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Brief Biodata

Dr. K. Kumaraswamy (March 13, 1956) obtained his Bachelor Degree in Geography (1977) from Government Arts College, Coimbatore; M.Sc., (1979) in Geography and Ph.D., (1986) in Water Resources Management from University of Madras, Chennai. He was University First Rank holder in Graduate and Post-Graduate Studies. He was awarded UGC and CSIR Fellowships for his Doctoral Degree and Research Associateship Programmes at University of Madras. His advanced studies were at Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehra Dun, India (1996) and at Water Resources Research Centre (VITUKI), Budapest, Hungary (1993). In both the programmes he was awarded Distinction for his meritorious studies.

He is associated with the UNESCO and German IHP/OHP programs and participated in a number of activities in The Netherlands (1993), Thailand (1994), Sweden (1995), Thailand (1995), Singapore (1995), France (1997), Thailand (1998), Germany (2001), Sri Lanka (2004) Canada (2011) and Sri Lanka (2018), Indonesia (2019) and Malaysia (2019). He has guided 29 Ph.D., candidates and 90 M. Phil., / M. Tech., students. To his credit he has published more than 80 research papers in national / international journals and authored 10 books in Remote Sensing, GIS, Water Resources and Environmental Studies. He has organized 12 national / International conferences in Bharathidasan University. He is a life member / different positions in 15 National / international Associations.

Dr. Kumaraswamy was awarded Prof. B. M. Thirunaranan Award for his continuous research in geography by the Indian Geographical Society and UGC's Indo-Hungarian Long-Term Educational Exchange Programme in 2006. He is specialised in Water Resources Management, Remote Sensing and Geographical Information. He was the Director of Council for College and Curriculum Development (CCCD) of Bharathidasan University between 2004 - 2007 & 2013-2014; Syndicate and Finance Committee Member of Bharathidasan University (2014 – 2016); Head of the Department of Geography and Senate Member of the University from 2009 – 2012 & 2014 – 2016; Coordinator of the UGC – SAP – DRS I & II Programmes and Warden of the Hostels of Bharathidasan University for 10 years. He is the Editor of the Indian Geographical Journal. He has been awarded with UGC- Mid Career Award / One Time Grant (2015-16) and UGC – BSR Faculty Fellowship (2016 – 2019) to conduct advanced research in earth sciences. Recently he has been awarded with ICSSR Senior Fellowship to conduct research on 'Water Quality and Human Health in the Noyyal River Basin of Tamil Nadu' (2019 – 2021).