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K. Ashok Rao **Graduated** in **Electrical Engineering** from the **Osmania University** and got a **Post Graduate Degree in System Science** from the **Michigan State University**.

He had undergone training in Management at the **Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad**. He retired from the **Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd**. He is the **President of the National Confederation of Officers Associations of Central Public Sector Undertakings**.

Mr. Ashok Rao was the **Chairman** of the Governing Body of the Lady Irwin College, and was a member of the Board of Studies, **Faculty of Managerial and Entrepreneurial studies Bharatiyar University**. He has written extensively on issues relating to the public sector, management, electrical power sector, science policy and industrial relations. He has travelled extensively in India and abroad.

For almost a decade he has been the General Secretary of the Swami Sivananda Memorial Institute a non-profit secular organization dedicated to empowering women and children to realize their potential with dignity.

He is a member of the National Steering and Monitoring Committee for Mid-Day meals scheme. He was a member of the working groups on nutrition and the working group on school education and literacy for formulating the XII five year plan.

Speaker Profile: Priyadarshini Karve

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Currently: Managing Director, Samuchit Enviro Tech Pvt Ltd
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- **Visiting Faculty Member** at Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts in 2011 – Present (3 years)Pune Area, India
 - **Co-Editor** for Shaikshani Sandarbh Bimonthly 1999 – Present (15 years)Pune Area, India
- Shaikshani Sandarbh** is a bimonthly magazine in Marathi language, on science and education. www.sandarbhociety.org
- **Chairman of the Board for NEXUS Carbon4development** July 2011 – Present (3 years 6 months) Singapore www.nexus-c4d.org.

Dr. Priyadarshini Karve (currently) the **CEO of Samuchit Enviro Tech**. She completed **Ph.D. in Physics from University of Pune, in 1998**. Her first research project resulted in development of a portable charring kiln for converting agricultural waste into charcoal. The technology won the Ashden Award for Renewable Energy in 2002.

In a career spanning more than 20 years, while she was working with Appropriate Rural Technology Institute (ARTI) Dr. Karve invented a number of improved biomass burning cooking devices, to reduce smoke in the kitchen and dependence on firewood, as well as the technology for converting agricultural waste into **‘renewable’ charcoal**.(for domestic cooking in rural areas.)

In 2005, she started Samuchit Enviro Tech Pvt. Ltd, a social enterprise that has been selling a wide range of biomass energy, renewable energy, and energy efficient household energy devices since its inception.

Dr. Karve, who is the **Managing Director of Samuchit**, has also invented an easy-to-use Samuchit Carbon Footprint Calculator for Urban Indians.

Dr. Karve is actively involved in international organizations working in the field of renewable energy, equitable sustainable development, pro-poor carbon finance, etc.

Over the years she has successfully lead numerous short term funded projects based on scientific and technological research, technology dissemination and commercialization, third party assessments, and policy advocacy, etc.

She is also **teaching courses** on Sustainable Development, Climate Change, etc., at Symbiosis International University.

Her work has been honored by several national and international awards, including **World Technology Award 2005** (by World Technology Network, New York), Sahyadri Hirkani Award 2011 (by Mumbai Doordarshan, India), Pune's Pride Award for Innovation 2013 (by Residency Club, Pune), etc. She has also been featured in a number of national and international periodicals, publications and radio and television programmes.

Speaker Profile: Svathi Bhogle

Ms.Svathi Bhogle ,Founder, Promoter & Managing Director Technology Informatics Design Endeavour (TIDE) Secretary, Bangalore

Svathi Bhogle Manages 2 social enterprises namely Technology Informatics Design Endeavour (TIDE) and Sustaintech India Pvt. Ltd (SIPL).

Ms. Svathi Bhogle is at present **Managing Director, Sustaintech India Pvt. Ltd.** working since 2009 (6 years).

Sustaintech India Pvt Ltd (SIPL) is leading start-up company in the Green Energy area, promoted by a dedicated team of alumni from IITs and IIMs, and supported by a group of well-respected international investors. The Company currently operates in South India, addressing the commercial cook stove market in small towns and semi urban areas, and has established an excellent reputation for its range of energy efficient products over the past 3 years, with over 1500 installations

She also working as the **Chief Executive in Technology Informatics Design Endeavour -TIDE** from 1998. She was working over there 17 years.

TIDE is a not for profit society conceived as a link organization between research and grass root. It is an environment focused non-profit organization and works in the area of sustainable renewable energy, water, women and livelihoods. It creates rural enterprise opportunities through low carbon technology

Ms. Svathi Bhogle have done her **Fellowship at Karnataka State Council for Science and Tech**, in the year 1982 June – 1998 January (15 years 8 months)

Ms. Svathi Bhogle completed her Post Graduation **Master of Technology (M. Tech), Chem.** from **Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay Education** in the **1979 – 1981**

Speaker Profile: Sunitha Bhasin

Ms. Sunitha Bhasin, Director Swami Sivananda Memorial Institute, New Delhi.