**Citation – Professor Sanjay Zodpey**

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Pro-Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Professor Sanjay Zodpey to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Medicine (honoris causa) in recognition of his eminent contributions to public health in India, the region, and the world.

Professor Zodpey is the President of the Public Health Foundation of India which promotes inter-disciplinary and health system connected, professional education and research. He played an important role in setting up Indian Institutes of Public Health across India. He also served as Vice-President of Academics at the Public Health Foundation of India and provided leadership to the Indian Institute of Public Health, Delhi as its Founding Director. Before joining PHFI, he had a distinguished career as a faculty member and Vice-Dean in a medical school. He has been a visiting and honorary professor at several universities across the world.

Professor Zodpey is an internationally renowned epidemiologist, public health scientist, award-winning educator and a widely recognised academic leader. Within the field of public health, he has advocated for integration of global health in medical education, the creation of public health schools in order to develop a multidisciplinary public health workforce, and for partnerships and locally driven priorities in low- and middle-income countries such as India. This has ensured that research and education is balanced and directed towards national and global health needs. In doing so, he has shaped the public health education framework for future public health professionals. He recognizes the urgent need for transforming health professional education in order to confront the health challenges of the 21st century. He has played an important role in the development of international collaborations with leading Universities and institutions, including the University of Sydney.

His contributions to public health have been recognised through several awards and honours. Professor Zodpey’s contributions during the COVID19 pandemic were recognised and he was conferred with the ‘COVID Warrior Award’ in appreciation of outstanding commitment, dedication, and selfless service during the pandemic. He was also the recipient of the Public Health Education Leadership Award for promoting public health education in the South-East Asia Region.

Professor Zodpey is a prolific researcher. He has been involved in several major national and international research initiatives, which have contributed to the field of public health. He has been an investigator for more than 160 funded projects, authored more than 425 publications and has edited the Indian Journal of Public Health for nine years. He has featured in the top 2 percent of scientists across the world for his research contribution in Tropical Medicine as part of worldwide ranking of scientists.

He has been a member of numerous distinguished panels, advisory groups, technical task forces and committees, both nationally and internationally. He was elected as National President of the Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine for two consecutive terms. He is a Fellow of the Indian Public Health Association, Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine, Indian Society for Malaria and Other Communicable Diseases, and National Academy of Medical Sciences (India). He also served as the Chair of Global Evaluation and Monitoring Network for Health, Board Member of Routine Health Information Network, and Member on the Institute of Medicine’s Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education.

Pro-Chancellor, I present Professor Sanjay Zodpey for admission to the degree of Doctor of Medicine (honoris causa) and invite you to confer the degree upon him.