



Indian Psychiatric Society Andhra Pradesh State Branch

PROF. DR. N. V. RAMANA RAO ORATION AWARD

Conferred upon



DR. THATIKONDA PADMA SUDHAKAR

The Indian Psychiatric Society – Andhra Pradesh State Branch takes immense pride and privilege in conferring the Prof. Dr. N. V. Ramana Rao Oration Award upon Dr. Thatikonda Padma Sudhakar, in recognition of his extraordinary lifelong contributions as an academician, compassionate clinician, accomplished researcher, inspiring teacher, mentor, administrator, and leader in Psychiatry.

Born on 15th August 1955 in Tirupati, Dr. Sudhakar was raised in a family dedicated to public service. He completed his schooling and pre-university education in Tirupati before graduating with MBBS from Sri Venkateswara Medical College in 1979. He earned his M.D. in Psychiatry from the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, in 1983. His training at premier institutions, including JIPMER and AIIMS, laid the foundation for an exceptional career in clinical care, teaching, and research.

Over a professional journey spanning more than four decades, Dr. Sudhakar rose through the academic ranks from Senior House Surgeon to Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry, Sri Venkateswara Medical College, Tirupati, serving in that capacity from 1995 to 2013. Following his superannuation, he continued his academic pursuits as Professor of Psychiatry at SVIMS and later as Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry, Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Chittoor, where he continues to mentor future generations of psychiatrists.

An accomplished academic leader, Dr. Sudhakar also served as Deputy Superintendent of Sri Venkateswara Ramnarain Ruia Government General Hospital and as Executive Editor of the SVMC Journal. He has been instrumental in organizing several prestigious scientific events, including APPSYCON, IPS Mid-term CMEs, IPS South Zone Conferences, and GERON 2019, thereby promoting academic excellence and professional collaboration.

Dr. Sudhakar has made exceptional contributions to psychiatric research. As Principal Investigator in WHO–Government of India collaborative epidemiological studies and more than 48 international multicentric clinical trials, he has advanced evidence-based practice in schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety disorders, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses. His research centre received appreciation from the US FDA in 2008 for maintaining the highest standards of scientific integrity.

A prolific scholar, he has authored over 36 peer-reviewed publications, contributed to international psychiatric literature, guided more than 29 postgraduate dissertations, and served as examiner for several universities and the National Board of Examinations. His dedication has significantly strengthened postgraduate psychiatric education in India.

Dr. Sudhakar has rendered distinguished service to the Indian Psychiatric Society, serving as President of the IPS South Zonal Branch (2017–2018), CME Chairperson of IPS National, Chairman of the Postgraduate Committee, and advisor on psychiatric education and professional standards.

Beyond academia, he has contributed immensely to community psychiatry, consultation-liaison psychiatry, rural mental health services, and psychiatric care for personnel of ISRO, CISF, and other public institutions. His outstanding contributions have been recognised through numerous honours, including the Dr. D. S. Raju Oration, Visakha Oration, and NPS Oration Award.

An exemplary clinician, teacher, researcher, administrator, and mentor, Dr. Thatikonda Padma Sudhakar embodies the highest ideals of the medical profession. In grateful recognition of his exceptional contributions to Psychiatry and his unwavering commitment to academic excellence, scientific inquiry, patient care, and professional leadership, the Indian Psychiatric Society – Andhra Pradesh State Branch proudly confers upon him the Prof. Dr. N. V. Ramana Rao Oration Award, with profound admiration, respect, and heartfelt felicitations.

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