



## ABOUT THE TRUST

**HAMSADHWANI RRC TRUST** is a public charitable trust and shall be a non-profit, non-political and secular in character. It shall work towards the advancement of literary and cultural knowledge among the masses by promoting all kinds of socio-cultural and educational activities in the society.

### OBJECTIVES

- To establish cultural and social institutions, conduct art and cultural programs including music festivals, dance, drama and other competitions, discourses etc.
- To spread promotion of education, art, culture, literature and learning in all branches.
- To render expert advice, managerial or event management services in the conduct of cultural, musical, drama and art programs.
- To establish research and training centers for the furtherance of culture/education/learning in its various fields and branches.
- To bring, publish, and sell, distribute books, periodicals, leaflets, brochures and papers and also to open and maintain libraries, reading rooms for the promotion of the objects of the Trust.
- To confer title on eminent personality in the field of art, culture, science, education, literature, etc.
- To provide funds, facilities and scholarship for higher levels of art and culture.
- To fulfill all conditions that may be imposed for receiving grant or assistance for the purpose of the Trust from any Government, Municipal, local or other institutions/authority in India or Abroad.
- To take over any other institutions with similar objects and run the same as part and parcel of the Trust.
- To amalgamate or merge with any other Trust having same or similar objects.
- The funds of the Trust shall be utilized only towards the objects of the Trust and no portion of it shall be distributed in any manner to the Trustees or any other persons.
- The Trust shall be an irrevocable public benefit organization for all persons without any discrimination on the basis of Caste, Community, Creed or Religion,
- The Trustees shall stand possessed of the said amount of corpus endowed by the Author of the trust and such other properties (both movable and immovable) as may be acquired from time to time by the Trust by purchase, exchange, grant, allotment, subscription, endowment, donation, contribution or in any other manner whatsoever all of which shall be designed as Trust properties on the Trust herein mentioned.
- To have a dedicated auditorium complex catering to several of the above said purposes.



### Raghavan R K, Trustee

A former IPS officer of the Tamil Nadu Cadre. He holds a PhD in political science and his specialization is cyber security. He was Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (1999 – 2001), during which time he investigated many high profile cases.

While heading the CBI, Raghavan set up India's first cyber crime investigation cell. In 2006 the Supreme Court of India appointed him as head of the anti-ragging monitoring committee. The team led by him developed a successful national policy to curb ragging in educational institutions. He is a former Visiting Fellow of the Harvard Law School.

He is currently a member of the International Advisory Board of the Institute of Criminology, Cambridge University (UK). Raghavan is currently High Commissioner to Cyprus.



### N Gopalaswami, Trustee

Currently the President of Vivekananda Educational Society that runs a group of 23 schools in and around Chennai. He was appointed Chairman of Kalakshetra for a term of five years starting from Oct 2014 and Chancellor of the Rashtriya Samskrit Vidyapeetha at Tirupati (Nov 2015). A former Chief Election Commissioner of India (2006-2009) is a Padma Bhushan awardee (2015). A Gold Medalist Post-graduate in Chemistry from Delhi University, Gopalaswami joined the IAS in 1966 and for the next twenty-five years, served in the State of Gujarat, during which period he held many senior positions. He moved to the Government of India in 1992 and served many ministries, notably as Secretary in the Department of Culture and as Union Home Secretary. He became an Election Commissioner in 2004 and Chief Election Commissioner in 2006. During his stewardship the Election Commission successfully implemented several innovations including that of Photo Electoral Rolls to improve the quality of electoral rolls. The many state Assembly elections conducted during his tenure, including that of UP (2007) were appreciated for being violence-free, intimidation-free and clean elections where the election laws were implemented without fear or favor.

In a career spanning 43 years in Public Service, he earned a reputation for uprightness, hard work and innovativeness. It was due to his initiative as Secretary in the Department of Culture that Gangaikonda Cholapuram and Darasuram in Tamilnadu and Champaner in Gujarat came to be inscribed in the UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites. He was instrumental in having the proposal made for getting 'vedic chanting' incorporated as one of UNESCO's World's Oral Heritage, and played a key role in obtaining a grant of Rs 5 crore from Gol for the preservation of vedas, the ancient Hindu scriptures. He was the spirit behind the National Manuscript Mission, a programme to unearth and digitize the manuscript wealth of this country. He is a sports enthusiast and has dabbled in cricket, ball-badminton and tennis. He is a keen Carnatic music aficionado and an amateur astrologer.



### Sankar CV, Trustee

A career bureaucrat retired as Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Department, and Government of Tamil Nadu in 2016. He was the CMD of Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corp Ltd, TIDCO (from 2014-16), Chairman and Director at Tamil Nadu Petroproducts Ltd (2013-2016), Chairman of Titan Company Limited (2014-2016), Chairman and Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (2013-2016) and an Additional Director at Seshasayee Paper and Boards Ltd from (2011-2013).

Besides several assignments in the departments of Education, Environment and Forest, Chief Minister's Office, Rural Development etc, Sankar worked as an UNDP Consultant at the National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi and was in charge of the massive Tsunami Rehabilitation Program in the state of Tamil Nadu.



### **Mohan Parasaran, Patron in Chief**

Born in Chennai in a family of lawyers. He had his schooling in the Hindu Higher Secondary School and passed B.A Economics 1st Class from the A.M.Jain College, Chennai affiliated to Madras University. Passed LLB from

Delhi University Campus Law Centre with 1st Division and Master of Law from the Cambridge University with high distinction.

Enrolled as an Advocate before Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and practised before Madras High Court, various tribunals, other High Courts and Supreme Court in various branches of law. Designated as a Senior Advocate by the Madras High Court in February 2002.

Was also the Honorary Legal Adviser for the Governor of Tamil Nadu from 1994 till he shifted to Delhi in the year 2004 as Additional Solicitor General of India. In 2009 he was designated as the First Additional Solicitor General of India. Appointed as Solicitor General of India in February 2013 and demitted that office in May 2014. He has represented the Government of India in land mark cases before the Supreme Court of India and before International Forums as ASG and SG. At present he is practising in the Supreme Court of India as a Senior Advocate.



### **Ramnath S Mani, President**

One of the pioneers in India in field of Industrial Automation Ramnath S Mani is a B.Tech (Hons) graduate in Electronics & Electrical Communication Engineering from IIT Kharagpur and pioneer in the field of Industrial Automation. He has been Vice President of Rockwell Automation, Founder Managing Director of Emerson Control Techniques India and presently in the Board of Eliia Tech, SPowerZ & Classle.

He is the Founder Managing Trustee of Dharaneeswarar Educational Trust which runs Sankara Matriculation School, for the underprivileged and first generation school going children at Thandalam Village in Tiruvalluvar District, President of Hamsadhwani, a leading Cultural Organisation in Chennai and Vice President of Mylapore Academy, a Social Organisation. He a recipient of IIT Kharagpur Distinguished Service Award.

In the past, he has been an active member of IEEMA, Indo American Chamber of Commerce, CII, Automation Industry Association. Pan IIT Alumni India.



### **Gopalan TR, Secretary-Administration**

Regional Director of Indo-German Chamber, India's largest bi-national Chamber. A post-graduate in Economic and Commerce from Delhi University, Gopalan has over 50 years of professional experience in senior positions. As part of an international consulting engineers for thirty years, Gopalan spent 15 years in Germany working on metallurgical projects in diverse countries.

As a member of the project team he had the opportunity of travel to different countries in Europe, North Africa, South America and Far East. Since the last about 30 years Gopalan heads the southern regional office of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce in Chennai. The Chamber has played a significant role in the promotion of trade and industrial-cooperation between the two countries.

Gopalan is recipient of the prestigious Order of Merit from the Federal German President, for his outstanding contribution to Indo-German bilateral business relations.

Gopalan is keenly interested in all kinds of music, and is a regular tennis player.



### **R.Sundar, Secretary -Programs**

SSon of R.Ramachandran (RRC), a well-known journalist and Founder of Hamsadhwani.

Active Committee member of Hamsadhwani, the cultural organization in South Chennai for 28 years, and Secretary of Hamsadhwani for past 10 years.

Trustee of Sapiens Health Foundation, Samudhaya Foundation.

Economics graduate from Vivekananda College, Chennai. Presently, Divisional Head of Planning and Procurement at ITC where employed for last 3 decades.

Trained for vocal music and nattuvangam. Judged many a oratorical competitions. Contributed reviews on Carnatic Music in leading press.

Formerly, Lions Club Secretary and President and District Chairman.

Has been member of The Hindu trophy cricket committee of TNCA, served the Committee of Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram, Govt of Tamil Nadu.

Has been part of other cultural fora and served as a member in the centenary celebrations Committee and organizing Committee of Madurai Mani Iyer Birth Centenary celebrations and Global GNB Birth centenary Celebrations.



### **Narayan KV, Secretary-Public Relations**

Narayan, an engineer by profession is President at Probis Consultants since 1990, whose key areas include Strategic Planning, Business Development, Management, Project Planning and Engineering.

He has 27 years of experience working with varied Indian Industries, PSU and the Government. A majority of this has been in the Indian Hydrocarbon sector, with other sectors being Infrastructure, Energy, Heavy Engineering and Education. His core strength is his ability to identify opportunity and provide consulting and advisory services for vendors on business development.

His key areas of interest include Arts and Culture, Education, Health and Social Services.

Mr Narayan is also a student and volunteer at Vedanta Academy ([www.vedantaworld.org](http://www.vedantaworld.org)) He identifies corporates to participate in the public discourse and private programs conducted by Vedanta Life Institute.



### **Ramakrishnan N, Treasurer**

Treasurer with Hamsadhwani for last 15 years.

A Chartered Accountant with additional qualification in Cost Accountancy and Company Secretary.

Has experience in Finance and Consultancy for over 30 years. He has served various sectors of Industry having starting his career with Switchgear industry, briefly in Plastic Processing industry and a long stint in the Financial Services Sector. Was into consulting in the Power Sector post liberalization of Power Sector in early 2003.

Presently heads the Business Development Group of a company having nearly 3000 mw of installed capacity.