



Indian Psychiatric Society Andhra Pradesh State Branch

PROF DR.N. V. RAMANA RAO ORATION AWARD

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DR. GUNDUGURTI PRASAD RAO

We are deeply honored to present the Prof. M. V. Ramana Rao Best Teacher Award to Dr. Gundugurti Prasad Rao, in recognition of his exceptional commitment to teaching, his enduring academic leadership and his vast contributions to the field of psychiatry over the past four decades.

Dr. Prasad Rao's academic journey began with distinction at Sri Venkateswara Medical College, Tirupati, where he was a brilliant undergraduate. He was awarded multiple university medals in General Medicine, Pharmacology, Pathology, Forensic Medicine, Microbiology and Social and Preventive Medicine and was recognized as the best outgoing student in 1981. He went on to complete his Diploma in Psychological Medicine from the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, in 1983. He further distinguished himself at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, earning his MD in Psychiatry with a bronze medal in 1985.

Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Prasad Rao has been an exceptional teacher, mentor, clinician, and academic leader. His passion for teaching is evident in the more than 1,000 lectures he has delivered over the last forty years across India, the Asia-Pacific region, and the global psychiatric community. He has played a pivotal role in organizing and conceptualizing 29 national and international academic programs, significantly advancing psychiatric education and practice.

He began his teaching career as an Assistant Professor and went on to establish and lead the Department of Psychiatry at Bhaskara Medical College, successfully training three full batches of MD Psychiatry students. As Academic Head at Asha Hospital, he initiated the DNB Psychiatry program and guided 14 DNB General Medicine theses at Medwin Hospital. He has regularly delivered lectures to postgraduate psychiatry residents across the former united Andhra Pradesh, earning admiration for his clarity, depth and dedication.

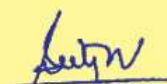
Dr. Prasad Rao has also served psychiatry through leadership in professional organizations. He has held key positions in the Indian Psychiatric Society, including Secretary and President of the Andhra Pradesh State Branch and Editor of its journal. He was the Editor of the Indian Journal of Psychological Medicine and has served the South Zone IPS in various editorial and administrative capacities. Nationally, he was elected as Executive Council Member, served as CME Chair, led the Biological Psychiatry section and was President of the Indian Psychiatric Society in 2015-2016.

His leadership extended into several other national and international psychiatric bodies. He served as President and Editor of the Indian Association of Private Psychiatry, the Indian Association of Biological Psychiatry, and the Indian Association of Geriatric Mental Health. He was also a Scientific Committee Member of the International Society of Bipolar Disorders. His international impact includes serving as Secretary General and later President of the Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations, as well as holding key roles in the World Psychiatric Association, including as a member of its Presidential Cabinet, Planning Committee and Scientific Sections Committee.

Dr. Prasad Rao's academic legacy is further reflected in his prolific research and publication record. He has published 325 peer-reviewed articles in national and international journals spanning psychiatry, neuroscience and genetics. He has authored 12 textbook chapters and edited 11 books, contributing significantly to the academic literature in psychiatry.

For his remarkable contributions, he has been honored with 37 national and 6 international awards. He has received fellowships from the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and from the World Psychiatric Association—recognitions that reflect his global stature in psychiatry.

In presenting the Prof. N. V. Ramana Rao Best Teacher Award to Dr. G. Prasad Rao, we celebrate a lifetime dedicated to teaching, mentorship and academic excellence. His legacy as a teacher and leader will continue to inspire future generations in psychiatry, both in India and across the world.


Dr. GVS Murty

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