

Sakshi Excellence Awards 2018

CATEGORY: JURY'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD – HEALTHCARE

Name of the Winner: DR. DAMERA YADAI AH

Head, Special New Born Care Unit, Nalgonda District Hospital (SCNU)

Nalgonda

PROFILE:

The Special New-born Care Unit (SCNU) established on 15.08.2012 at Nalgonda District Hospital is led by 52 year-old Dr. Damera Yadaiah, who has spent close to 20 years in the government healthcare system. Yadaiah's vision is to decrease the mortality rate of the new-borns. He is also committed to providing healthcare to the needy.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Till date Dr. Yadaiah has treated 10,000 babies with a remarkable survival rate of 86%.
- More than 700 new-born babies weighing less than 1500 gm have been treated and more than 172 new-born babies weighing less than 1000 gm have been treated successfully.
- Dr Yadaiah has been contributing to reduce the Neonatal Mortality from 40/1000 birth 8.2% (Single digit NMR – target by 2020)
- Survival of new born babies is Dr. Yadaiah's priority, a baby weighing 650 gms, the lowest birth weight survived in the unit in 2015 (first in the country for a Public Sector Hospital).
- Premature babies less 37 weeks GA with low birth weight less than 1800 gms have been treated successfully by Dr. Yadaiah.
- To reduce the mortality rate of the new-borns training programmes, workshops on Bubble CPAP, Kangaroo Mother Care, ROP Screening, FBNC training, Neonatal Resuscitation are organized regularly.
- The Nalgonda project has highlighted the huge underlying potential of these SNCUs and their role in saving new-born lives in both the Telugu states.