MESSAGE

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It is my pleasure to write a few words of appreciation about Prof. P. Perumalsamy, former Professor cum Deputy Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. He retired from his service after serving successfully from CIIL, Mysore with care, concern and commitment to his academic and administrative profession.

He left behind remarkable marks in academic and administrative service. His performance as Head, Centre of Digital information, Centre of Language policy, Planning and Sociolinguistics, Centre for Speech Science and Education Technology Unit, Grant in Aid and also as Coordinator, Mother Tongue Survey of India is so impressive.

He has gained vast research knowledge. He worked in many research projects and organized several Workshops, National and International conferences and Seminars. He also participated in several advisory committee meetings during his tenure in CIIL, Mysore and as research officer in Office of Registrar General India, Calcutta. He is a multilingual, able to understand, speak, read and write languages like Tamil, English, Hindi, Kannada and Bengali. He has membership in several esteemed institutions and journals. He won several prestigious awards as well during his career.

He started his academic career as a Junior Research Fellow in a UGC sponsored major research project initially and later as a Senior Research Investigator in CIIL sponsored other project in Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. Then he moved on to Office of Registrar General, India Kolkata in the year 1992 to serve in various capacities as Investigator and Research officer for two and half decades. He joined as Professor cum Deputy Director, CIIL, Mysore in the year 2017. During his career he also handled several administrative responsibilities. He is very successful as an academician and administrator.

He is also a good researcher. He has published several books and articles in reputed National and International Journals. Guided many Ph.D. scholars and evaluated several dissertations. He has delivered a number of lecturers also. He has humpty number of Language in India www.languageinindia.com ISSN 1930-2940 Vol. 24:4 April 2024

innate qualities of head and heart. He was always cheerful and handles the problems with ease and efficiency.

Professor P. Perumalsamy, a dedicated academician, administrator, researcher, more than that a good human being is well known to me for decades from the time he joined as a student of M.A. Linguistics, Department of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai in the year 1984.

Though he moved from Madurai to several places concerned with his studies and profession, we had a good academic relationship and participated together in several workshops and committees.

I wish him all success in his life and future endeavours. I take great pride in wishing him on his retirement to have healthy and cheerful life! Retirement is only from the official services so far he handled but wish him to contribute further relentlessly in his ambitious academic and social services till his lifetime.