

AWARD DESCRIPTION

Dr. K. Gulam Dasthagir, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Sociology, Pondicherry University has been conferred with the Achievement Award as a Leading Sociologist of Tamil Nadu by University of Madras, Department of Sociology in collaboration with Madras University Sociology Alumni Association (MUSAA) in recognition of his invaluable and dedicated service for the Department and Promotion of Sociology on 25-01-2019.

BRIEF PROFILE

Prof. K. Gulam Dasthagir

Dr. Dasthagir holds a consistent academic record of being school topper both in high school and higher secondary school, won **3 Gold medals** in 1st year, 2nd year and 3rd year of graduation in Sociology, University 1st rank in Post-graduation in Sociology and qualified **UGC-NET & JRF** (in debut), with 23 years of teaching and research experience is serving as Professor and Head (i/c) in Pondicherry University since 2010. Specializing in Sociology of Irrigation, Religious Minorities, Gender and marginalized groups- he has published articles in Journals including: Journal of Gender Studies (SAGE), Indian Journal of Social Work (TISS) carrying Scopus Index and impact factor and journals with National and International recognition.

Besides presenting papers in International forums - World Water Week at Sweden, IWMI Tata Water Meet, Singapore, Sri Lanka; National conferences and seminars: Indian Institute of Technology, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jamia Milia Islamia, University of Hyderabad, Institute of Rural Management etc, Dasthagir has delivered inaugural, keynote addresses and served as chairperson of International Conference at Singapore and National Conferences at Karaikudi, Gandhi Gram, New Delhi, Mysore, Salem, Pondicherry, Bhubaneshwar etc., as well as organized ICSSR national seminar and is serving as a Referee in national journals. In addition to Conducting workshop on Disability Management to pupil and school teachers as well as college students and faculty, he has conducted workshop for engineering students on academic and career choices and conducted training program for engineers of Public Works Department. He has Served as Consultant of Ford Foundation, Directed UGC and ICSSR funded Research Projects, developed self instruction materials for UG and PG programs in Sociology and Social Work of Tamil Nadu Open University and Pondicherry University DDE, Dasthagir is Serving as member of Academic Council of Pondicherry University, Board of Studies of sociology and sister disciplines of colleges and universities.

Being the recipient of the Outstanding Employee State Award by the Government of Puducherry and Best Employee State Award of the Government of Tamil Nadu twice, Dr. Dasthagir is honored with the **Best Teacher Award, Outstanding Faculty Award, Young Social Scientist Award, Youth Merit Award, Outstanding Personality Award and Best Research Paper Awards in National Seminar and International Conference**. Although Affected by **meningitis** as an infant of 4 months that caused total loss of eyesight (100 % blindness in both the eyes), he is, Currently teaching Pre-Ph.D., Post-graduate and integrated M.A programs in sociology, guiding Doctoral and post-graduate research, directing ICSSR research project, providing coaching for competitive examinations, community service, academic and career counseling.