

**Brief Profile:**

**Dr Hemalatha** has been working in the realm of Nutrition, infection and gut microbiome with particular emphasis on women and child Health and Nutrition. She spearheaded many several community based intervention studies, clinical studies, cohort studies and also many basic studies in important areas of nutrition, medical sciences; with Interdisciplinary, Inter Institutional and Overseas Collaborations. During the year 2005, Dr.R.Hemalatha was the principal coordinator for 8 districts of Andhra Pradesh wherein she had spearheaded the biological component of a multicentric project sponsored by Bill and Melinda Gates foundation. She has worked extensively on reproductive health and nutrition in women and child nutrition and has published >100 papers, 26 reports and 10 book chapters. She served as Expert Member of committees of central and state government including Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses.

Dr R Hemalatha is recipient of prestigious awards such as Ponduri Venkata Ramana Rao Gold Medal, Dr Rajammal P Devadas memorial award and is a Fellow of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (FNAMS) and Fellow of the International Union of Nutrition Sciences (FIUNS).