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Dr. S. Parasuraman has over 25 years of experience as a teacher, trainer, activist, administrator and development worker. Prof. S. Parasuraman is currently working as Director (vice-Chancellor) of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. He has held key positions in international organisations. He was Senior Advisor to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand (responsible for auditing all specialised UN organisations have been programming development work in rights framework in countries in Asia region). He has held the post of Asia Regional Policy Director, Action Aid International, Asia Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand (January 2001- June 2004). He was Programme Director, Oxfam GB, India Programme, New Delhi. He has worked as Visiting Senior Fellow, Institute of Social Studies (ISS, The Hague). He has worked as Professor and Head of Unit for Rural Studies, TISS (1993-1998), TISS.

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Dr. Parasuraman has a Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Mumbai, Mumbai. He has done his Masters in Social Anthropology from University of Poona in 1977. He has also been conferred Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) by the Assam University.

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