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Prof. Dr. R.K. Govindarajan is a Committed Educationist and Researcher in the field of Public Economics and Environmental Economics. He did his Ph.D. in Economics of Education and also pursued B.L. Degree in Govt. Law College, Coimbatore. He has rich experience of more than 35 years in Higher Educational Institutions and at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. He is retired from service as Professor and Head, Dept. of Economics, Bharathiar University. He has also served as Full-time Director of School of Distance Education, Dean, CPOP Program, Incharge of Registrar and Controller of Examinations office on several occasions. It is proud to mention that he was heading Community College division and also served as NSS Programme Coordinator for 85 Colleges of Bharathiar University. During his tenure has was coordinating 250 proramme officers and 25,000 student volunteers.

Prof. Govindarajan is the source of inspiration to many of his students and research scholars. His research contribution includes guidance for 7 Ph.D Scholars, 40 M.Phil scholars, Publication of 50 research articles in reputed journals. In recognition of his dedication in teaching, research and community services, he has been conferred with four awards. They are, Best NSS Programme Officer awards by Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Bharathiar University. Best Professor award by Bharathiar University and Environmental Management Research award by Department of Environment, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

Prof. Govindarajan has conducted 4 Major Research Projects funded by UGC and Govt. of Tamil Nadu. He has also served as consultant for NIEPA Project and also for Water Resource Orgainsation, PWD, Govt. of Tamil Nadu . He has organized 6 National Level Conferences and Seminars during his tenure at Bharathiar University. It is noteworthy to mention that Prof. Govindarajan is the member of NAAC Peer Team for assessment of Higher Educational institutions. He has also served as member of UGC Expert Committee for selection of Major Research Project, UGC Nominee for SAP-DRS- Economics at Karnataka University, Deputy co-ordinator UGC-SAP-DRS Programme.

Apart from his academic and research assignments, he has been served as subject experts in the selection Committee for Teaching and Administrative positions of various universities and colleges. Currently he is serving as Visiting Professor of Economics at PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore. He is also visiting schools and colleges to deliver talks on Indian Economy, Social and Moral Value, Youth Leadership, Career Guidance, Tamil Language and Literature, Environmental management etc., He has also written articles in Edited Books on

Environmental Economics, General Economics and book on former President Abdul Kalam.

Recently, he has established a Research Institute namely, **CDER (Centre for Development and Environmental Research)** in association with his colleagues. He is the Founder Chairman and Director of CDER and the institute is actively engaged in activities such as Socio-Economic and Environmental Research, Field Surveys, Funded projects, Data Analysis, Faculty Development Programme, assisting in Central and State Government Welfare Programmes, guiding students in research activities, career guidance, organising seminars, conferences and workshops. CDER has also signed MOU with leading Premier Institutions to undertake academic and research collaborations.

Prof. Govindarajan is a multi- faceted Personality who is actively engaged in teaching, research and Community service and being source of inspiration to many students even after his retirement from regular university service.

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