

Name: Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar

Designation: Former, Dr. CG Pandit National Chair, Indian Council of Medical Research

Former Head, Division of Epidemiology & Communicable Diseases (ECD), Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi; and Director in Charge, National AIDS Research Institute, Pune.

As Head of ECD, managed research & contributed to public health response in recent outbreaks of Nipah, Zika and COVID 19. He is a member of the National Taskforce on COVID 19 and also a member of Clinical Research Group and Epidemiology & Operational Research Group for the National Taskforce on COVID 19. He is also a member of Covid Taskforce of Maharashtra. He is a member of the WHO's Scientific Advisory Group for the Origins of Novel Pathogens (SAGO). He is a member of India- Lancet Commission on COVID 19. He is a member of the Standing Working Group – Immunisation, Vaccine Research & Capacity Building (SWG-IVRCB) of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation, Government of India. He is a member of the Governing Body of the National Institute of Tuberculosis & Respiratory Diseases, New Delhi and the National Health Systems Resource Centre, New Delhi. He is a member, Empowered Committee Central Institute Body of the new AIIMS constituted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India; Scheme Review Committee of NCDC; and VRDLs under Department of Health Research. He is a member of High level Inter-ministerial Steering Committee for Eco Health Initiatives in India, constituted by MoHFW. He is a member of Steering Group on HIV Resistance Network (HIVResNet) constituted by WHO, Geneva. He is a Chairman of Technical Resource Group (TRG) on Public-Private Partnership; and Expert Group on Early Infant Diagnosis guidelines constituted by the National AIDS Control Organisation. He is a member of TRGs on Antiretroviral therapy; Pediatric Antiretroviral therapy; Lab services; and Surveillance & Epidemiology constituted by the National AIDS Control Organisation. He is a member of the expert group on the National Operations Research Committee; and Expert Committee on TB vaccines & Diagnostics under the National TB Elimination Program. He is a member of Technical Resource Group on Surveillance of Viral Hepatitis constituted by the National Center for Disease Control. He has been a member of the Governing Body of the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. He has been an Expert to the Standing National Committee on Essential List of Medicines; a member of Empowered Group 2 on COVID 19 and the Taskforce on Sub-National Certification constituted by the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program.

He is a member of Research Advisory Board of the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad; The Leprosy Mission Trust India, New Delhi; and the Research & Recognition Committee, Faculty of Health Sciences, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune, and Indrayani Hospital & Cancer Institute, Alandi. He is a member of the Institutional Scientific Advisory Committee, YRG Care, Chennai and Research Advisory Council, Dr. DY Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed University), Pune. Chair, Advisory Committee of Research & Development Cell, MGM Institute of Health Sciences, Mumbai.

He has been working in the field of HIV disease for over three decades. He is an expert in HIV medicine & associated infectious diseases, epidemiology and public health. He was one of key players in advocacy since 1989 and has been involved in policy making at National level on antiretroviral therapy, management of opportunistic infections, prevention of mother-to-child transmission and Sexually Transmitted Infections in addition to other key-population specific policies. He is a popular & astute HIV medicine physician. He has been a member of many prestigious international committees on different facets of HIV disease including those constituted by AIDS Clinical Trial Group (ACTG, National Institutes of Health, USA), WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNAIDS. His efforts to empower the socially challenged populations and enhancing their treatment literacy are widely appreciated. Has published over 223 papers in various International & National Journals.

Awards

Padma Shri Awardee 2020

He was awarded '*Doctor of Medical Science*' (*D. Med. Sc*) *Honors Causa* by the Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed to be University) in 2021.

He was awarded "D. Litt." by Symbiosis International (Deemed to University) in 2022.

He is a recipient of following Awards;

- Late Dr. Shankarrao Chavan Jeevan Gaurav Puraskar, 2022
- Lifetime Achievement Award, AIDS Society of India, 2022
- Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada Gaurav Puraskar, 2021
- Lifetime Achievement Award by the Army Institute of Technology, Pune on Feb 24, 2021
- "Karmayogini Vijayatai Lavate Award" by Manavya on Feb 11, 2021
- Legasis- Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) C1010 Gratitude Award on October 11, 2020
- Merit Award, HIV Congress 2016.