

# Halsted Surgical Clinic

(INSTITUTE OF POSTGRADUATE SURGICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH)

## Prof. C.M.K. REDDY

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General & Vascular Surgeon

### CHAIRMAN



### Short Bio-Data

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Date of Birth : October 6, 1941 - Nellore, Andhra Pradesh (Mother-tongue : Telugu)  
1964 : MBBS - Guntur Medical College (Andhra University)  
1965-70 (5 yrs) General & Vascular Surgery training - **Johns Hopkins University, USA**  
1970 : **FRCS (UK)**, first attempt  
1970 : Returned to India, established **Halsted Surgical Clinic**, at Chennai  
1970-99 : Honorary Prof of Surgery – Govt Stanley Med College, **without salary** for 30 yrs

### Currently

**Emeritus Professor** of Surgery, TN Dr MGR Medical University & Saveetha University

**President**, Tamil Nadu Medical Practitioners' Association (TAMPA)

Federation of Medical & Dental Associations of TN (FEMDAT)

Indian Chapter, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)

All India Telugu Federation (AITF)

Sri Kanaka Durga Telugu (SKDT) Educational Institutions

**Chairman**, Linguistic Minorities Forum of Tamil Nadu (LIMFOT)

Core Committee for Hazardous Waste Management in Chennai Hospital

South India, International Human Rights Association (IHRA)

**Formerly : President, Tamil Nadu Medical Council**

Med Director, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Inst of Med Sciences, Perungudi, Chennai - 600 100  
Senate & Governing Council Member, TN Dr MGR Medical University, Sri Ramachandra University & University of Madras

Chairman, Liaison Committee appointed by AP Govt, to oversee Telugu educational & cultural activities in South Zone of India, at Chennai

### Some of his achievements

2000 : **Dr B C Roy National Award** (as eminent medical teacher), from the **President**

2004 : **Honorary FRCS** by the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons, Glasgow

2007 : **Honorary Doctorate (DSc)** from the TN Dr MGR Medical University

**1992-2010 : Examiner to FRCS & MRCS UK & Ireland (for Part-I & II)**

2011 : **Lifetime Achievement Award** by TN Dr MGR Medical University

2012 : Rashtriya Mahavir Parishad Award from the **President** in **Rashtrapathi Bhavan**

2013 : **Lifetime Achievement Award** from the British South India Chamber of Commerce (BSICC), presented in the **British Parliament House**, London

2017 : **Lifetime Achievement Award** by the Rastrethara Telugu Samakhya at Mumbai from the Vice President of Mauritius, HE Sri Paramasivam Pillai (now President)

2017 : **Lifetime Achievement Award** by the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (**AAPI**) at Kolkata from the Vice President of India

2018 : **Govt of India** released a **Postage Stamp** (5 Rs) with his picture, to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday for his outstanding medical & community services for **50 yrs**

2018 : Appointed as an Honorary Surgeon to the **Vice President of India** & his family

2019 : Conferred **Emeritus Professorship** of Surgery by Saveetha University, Chennai

2019 : **Prof K V Thiruvengadam** Excellence Award in Medicine by Rotary International

*Consultant General & Vascular Surgeon, Apollo Hospitals*

*President, Tamil Nadu Medical Practitioners' Association (TAMPA)*

*& Indian Chapter, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland*

*Formerly Medical Director, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Institute of Medical Sciences & Research*

*Honorary Professor of Surgery, Stanley Medical College & President, Tamil Nadu Medical Council*

After being in USA for **five** years, to leave such lucrative life, with an idea of settling in India, to serve his countrymen (in 1970), at a time when no one was returning from abroad, for want basic medical infrastructure, shows his **patriotic zeal** and **service attitude**.

He was an **Examiner** to MBBS, MS, MCh (Vascular), National Board, MRCS & FRCS (UK & Ireland), authored several scientific papers and 2 popular books in Surgery. Recently he wrote a unique book, '**Consultation Room**', to guide young Doctors to be more patient-friendly and to improve healthy Doctor-Patient relationship.

Prof CMKR performed first successful kidney transplantation in TN Govt hospitals, in Stanley Hospital, Chennai (1986), appreciated by TN CM, Dr M G Ramachandran

He is a Visiting Professor to several Universities in India & abroad

**Prof C M K Reddy** is one of the outstanding medical teachers of contemporary times, traveled widely in the cause of **Medical Education**; conducted/ participated over **1700** continuing medical education (CME) programs on various topics on medicine and medical education during the last 52 years. His **Sunday classes** for 3 decades, at Govt Stanley Hospital, were very popular, with nearly 100% of exam-going UG/PG students attending, which are being continued even after his retirement. He popularized teaching operative surgery through **video**, recording over 60 of his own operations, adding his comments and explanations. To encourage surgical students to develop interest in the subject of **Vascular Surgery**, he instituted an endowment in the TN Dr MGR Medical University for awarding **Prof C M K Reddy Gold Medal**, for MS (Gen & Ortho) students of our state.

#### **AS A LEADER FOR THE MEDICAL & DENTAL PROFESSIONS IN THE STATE**

Realizing that the Government always looks after the interests of the doctors in 'service', he started an organization to exclusively serve private practitioners, **TN Medical Practitioners' Association (TAMPA)** in 1989, to cater over **80,000** doctors in the state and started a News Letter, to disseminate important information to the practitioners.

There are about 30 Medical fraternities and their professional organizations in the state, including the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Tamil Nadu Govt. Doctors' Association (TNGDA) etc, each functioning within their limited scopes and spheres. As there was no united forum to address the common issues every doctor faces, he mooted idea of forming a confederation involving all of them, numbering around **1,50,000** doctors. The Dental fraternity, which has a strength of about **15,000**, expressed its desire to join the group and add to its strength. Accordingly the **Federation of Medical & Dental Associations of Tamil Nadu (FEMDAT)** was formed 25 years ago, first of its kind in the entire country. In recognition of his profound contributions for the welfare of the medical/dental professionals and for his relentless efforts to protect their rights and privileges, while admitting their responsibilities, **Prof Reddy** was unanimously chosen to be its **President**, which he continues now, enjoying the confidence of all the doctors in the state.

Prof C M K Reddy was the main architect of the legislation by TN Legislative Assembly, to regulate Clinical Establishments in the state, always **sphere-headed** movements by medical/dental fraternity, whenever the legitimate rights and dignity of profession were at stake and **liaisoned** to solve any confrontation by the profession with the government or private agencies, to avoid crisis.



As the **Chairman** of the Core Committee, he master-minded the creation of a common treatment facility for the safe segregation/disposal of bio-hazardous waste from the hospitals of Chennai.

In 2002, acknowledging his unstinted services to the medical fraternity in various capacities for over three decades, he was unanimously elected as the **President of Tamil Nadu Medical Council**, by the doctors of the state, to restore ethical standards and the noble public image of the medical profession in our state. He made a series of progressive reforms in the functioning of the TN Medical Council, which was dormant for several decades and created acute public awareness about its rights and responsibilities, to monitor the moral and ethical values in medical profession. He started a **Public Grievance Cell** to receive complaints from the aggrieved public and to initiate appropriate disciplinary action against erring doctors, as it is done in the western countries. He made registration of PG degrees compulsory (till then it was never done, though mandatory as per the Law), issued **Photo ID cards** to all the doctors in the state and made the Council more doctor-friendly.

Realizing the potential for **Medical Tourism** in the state, he catalyzed the TN Tourism Dept to open a separate cell dedicated for it and was nominated as a Core Committee member by the Govt of Tamil Nadu, to assist in day to day matters related to healthcare to tourists.

Since the onset of the present pandemic, the Teachers in all the Medical Colleges are engaged in Covid duties, the teaching has suffered to a great extent. Hence with the support of the TN Chapter of Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) and Surgical Professors of over 50 Medical Colleges, Prof CMKR started online (Webinar) Clinical teaching sessions for Surgical PG students (over 500), twice a month, involving teachers from various colleges by rotation. This initiative is widely appreciated by Medical fraternity of the state.

#### **LEADER FOR LINGUISTIC MINORITIES IN THE STATE**

He is the Founder-President of **All India Telugu Federation (AITF)** since **1989**, uniting 23 Telugu speaking communities in the state, with a staggering population of **27%** (nearly 2 crores). To coordinate and redress the problems of learning their mother tongue in the state, **Linguistic Minorities Forum of Tamil Nadu (LIMFOT)** was formed in **1995**, electing Prof CMKR as its Chairman. Issues related to the mother tongue of minorities, such as Telugu, Urdu, Malayalam, Kannada, Hindi, Sanskrit, Rajastani, Gujarati, Sourashtra, Arabic etc. are being sorted out through political and judicial approaches, under his leadership. By securing the verdict of Hon Chennai High Court in favor of retaining their mother-tongue in **for 7 years** (2016 to 2022), he earned tremendous popularity and goodwill among the Linguistic Minorities in the state, forming nearly **35% of population**. In recognition of his untiring services, his birthday (Oct 6<sup>th</sup>) is being celebrated as **Mother Tongue Protection Day** in the Districts of the state for the past **9 years**.

**POLITICAL LOYALTIES** : During the past several decades in any election AITF used to weigh the available options and extended support to some political party. But after the elections, none of the major parties in the state bothered to address the genuine grievances of linguistic minorities. On the other hand, DMK Govt brought in an Act in 2006 to eliminate all the minority languages from school syllabus and subsequent AIADMK Govt made no attempt to rectify it, inspite of repeated representations, even after 15 years.

Hence, during the past Assembly elections (2016 & 2021) in **Tamil Nadu**, Prof CMK Reddy prevailed upon LIMFOT to support Bharatiya Janata Party (**BJP**), with progressive ideology & clean image and willing to sort out our issues, under the dynamic leadership of **Hon Sri Narendra Modiji & Hon Sri Amit Shahji**.

In the last Assembly elections in **Karnataka**, Prof Reddy visited Bengaluru on the request of Telugu candidates and conducted meetings in several areas in support of **BJP** candidates. In the last Parliament elections in **Tamil Nadu**, Prof Reddy prevailed upon all the linguistic minorities to support BJP-AIADMK alliance and released video clippings in social media, justifying the decision. He is an active member of **BJP** for over **15 years**.

The **LIMFOT** participated in the **Dharna** organized by Chennai BJP, in support of **CAA & NRC** and released a **video** in social media, explaining why every patriotic citizen of India should welcome them. Several short **videos** were released on the performance of BJP Govt at the Centre and the benefits of New National Educational Policy-2020.

The **Linguistic Minorities**, numbering over 35% of the population in TN, are disillusioned about both the Dravidian Parties for their anti-national policies, but since there was no option, they kept choosing between "the devil & the deep sea" during the previous elections. If their main issues, such as learning mother-tongue and employment opportunities, can be addressed by the Centre and some concrete steps are initiated to take them to the masses, there will be a major swing in the voting pattern in the state.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Prof C M K Reddy is involved in several social and educational institutions, to serve the economically and socially handicapped communities (such as orphanages, old age homes, home for mentally disabled & physically challenged, leprosy colonies etc) in and around Chennai. He is the President of Sri Kanakadurga Telugu (SKDT) Schools, offering free education (no fees is collected from any student), for the past 30 years. He served as Honorary Professor of Surgery at Govt Stanley Med College, Chennai for 30 yrs (1970-99), **without any salary**. To update the general practitioners of the city, he has been conducting regular **monthly continuing medical education (CME)** programs on various current subjects under the banner of **TAMPA**, in Chennai, for the past **33 years (since 1989)**.

Since **2004**, he has been running weekly **FREE CLINIC** in his hospital, inaugurated by **Sri Sankara Jayendra Saraswathi Swamy** of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, to see **ALL** patients on **every Thursday**, 7am to 7pm, without consultation fees and offering lab services & Osurgery for them at **50%** cost, benefitting over **70,000** poor patients, till date. Kanchi Kamakoti Peetadhipathi, **Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamy** visited CMKR Hospital in Kilpauk last year, to bless his Free Clinic running for the past **18 years**.

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