



Gullapalli N Rao

After a successful career in the US as an academic Ophthalmologist, in 1987 **Dr. Gullapalli N Rao** established the **L V Prasad Eye Institute** in Hyderabad, India 38 years ago and is the Founder & Chair of that Institute. **L V Prasad Eye Institute** is a complex of modern eye hospital with advanced training programmes for ophthalmologists and allied eye health personnel, an eye research centre, rehabilitation programme, product development and high quality eye care models for underserved areas.

Academic and Research Achievements

- *Honorary Doctorates from the University of Melbourne (2007) and University of New South Wales (2001), Australia, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, India, University of Bradford, UK and GITAM University, India*
- *President of “Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis (AOI)”, group of 100 of the most eminent academicians in ophthalmology in the world*
- *Visiting Professor to many Universities in the U.S, Europe, Australia and Asia*
- *Published over 320 papers in peer reviewed international journals (H index: 77; i10 index: 231)*
- *Editorial Boards of several international journals of ophthalmology*
- *Editorial in the 100th year publication of British Journal of Ophthalmology*
- *Member of the Jury of Annual Vision Science Award (1.0 million Euro) of the Champalimaud Foundation, Portugal*
- *“Fellow qua surgeon” of the “Royal college of Physicians and Surgeons”, Glasgow*
- *Fellow of two of the Science Academies of India*
- *Fellow of National Academy of Medical Sciences*

Other Contributions

- *Former Secretary – General and later Chair of the Board and CEO of the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) in which role played a pivotal role in developing and fostering the global initiative to eliminate avoidable blindness along with WHO – VISION 2020: The Right to Sight in partnership with World Health Organisation (WHO)*
- *Board of Trustees, International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO)*
- *Leadership Position in many National and International eye care organisations*
- *Founder & Chair of L V Prasad Eye Institute, India*
- *Boards of many national and international organisations.*

Awards and Honours

- Naumann Award from International Council of Ophthalmology for “outstanding global leadership in eye care”
- Bernardo Streiff Gold Medal from Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis for outstanding contribution made to the advancement of ophthalmology
- Kupfer Award from Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology for outstanding accomplishments as a researcher, ophthalmologist and humanitarian
- Barrie Jones Lecture of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, U.K
- Doyne Lecture of the Oxford Ophthalmology Congress
- Inducted into ‘Ophthalmology Hall of Fame’ at the meeting of American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) in Los Angeles. 57 ophthalmologists from around the world have been inducted into the Hall of Fame in the past three centuries
- International Blindness Prevention Award from American Academy of Ophthalmology
- Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award from American Academy of Ophthalmology
- “Gullapalli N. Rao – AIOS Endowment Lecture” created by the All India Ophthalmological Society in the year 2020. (one of the first five of all times, honoured in 2020)

