### THE GLOBAL INDIA AWARDS

The Global India Awards (GIA) were created by the 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 wellbeing 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.

### 2024 GLOBAL INDIA AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

Ranjani Ananthakrishnan, Ernest W. and Robert W. Schaberg Endowed Chair in Accounting, Broad College of Business, MSU

Swarnavel Eswaran Pillai, Associate Professor, Film and Media Studies; Film and Media Production: Creative Writing: Race and Ethnic Studies: Global and Diasporic Studies, MSU Satish Udpa, Emeritus Executive Vice President and University Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, MSU, and 2023 Global India Awardee

### MSU INDIA COUNCIL

#### MISSION AND PURPOSE

The mission of the 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 India in furthering the mission and purpose of the India Council subject to approval by the Steering Committee.

### STEERING COMMITTEE

The 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

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ved Gossain Sanjay Gupta

Sitara Thobani

Nidhi Sarda Dhiraj Shah



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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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### **AGFNDA**

10:00 AM - 10:20 AM Registration **Award Ceremony & Special Presentation** 10:20 AM - 12:00 PM **Complimentary Indian Buffet Luncheon** 12:00 AM - 01:30 PM

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Satish Joshi

Chair, Steering Committee, India Council; Professor, Agricultural Food and Resource **Economics** 

### WELCOMING REMARKS

Dr. Steven Hanson

Vice Provost and Dean for International Studies and Programs

### **CONGRATULATORY REMARKS**

Dr. Sean Pue

Professor and Program Director, Indian and South Asian Studies, Department of Linguistics, Languages and Cultures

## INDIA @ MSU FEATURE VIDEOS

**Education Abroad Programs** 

Dr. Eddie Boucher, Associate Director, Center for Integrative Studies in Social Science

Dr. Sejuti Das Gupta, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Linda Racioppi, Associate Dean and Professor, James Madison College

India Initiatives in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Dr. Karim Maredia, Assistant Dean and Director of International Programs, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

### DEDHIA FAMILY ENDOWMENT FOR ENGAGEMENT IN INDIA

Jazmine Noles, Medical Student, College of Osteopathic Medicine

### INDIAN AND SOUTH ASIAN LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Presented by: Dr. Rajiv Ranjan

Assistant Professor, Indian and South Asian Studies

Hindi: Ridhika Patel

Chemical Engineering Jack Bajcz Mechanical Engineering

Tamil: Zachary Sebree French and Global History Urdu: Aliza Hashmi Political Science

### **GLOBAL INDIA AWARDS**

### **Professor Mohammed Avoob**

University Distinguished Professor Emeritus, James Madison College, MSU Award accepted by Dr. Mohammad Khalil, Professor of Religious Studies and Director, Muslim Studies Program, MSU

# Professor Rajmohan Gandhi

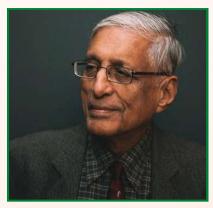
Historian, biographer, former faculty member, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and former Member of Parliament, India

Introduction by Dr. Satish Udpa, Emeritus Executive Vice President and University Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and 2023 Global India Awardee

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Undergraduate International Indian Student Association (UIISA), Indian Students Organization (ISO), and Coalition of Indian Undergraduate Students (CIUS)

# **Profiles of Awardees**



### PROFESSSOR RAJMOHAN GANDHI

Rajmohan Gandhi is a historian and biographer involved in efforts for trust-building and reconciliation. Professor Gandhi taught history and politics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign between 1997 to 2022. He has also taught at IIT-Bombay, IIT-Gandhinagar, and Michigan State University. From 1990 to 1992, Professor Gandhi was a member of the Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Indian Parliament. Earlier in 1990, he led the Indian delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva. Associated from 1956 with Initiatives of Change (formerly known as Moral Re-Armament), Professor Gandhi served as president of Initiatives of

Change International in 2009 and 2010. Through writing, speaking, public interventions, and dialogues, he has been engaged for sixty years in efforts for reconciliation and democratic rights. Professor Gandhi has authored more than fifteen books including his latest book, published in 2024 by Speaking Tiger, titled "Fraternity: Constitutional Norm and Human Need."



## PROFESSSOR MOHAMMED AYOOB

Mohammed Ayoob (Ph.D., Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa), is a distinguished professor emeritus at Michigan State University (MSU). A scholar of international relations he held appointments in James Madison College and the Political Science Department, and was the founding coordinator of the Muslim Studies Program at MSU. Professor Ayoob is recognized for his research on conflict and security in the Global South, covering South Asia, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia, and he has delved into the dynamics between religion and politics in the Muslim world. His academic contributions have been supported by fellowships and grants from prestigious

foundations and institutions. Prior to coming to MSU, Professor Ayoob held faculty positions at Jawaharlal Nehru University and the Australian National University, along with visiting appointments at several highly regarded universities worldwide. Professor Ayoob's scholarly output includes over 100 research papers and 16 books, touching on critical issues such as political Islam, regional conflict, and international relations, with publications in top journals and as chapters in edited volumes. His influential works include "The Third World Security Predicament" and "The Many Faces of Political Islam." Notably, his article "India Matters," published on the eve of President Clinton's visit to India, showcased his insight into India-US relations. He also contributes to major newspapers and online platforms, bringing his expert analysis to a wider audience. His upcoming book, "From Regional Security to Global IR: An Intellectual Journey," supported in part by funding from the Delia S. Koo endowment for faculty in the Asian Studies Center at MSU, is anticipated in August 2024, and promises to offer insights into his extensive career in international relations.