



## **L V Prasad Eye Institute**

*(A Hyderabad Eye Institute organization)*

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Executive Chair

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### **Sub : Letter of Nomination- SUN Pharma Foundation Research Award 2024**

Dr Srinivas Marmamula is the Network Associate Director for Public Health Research and Training at L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI). He is one of the few specialists working in Geriatric Eye Health research in India.

Supported by the prestigious Department of Biotechnology (DBT) Wellcome Trust India Alliance Early Career Fellowship, Dr Srinivas Marmamula embarked on a mission to assess the impact of clinical interventions on eye health for avoidable causes of vision loss in the elderly, through the Hyderabad Ocular Morbidity in Elderly Study (HOMES). This research revealed a large burden of vision loss, dual sensory impairment (combined hearing and vision loss), multi-morbidity and cognitive impairment among the elderly population in residential care. This longitudinal epidemiological study also revealed the positive impact of interventions such as spectacles and cataract surgery on visual functioning in the elderly. The findings of this study were published as 16 peer-reviewed papers and two op-eds in leading newspapers.

Dr Marmamula was awarded with DBT Wellcome India Alliance Intermediate Career fellowship in 2022 to carry out a large population-based longitudinal study in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states to understand associations between ageing, disabilities and eye health. This study is currently underway and envisages providing valuable insights and helping plan holistic eye health care for the elderly in India.

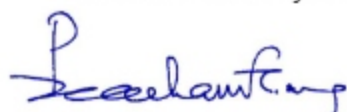
After pursuing a Diploma in Ophthalmic Techniques from LVPEI in 1993, Dr Marmamula went on to do his PhD in Optometry / Public Health from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, Australia in 2011. This was followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Dana Center for Preventive Ophthalmology, Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University, USA. His journey from joining as an Ophthalmic Technician to rising to the ranks of a leadership position of Network Associate Director of Research is one of inspiration, determination and grit.

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With over 110 peer-reviewed publications to his credit, he is rated among the top 200 optometrists involved in research globally and only one from India. Srinivas continues to inspire his younger colleagues with his achievements.

A researcher, academician and teacher, Dr Marmamula is an emerging leader and public health scientist. I vouch for his accomplishments, and his passion to make a positive impact in the area of eye health, particularly elderly eye health and ageing research. I am happy to nominate him for the prestigious SUN Pharma Foundation Research Award 2024 from L V Prasad Eye Institute..

Yours Sincerely  
For L V Prasad Eye Institute

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Prashant Garg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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