

CURRICULUM - VITAE OF DR. D. SUNDAR RAM

(Director, AGRASRI, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh)



- 1. Name** : Dr. D. SUNDAR RAM
2. Place and Date of Birth : Thondavada, Tirupati (AP) 01, August, 1960.
3. Age : 55 Years as on 01, August, 2015.
4. Marital Status : Married (Two Children)
5. Nationality : Indian
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8. Academic Qualifications:

- M.A. (Political Science), S.V.University
- B.Ed. (English & Social Studies), S.V.University
- D.P.A. (Diploma Pub. Admn.), S.V.University
- Ph.D. (Political Science), S.V.University

9. Theme of Ph.D. Thesis:

Role of Opposition in Andhra Pradesh 1975-1985
(Adjudicated by the University of London in 1990)

10. Theme of Post-Doctoral Work:

Efforts for Unity of Opposition Parties in India 1952-1990: A Study
(Report Submitted to the UGC, New Delhi in 1996)

11. Present Position:

- Founder Director, Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI)
- Founder - Secretary- General, Rajiv Rural Development Foundation (RRDF)
- Editor, the Grassroots Governance Journal (Bi-Annual in English)
- Consulting Editor, the American Biographical Institute's (ABI), USA
- Chief Organiser, Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture Programme.
- Convenor, Jury of Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi National Awards.

12. Fellowships:

- Ph.D. Research Fellowship of Sri Venkateswara University - 1986 -1989.
- Short - term Research Fellowship of the ICSSR, New Delhi - 1989.
- Parliamentary Fellowship, Inst.of Constitutional & Parliamentary Studies, New Delhi-1990.
- Research Associateship (Post- Doctoral Fellowship) of the UGC-1991-1996.

13. Awards / Honours:

- Inclusion in the 2003/2004 Edition of *The Contemporary Whos' Who*, published by the American Biographical Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA.
- Member, Indo-Pak Delegation on Local Governance, led by *Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar*, Hon'ble Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Government of India, New Delhi, during 1-4 July, 2007 at Lahore (Pakistan).
- Member, Indo-Norway Delegation on Local Governance, led by *Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar*, Hon'ble Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Government of India, New Delhi, during 29-31 October, 2007 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

14. Countries Visited:

Visited Pakistan, as *Member of the Indian Delegation on Local Governance*, led by *Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar*, Hon'ble Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, New Delhi, during 1-4 July, 2007.

15. Membership in Professional / Academic Bodies:

- a) The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi.
- b) The Indian Political Science Association (IPSA), Chennai.
- c) The New Public Administration Society of India (NEPASI), New Delhi.
- d) The Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI), Tirupati.
- e) The Rajiv Rural Development Foundation (RRDF), Tirupati.
- f) The Indian Public Administration Association (IPAA), Chennai.

16. Positions Held:

- a) *Ph.D. Research Fellow*, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, AP (1986-1990).
- b) *UGC Research Associate*, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, AP (1991-1996).
- c) *Reader & Head*, P.G. Department of Public Administration, Sri Subbaraya & Narayana College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP (1996-2000).
- d) *Co-ordinator*, UGC-College Humanities and Social Science Improvement Programme (COHSSIP), PNC & KR Degree College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP (2000-2004).
- e) *Convenor*, UGC-NAAC Streering Committee, PNC & KR Degree College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP (2004).

17. Teaching Experience:

- a) 10 Years as *UGC Research Associate & Reader* at the Post-Graduate level in Political Science and Public Administration disciplines at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati and Sri Subbaraya & Narayana College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh (1991-2000).
- b) 4 Years as *Faculty Member* at the Under-Graduate level in Political Science & Public Administration at PNC & KR Degree College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP (2000-2004).
- c) 4 Years as *Academic Counsellor* at the Post-Graduate level in Political Science and Public Administration disciplines at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Regional Study Centre, Tirupati, AP, (2004-2008).

18. Research Experience:

- a) 10 Years as *Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellow in Political Science & Public Administration* at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati (1986-1996).
- b) 4 Years as *Reader in Public Administration* at Sri Subbaraya and Narayana College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP (1996-2000).
- c) 3 Years as *Principal Investigator* of the UGC Major Research Project on *Dynamics of Federalism in India - The Case of Governor's Role in Southern States 1950- 2001: A Study* at PNC & KR Degree College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP (2002-2004).

19. Administrative Experience:

- a) 5 Years as *Chairman (HOD)*, P.G. Department of Public Administration, Sri Subbaraya & Narayana College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP (1996-2000).
- b) 4 Years as *Founder Joint Secretary - General* of the Madabhushi Ananthasayanam Institute of Public Affairs, Tirupati, which was Inaugurated by **Shri R.Venkataraman**, Former President of India (1993-1996).

- c) 4 Years as *Co-ordinator*, UGC Projects and *Convenor*, UGC-NAAC Steering Committee, PNC&KR Degree College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP (2000-2004).

20. UGC Major Research Projects Completed:

- a) *Efforts for Unity of Opposition Parties in India 1950-1990 : A Study*, Dept. of Political Science & Public Admn, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, which was funded by the University Grants Commission of India (1991- 1996).
- b) *Dynamics of Federalism in India - The Case of Governor's Role in Southern States 1950-2001: An Overview*, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, PNC & KR Degree College (Acharya Nagarjuna University), Narasaraopet, Guntur District, AP, which was funded by the University Grants Commission of India, New Delhi (2002-2004).

21. Earlier Appointments:

- a) *Junior Research Investigator*, Research Project on Panchayati Raj, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, AP, which was funded by the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh (1986).
- b) *Parliamentary Fellow*, Institute of Constitutional & Parliamentary Studies, New Delhi(1990)
- c) *UGC Research Associate*, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, Sri Venkateswara University, Tiruapti, AP (1991-1996).
- d) *Academic Counsellor* (Part-time), Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Regional Study Centre, Tirupati, AP (1993-1995 and 2002-2007).
- e) *Research Assistant*, Institute of Public Enterprise, Osmania University, Hyderabad (1999).
- f) *Academic Manager*, Nalanda Educational Institutions, Vijayawada (2000).

22. Areas of Specialisation:

- a) Indian Governance and Politics
- b) Grassroots Democracy and Governance
- c) Women and Youth Studies
- d) Panchayati Raj & Rural Development
- e) Election Studies

23. Research Publications:

- a) Books: **20**
- b) Chapters in Edited Volumes / Books: **38**
- c) Papers in Research Journals: **23**
- d) Conference / Seminar / Workshop Papers: **29**
- e) Articles in Telugu Journals / Magazines: **17**
- f) Talks in All India Radio: **27**
- g) Reports on Conferences/Seminars/Workshops: **07**
- h) Articles in Telugu Dailies: **57**
- i) Articles in English Dailies: **02**
- j) Book Reviews: **08**

24. No. of Conferences / Seminars / Workshops / Conventions Organised: 36.

(Many programmes were funded/sponsored by the ICSSR, UGC, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, National Commission for Women, Govt. of India, AP Academy of Rural Development, Govt. of AP).

- ❖ As Director, 274 *Capacity Building and Training Programmes* were organised for the elected representatives of PRI's in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh in the Year 2010, under the aegis of Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, Tirupati in collaboration with APARD, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, with the support of Backward Region Grants Fund (BRGF) of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

- ❖ As Chief Organising Secretary, the *Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture* and *Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi National Awards programme* is being organised every year on 20 August under the aegis of Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, in Tirupati/New Delhi since 2002 onwards.

25. Academic Referees:

- a) **Padma Vibhushan Dr. C. Rangarajan.**
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