

Basavaraju Rajashekharapurthy is a development and public policy professional having a diversified expertise in strategic planning, policy development, research, designing & implementing projects in the Non-Profit, Government and Corporate Social Responsibility sectors.

He is serving as the Executive Director of **Grassroots Research And Advocacy Movement** and successfully handled the responsibility of establishing GRAAM as a credible public policy research institute from the scratch. His interested thematic areas of research and consultancy are Corporate Social Responsibility Consulting, Skill Development, and Livelihood.

He has been a consultant to reputed corporate in planning and implementing CSR programs. Some of the companies he is providing his service are PAGE Industries Limited (Jockey), TITAN, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, ABB and Aditya Birla's Madhura Graments. Basavaraju was awarded as '**Most Impactful Social Innovator**' at the **World CSR Congress February 2018**.

He was invited by the **Cornell University's** Employment and Disability Institute, the USA as a Visiting Fellow. He has presented papers and participated in national and international conferences, mostly as a paper presenter and speaker. The major conferences that include Human Development and Capability Association, in Greece, University of Manchester, UK, International Budget Partnership in Tanzania and Thailand, Indian Social Science Congress, Mysore, Skill Development Conference by CII in Chennai.

Basavaraju previously served as the Head-Projects at Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement where he played a key role in extending activities of the organization to different states in India. His contributions are significant in establishing the Vivekananda Institute of Leadership Development as one of the recognized training institutes in the country.

As the Deputy Director of State Resource Centre on Child Labour at Government of Karnataka, he convened the high-level committee and developed the State Action Plan for the elimination of child labour. State Resource Centre was established as a nodal agency to facilitate child labour elimination programs in collaboration with the International Labour Organization. He was Editor-in-Chief of the bi-monthly newsletter on 'Balavani'. Many technological for tracking and reporting child labour happened during his period.

Policy and advisory responsibilities in the Government:

- Member – South India Region Skill Development and Employment Task Force constituted by Confederation of Indian Industries (2018)
- Member – Karnataka Vision 2025 Sector Specialist Group and Author of the Skill Development and Employment Vision Document for the state (2017-18)
- Member – Curricula Review Committee – Job Readiness Training and Soft Skill Training for it is, Government of Karnataka (2018)
- Member – Core Team of Consultants to develop Skill Development Policy for Government of Karnataka and principal author of the policy draft (2017)
- Member – South India Region Water Task Force constituted by Confederation of Indian Industries (2017)
- Member – Advisory Committee for Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Mission, Government of Karnataka (2012)

- Member – Drafting Committee of Karnataka Sanitation Facilities Guarantee Act (2014-15), Department of Rural Development and Panchayath Raj, Government of Karnataka
- Member - Advisory Committee to draft Land Purchase Policy for Housing Schemes in Karnataka, Department of Housing, Govt of Karnataka (2014-15)
- Convener – Advisory Committee for drafting a revised action plan for the elimination of Child Labour in Karnataka, Government of Karnataka (2010-2011) r in Karnataka, Government of Karnataka (2010-2011)

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