

### **Brief Bio-Data of Dr. K Prakash, Librarian, KSOU, Mysuru**

**Dr. K Prakash** is presently working as a University Librarian at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, since December 2012. Earlier, he worked as a librarian at Azim Premji University (APU) in Bengaluru (2011–2012) and a Deputy Librarian at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) in Bengaluru (2008–2011). However, his significant service was with the INFLIBNET Centre (1995–2008), UGC. He started his professional career in 1994 as a library officer with GRASIM Industries, Kumarapatnam, Karnataka.

He has developed a Library at Azim Premji University as the founder Librarian. He implemented KOHA and RFID. He developed a Social Science Digital Library at ISEC using DSpace. He was a team member in the development of Library Automation Software SOUL and bibliographic databases of books, serials, theses, etc. while working with INFLIBNET. He was a member of Human Resource Development for imparting training in the use of e-resources, library automation, and other IT applications to LIS services. He developed a Library at GRASIM Industries. He is also a PhD evaluator and board of examinations and studies in a few universities.

Dr. Prakash obtained his Master's Degree in Library and Information Science (1993) and PhD (2007) from Karnatak University, Dharwad. He has completed a one-year (1993-94) course in IT Applications to LIS services from the National Centre for Science Information (NCSI), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. He has contributed more than 50 papers in seminars, conferences, and chapters in books and journals. His areas of interest are library automation, collection development, digital libraries, information retrieval, organization of e-resources and training, etc.