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NJ Native Pride of the Community



Gordhan Patel of JP Labs receiving Edison Patent Award

One of the greatest known strengths of the USA is that it is the most innovative country in the world. It receives more Nobel prizes than the rest of the world combined. However, one of the greatest hidden strengths of the USA is that it makes immigrants like our Indian community feel at home and hence when it comes to defending the new homeland, immigrants are always eager and ready. That is what one us, Dr. Gordhan Patel did. He and his company, of JP Laboratories, Inc, Middlesex, NJ were recognized with a highly prestigious award called the Edison Patent Award for their patent # 7,476,874, Self-Indicating Instant Radiation Alert Dosimeter (SIRAD) under homeland security category by the Research & Development Council of New Jersey at IMAX theater of Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ.

We were concerned about panic, worry, casualties and massive disruption that can be caused by a radiological incident, such as a terrorist attack with a "dirty bomb". This is because radiations are not detected by human senses and their physiological effects, such as cancers can appear years later with little warning. SIRAD, also known as citizens dosimeter has a sensor which is a simple coating of a highly radiation sensitive formulation which Dr. Patel pioneered in 1976. When exposed to radiation, such as gamma/X-ray, the sensor instantly develops color and the color intensifies as the dose increases, thus providing the wearer instantaneous information on cumulative radiation exposure. Radiation exposure can be determined by simply matching the colors of the sensor

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Bharat Divas Event an Embarrassment for BJP as Republicans Deny Inviting Modi

By Sudhir Vyas

Washington DC: In what is becoming an embarrassment for the Indian community in the United States, the supporters of the Overseas Friends of BJP (OFBJP) have been trying again and again to exert pressure on the United States government to ensure that Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi gets recognition (read visa). This exercise comes in different shapes, color, and voices. While some repeatedly arrange his video conference from Gandhinagar, others try to sell t-shirts, scarfs, and caps. Others even tried organizing Bharat Divas with an announcement that Modi will be addressing the Republicans.

There has been an overdose of video conferencing by Modi as he blows his own trumpet and has nothing new to show or tell the Indians and Gujaratis in particular; the Bharat Divas event turned out to be a fiasco as a so-called community leader from Chicago indulged in fraudulent methods and used the seal and stationary of the House Republicans without their approval.

Modistas and leftists continue to duke it out in America while a coalition of secular groups that has been campaigning against efforts by the Modi camp to politically rehabilitate the Gujarati Chief Minister in the US were instrumental in torpedoing the Bharat Divas event. It is said that Modi camp tried to hijack what was a

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Attended by more than 250 participants, the health camp consisted of various types of services to include blood test, EKG, physical examination, cancer screening and prevention education for prostate, breast, cervical, colo-rectal cancer and oral cancer, eye screening, pharmacy counseling and influenza vaccination.

The medical personnel from Meadowlands Hospital and Care Point Health provided free counseling and finger stick blood glucose, cholesterol screening on the spot to all participants and provided counseling and education on diabetes, high cholesterol and hypertension. The EKG technicians, phlebotomists, nurses, medical students, pharmacists, social officials were very impressed with the voluntary work provided by the volunteers.

Dr. Ashok Patel, Dr. Prema Prasad, Dr. Hitesh Patel, Dr. Sunil Parikh, Dr. Jayesh Bulsara, Dr. Mayuri Shah, Dr. Rajesh Thaker, Dr. Rakesh Patel, Dr. Manisha Patel, Dr. Joy Bhatia, Lorraine Patel, Narenda Shah, Dr. Sirisha Aleti, Vinod Chawla, received the screening since the inception of Indian Health Camp of New Jersey in 1999.

For further information on IHCNJ health camp activities, please visit Indian Health Camp of New Jersey's website at www.IHCNJ.org or contact Dr. Tushar Patel, President of the organization at 848-391-0499.

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with the adjacent color reference bars.

Dr. Patel received multi-million dollar funding from six federal agencies to develop the dosimeter. He and his son, Paresh supplied the dosimeters to US Army during Iraq war. Hundreds of thousands of SIRADs were deployed in the aftermath of the Fukushima, Japan nuclear power plant accident to monitor radiation exposure to the personnel working in and near the damaged reactors.

Edison Patent Award is highly competitive and usually received by giant corporations. This is the first time a small company has received such award in the 34 years of its history. Dr. Patel has more than 100 patents, 70 research publications and delivered 70 lectures throughout the world on his pioneering research. About 100 articles have been written on him and his work. He has been featured on front pages of many newspapers such as Wall Street Journal, Times of India and on ABC, BBC and Fox News. He was invited by a US Congressional committee to testify, a rare honor on the technology in 2003. He is recipient of several prestigious awards and recognitions such as R&D-100 "Oscars of Innovation" and Frost & Sullivan "Excellence in Technology". His technology was displayed exclusively for our senators and congressmen on the Capitol Hill March 16, 2007. He is nominated for Gujarat Garima award, the highest honor a Gujarati can receive from Gujarat Government.

He acknowledged help from many coworkers, especially Julia Koleda who has been helping him for years. Dr. Patel loves his family and during his acceptance speech, he dedicated his award to his grandchildren, Krish and Jasmin. He says his best time is when he is with his grandchildren. He gives lots of credit to his daughter-in-law, Hetal for very pleasant environment she has created at home. The video on the tribute to his work by the R&D council and his acceptance speech is on You Tube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgCEv3EyHtw.

Dualism Dilemma

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or the other. Stagnation is the net result under the circumstances. Conscientious patriotism on the other hand fails to effect a unity of expression and a uniform approach to solving a problem. Does it mean that in order to be free to seek a solution requires freedom from political posturing and conscientious patriotism? Especially being cognizant of the fact that conflicting thought processes are a universal product of our minds. It remains to be seen that an innovative clutter free approach to this dualism may be the light at the end of the tunnel.

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