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A TPF PANEL DISCUSSION

***Saraswathi  
and  
Sindhu  
Civilisation:  
Interpreting  
History?***

NOVEMBER 20, 2021 - 5:00 PM IST





## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 5:00 PM IST** *Welcome Address and Introductory Remarks:*  
Air Marshal M Matheswaran AVSM VM PhD (Retd), President - The Peninsula Foundation
- 5:05 PM IST** *Lecture cum Presentation*  
Dr. S. Kalyanaraman, Director, Saraswathi Research Center
- 5:40 PM IST** *Panel Discussion followed by Q&A*  
Distinguished Panelists:
- Dr. S. Kalyanaraman, Director, Saraswathi Research Center
- Prof. Ganesh N Devy, Padma Shri Awardee, Linguist, Educator and Activist
- Dr. S. Rammohan, Vice President, The Peninsula Foundation
- Prof. Ravi Korisettar, Archaeologist, Senior Academic Fellow, Indian Council of Academic Research
- Moderator:
- Air Marshal M Matheswaran, AVSM VM PhD (Retd) - President, The Peninsula Foundation
- 6:35 PM IST** *Concluding Remarks:*  
Air Marshal M Matheswaran AVSM VM PhD (Retd), President - The Peninsula Foundation
- 6:42 PM IST** *Vote of Thanks*

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## *About the Speaker:*



### *Dr. S. Kalyanaraman*

Director, Saraswathi Research Center

Dr. S. Kalyanaraman is the Director of the Sarasvati Research Centre and is also the Chair of the Taksha Indic Sarasvati-Sindhu Civilization (TISSC) Center: Traditions, Research & Studies. TISSC is one of the units of the Taksha Institute of the World's Ancient Traditions (TIWAT), each of which emphasizes a different civilization or combination thereof. Further, Dr. Kalyanaraman is the National President of the Rameshwaram Ramasethu Protection Movement. He has a Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of the Philippines; his graduate degree from Annamalai University was in Statistics and Economics. His PhD dissertation was on development administration, a comparative study of 6 Asian countries, published as Public Administration in Asia in 2 volumes.

Dr. Kalyanaraman was a Senior Executive in the Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines for 18 years from 1978 to 1995. He took voluntary retirement from the Asian Development Bank in 1995 to devote his attention to research on Indian Civilization. He is well-versed in many languages: Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Hindi, Sanskrit. He has compiled a comparative dictionary for 25 ancient Indian languages, titled Indian Lexicon. He discovered Vedic River Sarasvati in association with the Indian Space Research Organization and over 700 scientists, and is the author of 16 books on Sarasvati Civilization, including a) Epigraphia Indus Script – Hypertexts and Meanings (3 vols., 2018); and b) Comparative Dictionary of Over 25 Ancient Bharatiya Languages. In 2018, he received an Award from the Sanatanadharma Foundation; the Vakankar Award in 2000; the Shivananda Eminent Citizens' Award in 2008; the Dr. Hedgewar Prajna Samman 2008 Mythic Society Centenary Award. He was also awarded an Honorary D Litt by Deccan College, Deemed University, Pune.

## ***About the Panelists:***



### ***Prof. Ganesh N Devy***

Padma Shri Awardee, Linguist, Educator and Activist

Ganesh N. Devy (1 August 1950- ) is a thinker, cultural activist and institution builder best known for the People's Linguistic Survey of India and the Adivasi Academy created by him. He writes in three languages—Marathi, Gujarati and English. His first full-length book in English *After Amnesia* (1992) was hailed immediately upon its publication as a classic in literary theory. Since its publication, he has written and edited close to ninety influential books in areas as diverse as Literary Criticism, Anthropology, Education, Linguistics and Philosophy.

He is the founder of the Bhasha Research Centre, Baroda, and Adivasi Academy, Tejgadh, and has worked extensively with Adivasis and nomadic communities in India. He has received several awards for his writing as well as for his community work, including the Padma Shri, Prince Claus Award and Linguapax Award. Among his better-known works are *After Amnesia*, *Of Many Heroes*, *Painted Words* and *Nomad Called Thief*, *Vanaprastha* (in Marathi), and *Adivasi Jaane Chhe* (in Gujarati). As an activist, he played a leading role in the movement for the rights of Denotified and Nomadic Tribes and more recently has initiated the Dakshinayan Movement of writers and artists. The author is based in Dharwad.

## ***About the Panelists:***



### ***Dr. S. Rammohan***

Vice President, The Peninsula Foundation

Dr S Rammohan heads the Heritage and Culture areas of research for TPF. He joined the IRAS (Indian Railway Accounts Service) in 1973. He holds six post graduate degrees, besides PhD, M.B.A., Advanced diploma in Finance, P.G. Diploma in Spanish and a degree in law. He has also won International Honour when he was awarded the "PRACHYA VIDYA PARANGATA". He has also been an eminent speaker and was invited by the Government of Sri Lanka to speak on Buddhism. He has been invited to speak in many Universities abroad like Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, etc.

Dr. S. Rammohan is the editor of two cultural and philosophical journals. He is a contributor to the 100 volume Encyclopedia to be brought out by ICPR in the area of Indian Philosophy especially 'Saiva Siddhanta' and 'Synthesis of Yoga'. He has also co-organised the "Awakening Indians to India" Quiz in which 3 lakhs students participated, which has been entered in the Guinness Book of Records. He has been conferred the prestigious Fellowship Award by the Computer Society of India, the award of 'Expert Scholar of Oriental Wisdom' by the WAVES association of scholars at Houston, U.S.A. and 'Sarasvati Puraskar' by Itihasa Bharati Research Centre, Mysore.

## ***About the Panelists:***



### ***Prof. Ravi Korishetter***

Senior Academic Fellow, Indian Council of Academic Research

Professor Ravi Korisettar is a key contributor to Indian Palaeolithic archaeology, specialising in geoarchaeological methods and approaches to understanding the relationship between prehistoric humans and their environments. He has published seven books in India and two abroad and is a Section Editor for Current Science, India's leading science fortnightly journal. Ravi has also held the position of Honorary Director of the Robert Bruce Foote Sanganakallu Archaeological Museum in Karnataka since its establishment in 2010.

## ***About the Moderator:***



### ***Air Marshal M Matheswaran AVSM VM PhD (Retd)***

President, The Peninsula Foundation

Air Marshal M Matheswaran is an Indian Air Force veteran with 39 years of active service. He is the founder- President of The Peninsula Foundation. He is the former Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff responsible for Policy, Plans, and Force Development. The Air Marshal is a recipient of Presidential Awards – AVSM (Ati Vishisht Seva Medal) and VM (Vayu Sena Medal) and a Commendation by the Chief of Air Staff.