

Dr Lakshman Mekala Superannuates on 28-2-2023



Dr Lakshman Mekala (60) was born on 20th February, 1963 in a downtrodden community of a remote village in District Karimnagar, AP (Now Telangana). He superannuated as Professor and Head & Officer-in-Charge of Ruska Labs on 28th February, 2023 after 24 years of glorious service to profession. Dr Lakshman obtained BVSc&AH and MVSc (Veterinary Pathology) degrees in 1987 and 1994, respectively from APAU, Hyderabad. He did PhD in Veterinary Pathology from College of Veterinary Sciences, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati in 2011. He cleared the NET / ARS examination in the year 1994. Initially, he served in Poultry Sector (1989-99) and in Department of Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh as Veterinary Assistant Surgeon from 1994-1999 and played a pivotal role in launching of mass deworming programme of sheep and goats in Karimnagar district under *JanmaBhoomi* Programme in the year 1997 by explaining its importance to the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh which is still in practice. He also conducted mass vaccination and sero-monitoring programme of Operation Rinderpest Zero. Dr Lakshman had University career as Assistant Professor (1999 to 2012), subsequently directly selected as Associate Professor (2012 to 2015) and promoted under CAS as Professor and Head from 2015 to 2023.

As an eminent Veterinary Pathologist, he possessed expertise in postmortem examination, histopathology, immunohistochemistry, ultrastructural pathology, molecular pathology and handling of LM, TEM and SEM and different microtomes. Dr Lakshman significantly contributed in teaching and guiding UG, PG (47) and PhD (24) scholars. He was major supervisor of 10 MVSc and 5 PhD scholars in discipline of Veterinary Pathology and also guided C.V. Raman Fellow of Human Anatomy PhD scholar from Nigeria. He published 174 scientific articles in NAAS and Impact Factor Journals and authored few practical manuals (UG, PG, and EM); developed e-course of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosis along with TANUVAS, and CDROM for Pathology and resource person for EMSI workshops. He analyzed several biological samples from ICRISAT, Bharat BioTech, IICT, CCMB, CDFD, IISc, NIN, IIL, OMC and various hospitals. He was guest speaker in a number of National /International platforms; panel member in electronic media; external examiner, paper setter, thesis evaluator of various Universities; syllabus designer, paper setter and expert panel

member for TSPSC, J&KPSC and screening committee member for selection and promotion of Faculty, Scientists at NIAB, ICAR-DPR and Veterinary Universities. He attended confidential duties (ARS-NET) assigned by ICAR, Research and Advisory Committee member of ICAR-CIRG, Makhdoom, Mathura and reviewer for several NAAS rating and Impact Factor journals. Recently, he successfully organized International Veterinary Pathology Congress, 2022 at Hyderabad.

Dr Lakshman was awarded with ICAR Junior Fellowship in Gynecology (1994- not availed); Rythunestam (2017); Fellowship of Electron Microscopy Society of India(2020); Global Management-Best Teacher Award (2020); IAVP-Best Teacher Award (2020); Fellowship of India Association of Veterinary Pathologists (2021) and VD Good Technology Factory-Outstanding Scientist Award (2021), Global Economic and Progress Research Association-BharatRatna Rajiv Gandhi Gold Medal Award (2021). Dr Lakshman Mekala superannuated from services of PVNRTVU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, Telangana on 28th February, 2023. **IAVP wishes him a long, happy, healthy and peaceful post-retirement life.**