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Prof. Vidya Ramkumar is currently a DBT/ WellcomeTrust Intermediate fellow in Clinical and Public Health Research at the Sri Ramachandra Faculty of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (DU), Chennai.

She has spent the last decade working in developing service delivery models using technology to bridge gaps in audiology services in the underserved regions of South India. Through her fellowship (2020-25) she is pursuing translational research in tele-practice applications in audiology and speech-language pathology services in collaboration with the public sector services in Tamil Nadu. She currently serves as an expert committee member on Tamil Nadu's Rights Project funded by the World bank.

She established the SRESHT lab (see link <u>SRESHT-SRIHER-IA Lab</u>) in 2021 to fulfill her work in translational research in telepractice. She is also a Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Professional Research fellowship awardee (2014). Her PhD was in the area of tele-audiological application in rural newborn hearing screening programs in South India. She has had several other minor projects that supported judicious integration of technology to enhance or support service delivery in remote rural areas.

SRIHER awarded her with the Gold medal for highest impact factor publication in a peerreviewed indexed journal in the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences for the year 2019. She was awarded the "International Clinician Recognition Award" by the Asian Indian Caucus of the American Speech and Hearing Association (2018). She received the NIH sponsored "New investigator award" at the 3rd International Conference on Internet and Audiology, KY, USA in 2017. For her research work in Audiology, she received the Dr. N. R Chaudhary memorial award for the best poster in Audiology (2006) and the Dr. Dayalan Samuel best paper award (2011) at ISHACONs. She received three best paper awards at the Sound Hearing 2030 (2015). She received the best paper award for her work in tele-audiology four times at Telemedicons(2012, 2014, 2014, 2017)

She is a life member of Telemedicine Society of India (LM-0314), Indian Speech and Hearing Association (L-1093) and actively participates in the meetings of these societies. She has published several papers in international journals in her area of expertise.

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