

Profile

Name: Dr. M.P. VIJAYAKUMAR IAS (Retd)

Date of Birth - Age: 11.07.1948 - 70 years

Educational Qualification: MA (Econ), BL, AICWA (Cost Accountant) and PhD (Education)

Studied BA Social sciences in PSG Arts college during 1966-69

Completed MA Economics from Presidency College during 1969-71

Recognised as an Outstanding alumni by PSG Instituions

Service Particulars:

Joined State Government service in 1975. Nearly 10 years he served in the field of Industry.

He was Gazetted Personal Assistant to then Chief Minister Sri MGR between 1981 and 1983

He served for about 10 years in the area of women and child welfare including basic education and basic health

1993-96: Collector of Vellore District.

2003-06:

He served as Commissioner of Municipal Corporation of Chennai for three and half years which was the second longest serving term then for any Commissioner in 300 years of Chennai Municipal Corporation's History.

The results in Family welfare department after he took over can be seen from the table below.

SNo		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Delivery	11540	13592	16495	16516
2	Sterilisation	8443	11964	12469	12325
3	MTP	1856	2827	3590	4405
4	Caesarian	215	1076	1574	2154

Other achievements include

- During 2005-06 he introduced cervical cancer screening using VIA +ve method on a community based approach which was first of its kind for any public organization.
- Introduced Birth Companion Scheme (permitting an elderly relative woman to be present by the side of the mother during labour) which was again first of its kind for any public institution. Both schemes have become models and subsequently state government has introduced them in state government hospitals
- Introduced ‘door to door’ collection of garbage covering entire Chennai city,
- Created New parks and refurbished all old Parks .
- Kept the city free from stray cattle menace by confiscating 2500 stray cattle.
- He also successfully implemented ABC Programme (Animal Birth Control) and kept the city free from stray dog menace.
- Chennai Corporation collected highest ever taxes and incurred highest ever capital expenditure during his tenure.

He facilitated the conception and implementation of **Activity Based Learning (ABL)** in 264 schools in the Chennai Municipal Corporation

Between 2006 to July, 2008 : (until the date of Superannuation from Government service) he served as State Project Director, SSA, Tamil Nadu. During this period he up scaled ABL to the entire state covering 37486 schools.

Post retirement : Tamil Nadu Government retained him as Honorary Adviser to SSA until the year 2011.

Special Interest ; *Teacher Education and Elementary Education*

He took keen interest in Elementary Education from 1993, when he was Collector/District Magistrate of North Arcot district at Vellore.

Subsequently during his tenure as Additional Secretary of School Education Department in Secretariat between 1996-2000, many initiatives were taken to revamp Teacher Education. Formation separate department for Teacher education, creating separate cadre of teacher educators, arranging training for them, revision of teacher education curriculum and syllabus after nearly 20 years, rewriting textbooks for primary section after sourcing resource at national level for review and training etc. are some of them

Subsequently when he was Commissioner of Chennai Municipal corporation, a Child centred pedagogy Activity Based Learning (ABL) was developed by absorbing features of Rishi Valley model and by adopting certain core principles and materials of Montessori. It was implemented in 264 Chennai Municipal Corporation Primary Schools making classroom process completely children centric and activity based, where peer learning, self learning, group learning and interaction was possible.

Later in November 2006 when he became State Project Director of Universal Elementary Project (SSA), he has facilitated the transformation of Primary education in the State. The experiment in Chennai Municipal Corporation became a model for the State and it was extended to all the 37,486 schools in the entire State of Tamil Nadu covering nearly 6.5 million children.

Similarly, a child centric and participative method Active Learning Methodology (ALM) was developed with the support of an Institution called *The School of Krishnamurthi Foundation of India (KFI)* for transforming the classroom processes in Upper Primary and secondary sections and it was implemented in all the 12500 schools in the State of Tamilnadu. It has been extended to Secondary sections from 2008-09 in the entire State.

Awards: Prime Ministers Award for excellence in Public Administration for year 2007-08 was given to him for introducing ABL methodology in Chennai Municipal Corporation.

On Invitation he has visited London University, International Montessori Association, Amsterdam, China and US and had given Lectures on Child Centered Pedagogy.

Currently also trains teachers on Pedagogy on invitation from other states. He had recently visited and trained Secondary teachers in J&K

Positions : 1. Formerly Member, Southern Regional Committee, National Council For Teacher Education (NCTE) MHRD, Government Of India (GOI), New Delhi
2. Member, Academic Council, Navodhaya Vidya Samithy, MHRD, GOI
3. Member, High Level Committee for Academic Reforms, Govt. of TN

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