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Dr Venkata Rama Venugopal Durvasula wins recognition by National Environmental Science Academy

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The National Environmental Science Academy (NESA), New Delhi, has recently announced the selection of Dr. Venkata Rama Venugopal Durvasula for the Scientist of the Year Award 2026.

The recognition marks an important milestone in a career combining medicinal chemistry research, pharmaceutical inventions, scientific leadership, and international industry experience.

Dr Durvasula is an Indian-origin pharmaceutical scientist and research and development leader with approximately two decades of experience spanning India, Canada, and the United States. He currently serves as Senior Project Manager, R&D/Tech Services, at Hikma Pharmaceuticals in Ohio, USA, where he contributes to complex pharmaceutical development programs involving scientific, technical, regulatory, and manufacturing functions.

During his 13-year career with Ranbaxy Laboratories and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Dr Durvasula contributed to pharmaceutical process research, active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) development, synthetic-route optimization, crystallization, impurity control, technology transfer, and manufacturing scale-up.

Beyond his industrial responsibilities, Dr. Durvasula contributes to the international scientific community through scholarly publications, journal manuscript peer review, and independent evaluation of doctoral research.