REMARKS

Indian Students Organization (ISO) and Undergraduate International Indian Student Association (UIISA)

## Profile of Awardee



**Dr. Anil Jain**

**University Distinguished Professor and Douglas E. Zongker Endowed Professor**

Anil Jain, a University Distinguished Professor and Douglas E. Zongker Endowed Professor at Michigan State University where he has taught and conducted research since 1974. He received his B.S. from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (1969) and M.S. (1970) and Ph.D. (1973) degrees from The Ohio State University, all in Electrical Engineering. For his many advances in pattern recognition and biometrics, Dr. Jain was inducted into the United States National Academy of Engineering, Indian National Academy of Engineering, The World Academy of Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Inventors. Dr. Jain received the Guggenheim, Humboldt and Fulbright fellowships along with the King-Sun Fu Prize. He was appointed to the United States Defense Science Board, NIST Forensic Science Standards Board, and AAAS Latent Fingerprint Study. He has authored *Introduction to Biometrics*, *Handbook of Face Recognition*, *Handbook of Fingerprint Recognition and Algorithms for Clustering Data* which are standard references in biometrics and pattern recognition. For his plethora of discoveries, impact (h-index of 220 and cited by 277,000) and applications in biometrics, his service to the research community, and his extensive mentorship, Dr. Jain was awarded Doctor Honoris Causa by Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and Hong Kong Baptist University. The BBVA Foundation granted its 17th Frontiers of Knowledge Award in Information and Communication Technologies to Anil Jain and Michael Jordan of University of California, Berkeley for their “core contributions” to machine learning, which have unlocked developments in biometrics and artificial intelligence.