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## **THE FOUNDATION DAY LECTURE**

by

**GULLAPALLI N. RAO**

*MD, FACS, FRCS, FNAMS, D.Sc.*

*Distinguished Chair of Eye Health, L V Prasad Eye Institute*

on

**“Research and Relevance to Communities”**

*at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 26 November 2010*

### **Venue**

*Auditorium of the  
Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Uppal Road  
Hyderabad-500007*

*Please be in your seat by 3:50 p.m.*

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## Gullapalli N Rao

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### About the Speaker

Dr Gullapalli N Rao, a globally renowned ophthalmologist, is the Founder Director and Chair, Board of Trustees, L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Hyderabad. He received his basic medical education in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, and completed his postgraduate training in ophthalmology at the All India Institute for Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He went to the United States in 1974, where he was trained first at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, and later at the University of Rochester, School of Medicine. He continued on the faculty of the University of Rochester, School of Medicine until 1986. After a successful career in USA as an academic ophthalmologist, he returned to India in 1986 to establish LVPEI. His areas of specialization include diseases of the cornea, eye banking and corneal transplantation, community eye health, eye care policy and planning.

He has published over 250 papers in national and international journals, and has contributed several book chapters. He has served on the editorial boards of several international journals such as the American Journal of Ophthalmology, Cornea, the Ocular Surgery, and Clinical & Experimental Ophthalmology and was Former Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Ophthalmology.

From 2004-2008, he served as President and CEO of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, in which role he led VISION 2020: The Right to Sight, the global initiative to eliminate avoidable blindness by the year 2020. He is currently Chair of the International Centre for Eye Care Education (ICEE) and continues to be actively involved in global and national advocacy for eye care development.

Dr Rao has many awards to his credit, including All India Ophthalmological Society (1982, 1984, 1986); Ranbaxy Research Award for excellence in Clinical Research (1995); Senior Honour Award, American Academy of Ophthalmology (1998); Member, Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis (1998-), Doctor of Science honoris causa of the University of New South Wales, Australia (2001), Padma Shri from the Government of India - 2002 (Republic Day Honours given by the President of India), Fellow qua Surgeon ad eundem of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (2003); HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud Award for the Prevention of Blindness Award (2004), First "G.B. Bietti International Award for Prevention of Blindness" by the Italian Society for Prevention of Blindness (2005), International Blindness Prevention Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology (2006), Pisart Vision Award by Lighthouse International (2007), Honorary Doctorate of Medicine from University of Melbourne, Australia (2007), AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding International Contributions to global eye care by the American Academy of Optometry (2009); Jose Rizal Medal for Outstanding contributions to ophthalmology in Asia Pacific Region from Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (2009); Bernardo Streiff Medal for Outstanding contributions to International Ophthalmology from Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis (2010); World Cornea Congress medal from International Cornea Society for outstanding contributions for the advancement of cornea specialty globally (2010); Honorary Doctorate of Science from Dr.N.T.R. University of Health Sciences (2010).