

## Doc from Bihar in US top 10

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Patna: For most youths in villages across India, the US is a cherished land of dreams. But for Tapan Thakur, a native of a Bihar village, not only has his dream come true, but he has also landed among the top 10 hospitalists (a specialist in inpatient medicine) in the US.

Born in Akaur village of Madhubani district and educated in Patna, Tapan has achieved this feat with sheer determination and dedication. The list has been published in the Hospital Journal of the American College of Physicians. The list is prepared after evaluation of physicians and their contributions to teaching, quality improvement, research, cost saving, patient safety and leadership. Tapan excelled in all.

Tapan did his MBBS from Patna Medical College in 1991 and moved to England in 1993, where he completed his twoyear residency in Wrexham Maellor Hospital in Wales and Cardiothoracic Centre in Liverpool. He then went to the US in 1995, where he joined St Mary's internal medicine residency programme and moved to Memphis in 1998 to practise as an internist. Tapan is currently the medical director of Midsouth Hospital and vicepresident of medical staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Southaven, Mississippi.

He is also the president of the Memphis chapter of the Society of Hospital Medicine.