

Dr Lakshmi Venkatesh

Dr Lakshmi Venkatesh is Associate Professor and Senior Consultant Speech-Language Pathologist at the Department of Speech Language Pathology, SRIHER. She also serves as Assistant Dean (Students) at the University. She completed her PhD in Speech and Hearing Sciences from the University of Washington, Seattle, USA in 2007.

Dr Lakshmi's current areas of clinical and research interests include speech-language development and disorders with a focus on birth-to-six years of age and feeding and swallowing disorders across the lifespan. She recently completed a longitudinal study on speech-language and neurodevelopmental follow-up of children born preterm from one-to-three years of age funded by the SERB-DST, Government of India. Ongoing research focuses on developing material and methods directed at the early identification of speech-language delays and empowering parents to provide speech-language stimulation for their children with delays and facilitate early intervention. She is currently guiding four PhD scholars and serves on nine other doctoral advisory committees. In a teaching, research and clinical career spanning 20 years, she has several research papers and chapters in conference proceedings to her credit.

Dr Lakshmi also serves on university committees including the *Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)* and co-chairs the *Health Sciences Education Unit*. She has served as a member of the *Board of Studies* and *Governing Council* of Sweekaar Rehabilitation Institute for Handicapped, Secunderabad and Dr S. R. Chandrasekhar Institute of Speech and Hearing, Bangalore. She is an active life member of several professional bodies, having served as the EC member (2010-2012), and Joint Secretary (2012-2015) of the National body - Indian Speech, Language & Hearing Association. She served as a member of the Rehabilitation Council of India - expert subcommittee on syllabus revision for PG programs (2016-17) and continues to serve as a visiting expert for the assessment of training programs.

The Acoustical Society of India awarded her the *Prof. Rais Ahmed Memorial Lecture Award* in 2013. Recently, she received the *first prize for an oral paper* presentation at the Neonatology Conference on Research and Expert Talks (NeoCORE-2019). She has received *best paper awards* at the ISHACONs (2013, 2010) and the *DST- international travel grant* (2013 & 2022). A recipient of scholarships from the *Tata Trusts* for pursuing higher education, she also received the *International Student Scholarship* from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (2005). She was a recipient of the *Aarthi Venkataraman Memorial Gold Medal & P.D. Manohar Endowment Gold Medal* for MSc. Speech & Hearing (2001) from the University of Mysore and was ranked first in final examinations during B.Sc. Audiology & Speech Rehabilitation, University of Mumbai (1997-99).

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