



# 12TH ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2024

**ANCHORED BY**



**U.S. Rep Danny K. Davis**  
7th CD- IL

**IN THE PRESENCE OF**



**U.S. Rep Shri Thanedar**



**U.S. Rep Jonathan Jackson**



**U.S. Rep Delia Ramirez**



**U.S. Rep Raja Krishnamoorthi**

## **HONORING TOP 20 GLOBAL WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 : 3PM**

**Room Ford H2-108, Ford House Office Building,  
441 D St SW, Washington D.C., U.S.A**

***“Progress of Women is Progress for All ”: Dr VGP***

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## PROGRAM

2.45 PM - 3.10 PM : Music Prelude : MULTI ETHNIC MUSIC ENSEMBLE



Southern Indian Veena  
Saraswathi Ranganathan



Spanish Flamenco Guitar  
Carlo Basile



Venezuelan Andes Latin Percussion  
Fran Vielma

**Hosts :** CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Katherine Thorat, Vice President, AMEC  
American Multi Ethnic Commission, USA

Dr. Chezalyn Grant, Youth Chair, MEATF  
Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force, 7th CD - IL

- Opening Prayer : **Prophet Kiran Murali**, Founder,  
Jesus Is Alive Ministries, Chennai, India
- Welcome Address : **Dr. Vasavi Chakka**, Awards Jury Co-Chair
- Opening Remarks : **Dr. VGP : Prof. Vijay G. Prabhakar**, Founder AMEC & MEATF
- Call to Action : **Miss Anaisha Roy Ganguly**,  
2nd Grade Student, Steck Elementary School, Aurora, IL
- Musical Tribute : **Jonathan Brown Joseph**, Northwest Indiana Bureau Chief,  
GSA Global Eye Magazine

### **HONORING THE TOP 20 GLOBAL WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE BY HONORABLE U.S. CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS**

- Awards Presentation : **U.S. Rep. Danny K. Davis**
- Medallion Presentation : **U.S. Rep. Jonathan Jackson**
- Red Rose Presentation : **U.S. Rep. Shri Thanedar**
- SABD - GSA First Book : **U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi**  
Authored by America's Phenomenal Woman Dr. Sarada Sonty

### **PRESENTATION OF THE EDWARD & LILY PRABHAKAR CENTENARY AWARD**

**To Neil Khot**

CEO Rely Services, Schaumburg, IL

### **PRESENTATION OF NEWTON DEVASAHAYAM CENTENARY AWARD**

**To Dr. T. Vishnudatta Jayaraman**

Washington Bureau Chief,  
White House, United Nations &  
Congressional Correspondent, News India Times

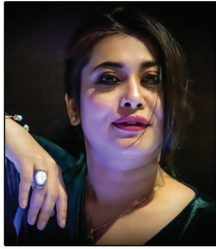


- Chief Guest Remarks : **U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis**
- Closing Remarks : **Naveenchandra Karna**, Executive Director, AMEC





# TOP 20 GLOBAL WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE 2024



**Payel Roy Ganguly**  
Artist  
Chicago, IL



**Marlyn Jackson**  
President & CEO  
Muhammad Ali Center



**Rebekah Ratliff**  
Mediator & Arbitrator,  
Atlanta Georgia



**Dr. Ayesha Suneja Seymour**  
PhD Clinical Psychology,  
Atlanta, Georgia



**Dr. Uma Katiki**  
National Cultural Service Coordinator,  
TANA, Naperville, IL



**Seema Govil**  
Co-President- India Franchise Council  
Founder & CEO cosmos City Media



**A'Shonti Tiesha McKinney**  
Co-Founder,  
YHs Child



**Menka Soni**  
Community Leader &  
Philanthropist



**Dr. Sheila Stephen**  
Former Vice Chancellor,  
TNPESU



**Dr. Sweta Sneha**  
Founder, Executive Director  
Healthcare Management Informatics



**Shashi Thanedar**  
Community Activist,  
Detroit, Michigan



**Pam Morris-Walton**  
Gospel Radio Host,  
Chicago, IL



**Dr. Vicky Yamamoto**  
20th President of SBMT



**Tiffany Henryard**  
Mayor of Dolton,  
Illinois



**Felicia Kiran**  
Co-Founder Jesus is Alive Ministries,  
Chennai, India



**Stella Okere**  
Program Coordinator  
United African Organization, Chicago



**Seeta L Bala**  
Director  
Gandhi King Centre for Non-Violence



**Taiwo O Fatai**  
Renowned Fuji Singer,  
Nigeria



**Dr. Neerja A Gupta**  
Vice Chancellor  
Gujarat University, India



**Dr. T S Prema**  
Principal, St Thomas College  
Chennai

## EDWARD & LILY PRABHAKAR CENTENARY AWARD

The Global Eye Magazine, premier worldwide digital publication that reaches 42 million households including 2 million in Chicagoland has instituted the EDWARD & LILY PRABHAKAR CENTENARY AWARDS to commemorate the Birth Centenary of the parents of our Chairman Dr. VGP.

Edward Prabhakar born on March 1, 1923 is a distinguished bureaucrat - an I.A.S Officer of Tamil Nadu Cadre, An avid Sportsman Cricket player for Tamil Nadu in RANJI TROPHY, All India Civil Services Tennis Champion, and a caring humanitarian, served as Chairman, Board of Management, YMCA College of Physical Education, Chennai for more than 20 years.



E.C.P. Prabhakar, IAS has the honor of being chosen in 1963/1964 for the FORD FOUNDATION Fellowship in Madison, Wisconsin, USA and in 1970's for the Governance and Development Program at University of Sussex, U.K.

Lily Prabhakar born on August 22, 1923 is fondly remembered as LADY OF LOVE having established the first home for leprosy patients children in 1968 in the world, CHILDREN'S HOME OF HOPE now located at Maduravoyal, Chennai. Lily Prabhakar was also honored by India's Prime Minister Shastri in 1964 for collecting the highest amount of contributions for the National Defence Fund, as the wife of Collector of Madurai.



*Congratulations*

**NAAIA Atlanta congratulates  
AAIP Past President and  
NAAIA National Board Secretary  
Rebekah Ratliff  
on her Congressional Honor!**

