

## **Padma Shri awardee Dr Sandra DeSaSouza launches book on Cochlear Implants**

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### **Changing the lives of the deaf with technology**

Padma Shri winner, ENT Head, Neck, and Cochlear implant surgeon, Dr Sandra DeSaSouza's new book 'Cochlear Implants: New and Future Directions' is a compelling testimony about the benefits of cochlear implantation and its life-changing capabilities.

With the book, she hopes to continue to positively influence the lives of thousands of hearing impaired by encouraging them to take advantage of the amazing advancements in modern medicine and technology.

Published by Springer Nature, 'Cochlear Implants: New and Future Directions' is available on Kindle and will be available in hard copy soon. As the name suggests, the book traces the journey of cochlear implants, right since the time when the first implant was conceived around 50 years ago to today, when modern cochlear implants are smaller and provide far better hearing and speech discrimination with the evolution of technology.

She became the first Indian doctor to perform cochlear implant surgery in 1987, at a cochlear implant workshop organised at Jaslok Hospital. Over the years, her funding programme to offer surgery to underprivileged children has changed around 2,800 lives, and in 2020, she won the Padma Shri for her efforts.