

## Profile of Dr. A Ravindra

Served as an IAS officer in various capacities in government before retiring as Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka at the end of 2002. Holds a PhD in Development Studies and has specialized in the urban sector including water management. He was responsible for introducing several governance reforms such as rationalizing property tax system through the Self Assessment Scheme and mobilizing resources for urban infrastructure through municipal bonds. He was instrumental in initiating the Cauvery Water Supply Project (Stage IV) and the Metro Rail Project for Bangalore.

After retirement, Dr. Ravindra has served as Deputy Chairman, Karnataka State Planning Board and Sr. Visiting Fellow at IIM, Bangalore. Currently, he heads the Centre for Sustainable Development, a non-profit organization, The Institute for Social and Economic Change, a research organization in social sciences, Bangalore.

Dr Ravindra has published several papers and articles on urban and public policy issues. His books include Urban Land Policy, Dance of Democracy and a monograph on Cauvery Water Dispute.