

A Brief Profile of Dr. Srinarahari

Dr. Srinarahari (DoB 14.10.1951 -) has obtained B.Sc., B.Ed., Diploma in Marathi, MA in English literature. He has been awarded doctoral degree for his dissertation on “The Robotistic Works of Isaac Asimov: A Study” by Kuvempu University, Karnataka state.

He has put in a total service for 40 years in Government of Karnataka, India. He retired as Principal. After that he is continuing to work as Principal of Animaster College of Animation and Designs in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India till this day.

He is an SF writer, critic, columnist, guest speaker, resource person, illustrator, editor, publisher, binder, and book seller and reports to *Locus*.

He has the credit of bringing together all the scholars, writers, and readers of Science Fiction in India. (The Director, Center for Science Fiction Studies, Kansas Professor James Gunn compares Dr. Srinarahari to Thomas Clareson of the USA who had also brought together the SF fandom in the USA):

He was the distinguished Guest at the Asia-Pacific Science Fiction Conference and the First Asian Science Fiction conference. He was one of the distinguished guests in an exclusive session, “How to Organize the Best Science Fiction Conference.” Elizabeth Hull and Francisco Verso were the other two guest speakers.

He has published a number of scholarly articles in online and print media journals. He has prominently authored *Science Fiction for Sci-Fi Fans* and *Speak Kannada Through English and A Concise Guide to Karnataka*. His Science Fiction Short Stories are published in several anthologies.

His Science Fiction works are published in academic.edu, adbhut.in; concatenation.org; Inter Nova; Locus; emerald city.com; Indian Journal of Science Fiction Studies; Indian Sci-fi.com; and *Kutuhali*. He has been interviewed and published them in International Radio China; Radio City; FM Rainbow; Delhi AIR, International Children’s’ Science Fiction forum; Indian Express, Bangalore Mirror, The Times of India, The Deccan Herald and others.

He has conducted Science Fiction Short Story Writing Workshop for the children of the age group 13-15 which is acknowledged as a pioneer attempt. They are available in the anthology co-edited by him entitled *101 Science Fiction Short Stories Written by Children*. Also, he has conducted science fiction writing workshops for all ages and levels namely, Scientists, Science Fiction Writers, Women Science Writers, Research scholars, PG and UG students, Senior citizens, Working Women, Housewives as well as for all levels and age groups. The workshop products are published in the form of books.

He has edited an anthology of Marathi Robot stories in Kannada *Yanthra Manava*. It is published by Marathi Vidnyan Parishad, Mumbai, India.

Dr. Srinarahari is the Vice President of Asian Science Fiction Association. He is the Secretary – General of Indian Association for Science Fiction Studies®, Bangalore, India.

He has organized 22 Annual Science Fiction Conferences. Recently, he has organized the 22nd Annual/ 7th International Science Fiction Virtual Conference on April 8 & 9, 2023. The YouTube links for each session coverage could be accessed from the links provided on the official website.

He has constructed the Indian Association for Science Fiction Studies' website: <https://www.iasfs.in>; He is the webmaster.

He is the recipient of the Education Excellence Award 2021 for Award for Contribution to Education Community.

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