



Professor K. P. Kannan selected for V. V. Giri Memorial Award

Professor K.P. Kannan [Member, National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS), Government of India and a Fellow at the Centre for Development Studies Thiruvananthapuram] was selected for the First V.V.Giri Memorial Award in Labour and Development (2008). The award, which is instituted by the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida to honour outstanding researchers in the area of labour, carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh and a citation. The selection of Professor Kannan for this prestigious award is in view of his commendable contributions in the area of 'Social Security Measures for Labour with Special Reference to India'. The award was conferred on Professor Kannan by the Honourable Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Shri Oscar Fernandes, on Friday, the 8th of August 2008 at SCOPE Convention Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi at a special function.

Brief bio-data of Professor K.P.Kannan

Professor K.P. Kannan, currently a Full Time Member of the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector constituted by the Government of India, is a Fellow (and former Director) of the of the Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. He is Conference President-elect of the Indian Society of Labour Economics for its Golden Jubilee Conference scheduled for December 2008.

He has served in various national and international bodies. An active member of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, Professor Kannan has contributed to its professional advancement for the past several years. During 2002-03 he worked as an Expert Member in the Technical Secretariat of the World Commission on Social Dimension of Globalisation constituted by the International Labour Organisation, Geneva. He served as a Member of the Expert Group on Human Resource Development for Asia and Pacific constituted by the UN/ESCAP, Bangkok during 1997-99. He was a member of the High Level Committee on Unorganised Labour constituted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in 2001. During 1995-97 he worked as the Professor of Development Studies and Research Director at the Cambodia Development Resource Institute in Phnom Penh and helped establish a research division for the study of Cambodia's development issues. Professor Kannan is a member of the Editorial Advisory Boards of two international professional journals viz., *The International Social Security Review*, and *Globalizations* and three national professional journals viz., *The Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, *Indian Journal of Human Development and Labour* and *Development*.

Professor Kannan took his Masters in Economics from the University of Bombay in 1973 with a First Rank and Gold medal. After working for a number of years as an academic as well as a social activist, he took his doctorate in Development Studies in 1986 from The Institute of Social Studies, The Hague in The Netherlands.

His areas of specialisation are: human development and deprivation including poverty, vulnerability and social security, labour studies with special reference to the

informal/unorganised economy and development policies and perspectives. Recently, a Human Development Report on Kerala (2005) was prepared under his leadership sponsored by the UNDP, India and the Indian Planning Commission and published by the Government of Kerala.

Professor Kannan has served as a visiting scholar in several universities and institutions abroad and has visited a number of countries as part of his professional work. Currently he is finalising a study on Social Protection in Rural India and China in collaboration with scholars from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing.

Professor Kannan has authored, co-authored or edited nine books, many of which deal with issues in human development and labour and development. He has also published several research papers as well as popular articles in English and Malayalam.

His books are: *Towards a Food Secure India* (edited along with S. Mahendra Dev and Neera Ramachandran), Institute of Human Development (2003), *Plight of the Power Sector in India* (along with N. Vijayamohanan Pillai), Centre for Development Studies (2002), and *Kerala's Gulf Connection: CDS Studies on International Labour Migration*, Centre for Development Studies (2002), *Economics of Child Labour* (edited), Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi (2001), *Health and Development in Rural Kerala* (co-author), Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad (1991), *Urban Labour Market Structure and Job Access in India* (along with John Harriss and Gerry Rodgers), International Institute for Labour Studies, Geneva (1990), *Of Rural Proletarian Struggles: Mobilization and Organization of Rural Workers in South West India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi (1988), *Cashew Development in India*, Agricole Publishers, Delhi (1983), and *Towards a People's Science Movement* (edited), Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad (1979).

He is married and has two children and currently lives in Delhi.