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**Dr. Suri Sehgal Honored as *Philanthropist of the Year Award* by Asian American Unity Coalition**

Dr. Suri Sehgal Founder of S M Sehgal Foundation, has been recognized as the *Philanthropist of the Year* award by the Asian American Unity Coalition (AAUC) at the 2025 Unity Summit held in Washington, D.C. USA. From Sehgal Foundation, Ms. Jane E. Schukoske received the award on behalf of Dr. Sehgal.

Dr Sehgal's contributions has empowered millions across rural India through innovative work in water security, sustainable agriculture, school infrastructure, and local participation. The AAUC award recognizes not just his vision and service, but the transformative potential of philanthropy built on compassion, equity, and opportunity. His approach demonstrates how philanthropy can strengthen community-led development initiatives to achieve positive social, economic, and environmental change across rural India.

**About S M Sehgal Foundation**

Founded in 1999, the S M Sehgal Foundation is a public charitable trust operating across 13 states, more than three thousand villages across India. The foundation has four main program areas: Water Management, Agriculture Development, Local Participation and Sustainability, Transforming Lives *One School at a Time*. These programs are supported by the Outreach for Development and Rural Research and Technology Innovation team.

The S M Sehgal Foundation's partners across corporate, government, academic, and social sectors, as well as on the ground in rural communities are key to the success of its rural development initiatives and consistent growth.

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