



Dr Ramdas Pisharody (1955-2017)



### **Dr Ramdas Pisharody Award** *For the best research among young postgraduates*

Since 2017, Health Action by People (HAP; <http://www.hapkerala.org>) has been offering the **Dr Ramdas Pisharody Award** for the best research paper among the young postgraduate doctors (junior faculty and post-MD practitioners) in India. This yearly award is named after Dr Pisharody, one of the founder members of HAP and a reputed nephrologist. Dr Pisharody was an eminent researcher and a committed medical teacher. He had held many high posts, including the Principal of Thiruvananthapuram Medical College and the Director of the Clinical Epidemiology and Research Training Centre (CERTC). He was an elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (England and Glasgow) and has won the Kerala Government's award for the best doctor in the state. He was an eminent researcher and a clinical teacher par excellence.

#### **The Award**

The award shall include:

- A certificate of appreciation for the best research presentation.
- A cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-

#### **Eligibility**

1. The prize will be awarded for the best clinical research paper among the **young postgraduates (junior faculty and post-MD practitioners)** from all over India. This is meant for a medical professional who has **acquired their MD/MS degree within the last five years**.
2. The article should be published as an original research article in a peer-reviewed journal indexed in PubMed /Scopus /Embase / Copernicus / Google scholar or open-gate/research gate.
3. It should be a research work in which the candidate is the first author.
4. The study should have addressed a pertinent and well-defined research question.

#### **The Process of Submission**

1. The participant must send copies of the publication, their MD/MS Certificate, and the undertaking endorsed by the head of department/institution (template enclosed) to [info@hapkerala.org](mailto:info@hapkerala.org) on or before **September 30, 2025**. The subject of the e-mail should be "**Application for Dr Ramdas Pisharody Award 2025**".

### **Preliminary Screening**

This will be screened by a committee composed of medical teachers with a good publishing record and acquaintance with research methods. They will shortlist five studies for final evaluation.

### **Selection Process**

1. The authors of these five papers will be invited to present their work before an audience in Trivandrum.
2. The best work will be decided by a jury consisting of eminent medical researchers. The other four presenters will receive certificates of appreciation.
3. We shall honor the awardee in a befitting academic ceremony, and we shall provide certificates of appreciation to the finalists.
4. Candidates travelling from outside Kerala will be reimbursed the cost of a third AC train ticket as travel allowance.

### **Criteria for assessment**

1. The originality of the research question and the scientific work.
2. The impact value of the journal in which the article was published.
3. The significance of the study (Contribution to existing medical knowledge or its policy implications).
4. The soundness of the methods used like the clinical evaluation and the data collection tools used (appropriateness of design, the conceptual framework (if relevant), validity issues - design specific precautions including handling confounders and bias)
5. Quality of writing, photographs and other illustrations used. (E.g., presenting conclusions, handling the limitations, clarifying points for discussion and the overall flow and rigour of presentation.)
6. Citation track record of the article.

1	<b>Name of the Applicant</b>	
2	<b>Designation</b>	
3	<b>Affiliation</b>	
4	<b>Communication Address</b>	
	<b>E-mail address:</b>	
5	<b>Home Telephone:</b>	
	<b>Mobile Number:</b>	
6	<b>Postgraduate course completed</b>	
7	<b>Year of acquiring the postgraduate degree</b>	
8	<b>Institution University</b>	
9	<b>Title of the published paper</b>	
10	<b>Brief description of contribution of first, second and third authors</b>	
11	<b>According to your-own impression, briefly outline the significance of the study and the impact produced among academia (In less than 100 words)</b>	
12	<b>Declaration:</b> I certify that the <b>article</b> was not awarded previously by any professional association, academy, or official/NGO agency	
13	<b>Signature of the applicant with name and date</b>	
14	<b>Endorsement by the Head of Department/Institute</b>	
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	<b>Name</b>	
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	<b>Institution/Department</b>	
	<b>Date</b>	

**The last date for receipt of the application will be September 30, 2025.**