



#### Brief CV of R.Indira

**R.Indira** (M.A & Ph.D - Mysore) retired as Professor of Sociology from the University of Mysore in 2014. In her University career spanning 42 years, she has held such positions as Chair of the Department of Sociology, Director of the International Centre and Honorary Director of the Centre for Women's Studies. Her main areas of interest and work are women in forest dependent communities, education of girl children and community management of forest resources. A columnist who has been writing on social themes in leading Kannada newspapers, her major works include *Themes in Sociology of Education (Studies in Indian Sociology)* and *Gender and Society in India (Two volumes)* as editor, and many Kannada books and journal articles on such themes as feminism, gender and research methods. She is an Honorary Adjunct Professor at the University of Iowa and also taught a semester at that University as a Fulbright Visiting Lecturer. Earlier she had worked on American Women & Technical Education on a Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Purdue University. She was an ICSSR Senior Research Fellow & received four fellowships from the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute and has carried out extensive work with forest communities in Western Ghats. She has been a visiting faculty at Study India Programs of the Universities of Puget Sound, Iowa, Delaware, Princeton and Michigan, Florida International University in the United States and Mount Alison, Guelph and Concordia Universities in Canada.

Indira has been Visiting Fellow at the Department of Sociology, University of Delhi and Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati and a Scholar-in-Residence at the Kuvempu University, Shimoga. She is associated with the E-Pathashala PG programme in Sociology as the course coordinator of the Education and Society course. She is currently heading a team that is translating Anthony Giddens's SOCIOLOGY (6<sup>th</sup> Edition) into Kannada and editing the English-Kannada Glossary in Sociology being brought out by the National Translation Mission, MHRD and is involved in two state government projects evaluating the Joint Forest Planning & Management Programme in Karnataka and the farm forestry project under MGNREGA.

Indira was a Member of the Managing Committee of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) between 2002 & 2006 and Secretary of the ISS between 2014 & 2015.

R. Indira has worked as a Lead Researcher in many research projects sponsored by international, national and state level organizations related to gender & social issues, done gender auditing of educational institutions and has been organizing gender sensitization workshops for students, faculty and staff of industries. She is the President of Samruddhi Foundation, a civil society group that she initiated with her family & friends for building capacities of women, research students & members of civil society.

R.Indira has been conferred with awards and recognitions for her research and writing. These include the **Triveni Award** from the Kannada Women Writers' Forum and **Sadodita Award** from the Shashwati Trust for her works on women. She has recently been conferred with the **H.S Parvathy Endowment Award** by the Karnataka Women Writer's Forum for her writings in the field of Issue based Literature.

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