Short Bio-Data of S. Madheswaran

Dr. Madheswaran was born and brought up in a small village called Kugalur, Gobi Chettipalayam Taluk, Erode district, Tamil Nadu. He did his schooling at Gandhi Kalvi Nilayam, Kugalur. He completed graduation and post graduation from Vasavi College and Chickiaha Naicker College, Erode. Further, he completed M. Phil and Ph. D in Econometrics at Econometrics Department, Madras University. First he worked as a faculty member at Madras School of Economics for a short period and joined Gokahle Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune as Assistant professor. Later he joined Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore which is one of the premier institutes of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR-MHRD GOI) as Associate professor and soon elevated to Professor in the same institute. Further he served as Director (equivalent to Vice Chancellor) at ISEC.

Dr. S. Madheswaran is an acclaimed Development Economist and Econometrician of this country. He was on deputation as an Adviser (equivalent to Secretary Rank of the State) to the Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, Government of Karnataka from 2010 to 2014. He was instrumental in preparing the Evaluation and Monitoring Policy-2010 for the State of Karnataka which has laid foundation to set up Karnataka Evaluation Authority by the Government of Karnataka. He was the first Chief Evaluation officer and one of the founding members of Karnataka Evaluation Authority which is an independent Evaluation office of the Government of Karnataka. He also redesigned and coordinated the Economic Survey of Government of Karnataka for 5 years (from 2010 to 2014), and co-coordinated the 12th five year plan approach paper and Human Development report for the Government of Karnataka. He was also an advisor to the Committee for Strengthening Statistical system of Government of Karnataka.

Apart from these, he has served as a member of many important Government Committees both in Central and State Government. He was the Chairperson for the steering Committee to bring Youth Development Index and Youth Status Report, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India during 2017. He has prepared the state action plan for election commission and served as an adviser to Chief Election commission, Karnataka. Recently, he has been nominated as, Member, State Planning Commission, Govt. of Karnataka, Advisory Committee Member-ICSSR, MHRD, GOI Southern Region, Executive Council Member-Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, Executive Council Member-Karnataka Vocational Training and Skill Development Corporation Ltd, GOK, Scientist Member-Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, Technical Committee member and General Body Member- Karnataka Evaluation Authority, Government of Karnataka, Member, Ambedkar Research Institute, GoK Besides, he has been nominated as a Member of the Academic Council of National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi, January 2021 and Board Member of Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow. He also served as member in search committees for Vice Chancellor/Director in several premier Universities and Research Institutes in India.

As a researcher, he has published more than 100 research papers and 3 books in the well reputed International and National Journals on various issues relating to Economics of Education, Economics of Labour, Health Economics, Environmental Economics, Public Policy and Applied Econometrics. He has completed many projects for the government and the findings of his work have been used for mid-course policy corrections by the Government. He is also in review committee of various national and international journals. He was the Managing Editor and Editor-in-chief of Journal of Social and Economic Development, Springer. He is also an advisory committee member of Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Springer.

He is one of the popular teachers of the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru and has been engaged in teaching Applied Econometrics to the post graduate and Ph.D students for the past 25 years. He has been coordinating many training programmes for Indian Economic Service officers (IES) and Indian Statistical Service officers (ISS) of Government of India sponsored by MOSPI, GOI. He also involved in strengthening the capacity building of researchers in south Asia through International training programme conducted by the ILO (International Labour Organistaion) and SANDEE (South Asia Network for the Development and Environmental Economics).

He has been invited by many research institutes and Universities both from India and abroad to deliver lectures on various themes. Apart from his presentation in various conferences/seminars, he served as a resource person, chairperson, and discussant for the quite number of seminars, workshops and conference. He has good organization skills has and has conducted many training programme, Seminars, conferences and workshops both national and international level. At present he has been elected as Vice-President of Indian Econometric Society and Executive council member of Indian society of Labour Economics.

He was also a recipient of Kempe Gowda Award, Government of Karnataka for his Excellence in Policy making using Economics and statistics. He was also conferred as a FELLOW BY SANDEE (South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics) in April 2007. He was also conferred as fellow by IZA-International Labour Studies Institute, University of Bonn, Germany till March 2019.

He was visiting scholar at Princeton University, USA, International Research Institute of Sociology and Economics of Education (IREDU), University of Bourgogne, Dijon, France. He has visited almost 20 countries for the academic activities such as presenting papers, teaching, visiting professor, collaborative projects etc.