

**SURAJ BAGLA**  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Suraj Bagla, from Kolkata, India, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 108th international convention in Hong Kong, China that was held July 2, 2026, through July 7, 2026.

Director Suraj joined the organization as a Leo in 1984 and became a charter member of Calcutta Park Avenue Lions Club in 1994. He has held a number of offices in the association including International Board of Directors Appointee, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, district governor, council secretary, GLT MD coordinator, GMT MD coordinator and GAT area leader.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Lion of the Year three times in his district. He was also awarded the Top 5 District Governor Award in 2008-09.

Director Suraj is the recipient of 11 International President's Awards, four International President's Leadership Awards and numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

FDI and LCIP graduate Suraj has been a faculty member at ELLI, ALLI, FDI and LCIP. He has also served as the group leader for the DGE Seminar and has attended over 20 international conventions to date. In addition, he has sponsored more than 300 new members and helped charter 41 new Lions clubs.

Director Suraj is the managing director of Kaybee International, an official licensee of Lions Clubs International.

Director Suraj receives immense support from his wife, Rashmi, who is also a past council chairperson and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. They are followed in their Lion legacy by their two sons, Aayush and Akshit, both past Leo-Lion Board Liaisons and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows, as well as their daughter-in-law, Dhvani, past Leo district president as well as a Melvin Jones Fellow. They have one granddaughter who is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.