



## **Dr. K.V. Somasundaram**

### **CURRENT POSITION**

Dr. K.V. Somasundaram is currently the Director & Associate Professor, School of Public Health and Social Medicine – a UGC recognized Constituent Unit of PIMS-Deemed to be University, Loni. He is also the Program Director & Faculty for Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Social Work (Health) and Diploma and Certificate Programs in Optometry and Ophthalmic Assistant, Global Health, Tribal Health, Community Oriented Primary Care, Project Planning Management etc. Dr. K.V Somasundaram has designed and is implementing a Five Layer Comprehensive Rural and Tribal Healthcare Model with 8 Primary Health Centres, 3 Mobile Medical Clinics, 6 Motorbike Ambulances-cum-Health Clinics, 24 Gram Arogya Banks, 600 Community Health Workers in 250+ villages (100 tribal)

- **Centre for Research in Tribal Health and Services** – with three verticals – Research, Skill Development Training & Innovative Healthcare Models/Services – recognized as Centre of Excellence by MoTA, GoI
- **Centre for Vocational/Skill Development Training (VTC))** – designs and implements 35+ short term skill development training programs in para-medical and allied health sciences approved by MSSDS, GoM

He is the Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences (Physiotherapy, Public Health and Social Medicine, Medical Biotechnology & Para-medical Sciences), PIMS-DU, Loni since 2021. The Head of the Centre of Excellence in Tribal Healthcare & Research” of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India – November 2019 onwards and the Associate Professor of Biostatistics, PIMS-DU, Loni. He is the Adjunct Faculty, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Drake University, USA since July 2018. Project Director/Principal Investigator: 10 ongoing External Funded Public Health Research and Extension Projects including NACO (TI Projects on FSW, Migrants etc), MoHFW, National Tribal Research Institute, MoTA, GoI, and Tribal Research and Training Institute, GoM, Pune etc

### **PAST EXPERIENCE:**

Head & Asso.Prof, Dept of Medical Informatics, RMC, Loni : 3 years (Dec. 2005-2008)  
Head & Asso.Prof Dept of Biostatistics & Medical Records : 6 years (1999–2005)

Associate Professor of Biostatistics, RMC, Loni : 4 years (1995-1999)  
 Lecturer in Biostatistics, Rural Medical College, Loni : 7 years (1988-1995)  
 Visiting Research Fellow, QUT, Australia : 5 years (2004-2008)  
 Research Officer, PIRENS, Loni, India : 4 years (1984-1988)  
 Total 34 years of teaching, research and administrative experience

#### **POSITIONS HELD UNIVERSITY LEVEL**

- Member of Senate, University of Pune, Pune: 1990-1996
- Member of Faculty of Medicine, University of Pune, 1990-1996.
- Member Academic Council, PIMS-DU, Loni – 2007 to 2019
- Chairman, BoS of Social Medicine, PIMS-DU – 2008 onwards
- Chairman, Institutional Research Committee of College of Nursing, College of Physiotherapy and Centre for Social Medicine (2014 – 2017)
- Member, BoS on Public Health, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon-2016
- Member of BoS of Social Medicine, Community Medicine and Biotechnology, Environmental Studies, PIMS-DU, Loni – 2004-2007
- Paper Setter, Moderator for Biostatistics, Research Methodology and Project Planning and Mgt. for MPH PIMS-DU, Loni – 2012 onwards
- External Research Evaluator, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore – 2018 onwards

#### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

M.Sc. (Statistics) from Andhra University, Waltair, Andhra Pradesh, 1983  
 Diploma in Computer Programming (DCP), Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu 1986  
 Certificate Training in Rural Energy & Development, IIT Delhi, 1987  
 Certificate in Rapid Survey Methodology, John Hopkins University, USA, 1991  
 Certificate in Public Health, Linkpoing University, Sweden, 2002

**RESEARCH PAPERS PUBLISHED: 40** (National 17; International 23)

**RESEARCH & EXTN PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED AS PI/CO-PI:** Completed- 22  
 Ongoing - 10

- 1) Over 50 Research papers have been presented in National and International conferences (30 papers in International Conferences as Main Author or Co-author)
- 2) 38 Research papers published in National & International Journals

#### **CONFERENCES/WORKSOPS/SEMINARS ATTENDED/ORGANIZED**

- 1) Attended 35 Regional & National and International level Training Programs / Conferences/workshops
- 2) Involved in 50 Regional, National & International Conferences/workshops, 4 International level (1993 Asian, 1998 International, 2002, National, 2008 Asian)
- 3) Organizing Chairman of National Conference on Tribal Health Research, 19-21 Sept 2019

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

- Honorary Fellow, School of Public Health, QUT, Australia - Sept 2004 to July 2008
- Recipient of QUT Visiting Fellowship at School of Public Health, QUT, Australia from 1<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> April 2005.
- Member, National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) District Level Committee, Ahmednagar – Since Feb. 06
- Member, Reproductive & Child Health (RCH) Committee, Ahmednagar–since Jan. 05
- Member, Quality Assurance Committee, District Medical Services, A'nagar – Since Jan. 2007
- Member, Task Force, District level ASHA (Tribal) Appointment & Monitoring Committee, Ahmednagar - Mar. 2008
- Recipient of ISPEL (WHO Collaborating Centre), Italy Fellowship as Invited speaker at "International Conference on Rural Health in Mediterranean and Balkan Countries" Bari, Italy, November 2002.
- Recipient of Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Stockholm fellowship for attending a Eight Week Faculty Exchange Programme in Public Health, Problem Based Learning & Research Methodologies, at Linköping University, Sweden from April 15 - June 15, 2002
- Recipient of Overseas Development Agency (ODA), British Council Division, India fellowship for a two week Training on Planning for Socio-Economic Impact of HIV/AIDS in Developing Countries (9<sup>th</sup> - 20 March 1997) at IIHMR, Jaipur, organized for South Asian Countries by University, U.K.
- Recipient of Program for Appropriate Technology (PATH), USA fellowship for a Workshop on Safe Motherhood organized by SWATCH, Chandigarh.
- Recipient of USAID fellowship for attending a two week Training of Survey Trainers (TOST) Workshop (May, 1995) at Khatmandu, Nepal organized for South Asian Countries by Johns' Hopkins University, USA
- Recipient of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Gold Medal at Andhra University 1983.
- Secured University 2<sup>nd</sup> Rank in M.Sc., (Three Year Program) at Andhra University 1983.

## **CURRENT RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Research Consultant (Public Health) – Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore, Karnataka

Member, Research Ethical Committee, PIMS-DU, Loni & Dr. Vikhe Patil Foundation, Ahmednagar

Member, National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) District Level Committee, Ahmednagar – Since Feb. 06

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Project Coordinator, Comprehensive Rural Health Project (USAID assisted): Since 1991