

PROFILE IN BRIEF

Prof K. Purushotham obtained M.A, M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Osmania University, and P.G.D.T.E. from the erstwhile Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (The English and Foreign Languages University), Hyderabad. A critic, translator and academic administrator, he has designed and taught courses in language and literature for above three decades at the graduate, post-graduate and research levels.

His research interests include anti-caste writing, Telugu literature and translations. He has published extensively, some of which include *The Oxford India Anthology of Telugu Dalit Writing* (OUP); *Ahead of their Times: Essays on Women Autobiography in India* (Kalpaz); *Interrogating the Canon: Literature and Pedagogy of Dalits* (Kalpaz); *Objective English Literature*. He has brought out the textbooks for undergraduate students: *English for Fluency* (Orient BlackSwan), *English for Employability*, (Orient BlackSwan), *English for Excellence* (Orient BlackSwan), *English for Careers* (Orient BlackSwan), besides seventy articles and chapters. His works are taught in India and abroad.

An acclaimed translator, Prof Purushotham renders works from Telugu to English, some of which include *Kakka: A Dalit Novel* (Hawakal); *Black Lilies: An Anthology of Telugu Dalit Poetry* (Critical Quest); *14 April Telugu Dalit Short Stories* (Panther's Paw), besides the publication of about 200 poems and short stories in English translation.

Prof Purushotham has been an editor, a guest editor, consulting editor, associate editor, besides being a peer reviewer for the important journals. He has carried out, as the Principal Investigator, six funded research projects of the U.G.C. and I.C.S.S.R. on language and literature.

Prof Purushotham has edited the course material, and authored 64 lessons in Self-Instructional Mode (SIM), besides being the coordinator of the Open and Distance Learning (O.D.L.) mode. The course material he has coordinated to produce, edited and authored has widely been in use, contributing to the expansion of higher education through O.D.L. mode.

Prof Purushotham has guided 25 scholars for Ph.D. and 10 scholars for M.Phil.

Prof Purushotham gained rich administrative experience as the Dean, Faculty of Arts, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Head of the Department, Chairman, Board of Studies, Director, Centre for English Language Training (CELT), Director, Placement Cell, Vice-principal and Coordinator UGC SAP (DRS). As an academic administrator, Prof Purushotham has introduced reforms attaining transparency and efficiency in the running of the institutions.

Prof Purushotham, who has served on different academic and administrative committees of the universities, State Government and University Grants Commission, has been a recipient of several awards such as State Award to Meritorious Teachers, Fellow of the Royal World of Scribes (FRWS), Pentasi B Philippines World Poetry Festival, among others.