

Profile of Dr. D.K.Hari and Dr.D.K.Hema Hari



Researchers and Authors in Indian Civilization Knowledge Studies

Introduction

While it is important for the youth of Bharat to have confidence in their land, its past and its future, it is also a challenge to hold their interest and satisfy their demand for authentic, rational content that can convince them beyond doubt.

Dr.D.K.Hari and D.K.Hema Hari, a husband-wife duo, have dedicated themselves to compiling and disseminating a factual, Indic narrative of Indian Civilization Knowledge, to the youth of the land in today's parlance.

Together, they conceptualized Bharath Gyan (<u>www.bharathgyan.com</u>) 25 years ago, with a mission to raise awareness about the knowledge, practices and global connects of the Indian Civilization over millennia.

Life and Career

D.K.Hari

D.K.Hari, born and living in Chennai, hails from a traditional family from Kancheepuram, engaged in community service in the field of healthcare, education and culture in Chennai.

He had his schooling in Rishi Valley, then graduated from Madras Christian College and did his postgraduation in Business Administration from P.S.G College of Technology,



Coimbatore post which he had a 20 years long successful career in family business and as a management professional.

D.K.Hema Hari

D.K. Hema Hari was born in Mysuru and grew up in Mumbai. She double graduated in Physics and in Computer Technology from Bombay University. Her 20 years long career with Multinationals in Information Technology was focused mainly on nurturing new technologies and managing Innovation.

She has trained in vocal Carnatic music under eminent musicians such as Padma Vibhushan, Sangeeta Kalanidhi Smt.D.K.Pattamal, Acharya Choodamani Sri. A S Panchapakesa Iyer and Sangeeta Kala Acharya Smt.Alamelu Mani.

Areas of Work

They started Bharath Gyan after a stint of 20 years of successful careers in their respective professions of IT and Management, with extensive global travel to explore other cultures.

Both husband and wife boldly left their lucrative professional careers to compile, collate and showcase the knowledge of the Indian Civilization as an Indic narrative.

With factual content on **over 108 different subjects on aspects of the Indian Civilization**, across millennia, compiled over the last 25 years, the Hari couple have evolved into subject matter experts on the overall understanding of the Indian civilization, across ages to the present.

Their USP is the range and depth of data on the Indian civilization along with the design and the Indian ethos behind it, which appeals to all age groups and segments.

They were both awarded **Honorary Doctorates by Sri Sri University, Odisha** for sustained research and compilation in the field of Indian Civilization Knowledge for over 20 years.

As Author, Educator and Speaker

To create a credible and constructive Indic narrative, they started jointly authoring the "Autobiography Of India" collection, comprising

• 100 books - 35 in Print & Kindle, 65 as eBooks on their website



- 5 one-hour Documentaries
- 500+ short films
- 500+ blog articles.

These books have forewords from:

- Justice M.N.Venkatachaliah, Former CJI, Supreme Court <u>Historical Rama</u>
- Mr.Kalaiselvam, Former Director General, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority - <u>Ramayana in Lanka</u>
- Sri. K.Parasaran, Padma Bhushan & Padma Vibhushan Awardee, MP and Former Attorney General of India Ayodhya <u>War and Peace</u>
- Dr.Y.Sudershan Rao, Former Chairperson of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) <u>Historical Krishna</u>
- Dr. Madhavan Nair, Former Chairman ISRO <u>Creation Srishti Vignana</u>
- Dr.R.Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor to Govt. of India and Dept of Atomic Energy <u>Understanding Shiva.</u>
- Dr.Zeyno Baran, Director, Centre for Eurasian Policy, Hudson Institute, Washington DC, USA <u>Will History Repeat Itself, Triple Eclipse 2009</u>
- Dr.Akkineni Nageswara Rao, Padma Vibhushan Awardee, Dadasaheb Phalke award recipient <u>Telugu Talli Her Unknown Side</u>
- Prof. Dr.S.R.S.Varadan, Padma Bhushan, Abel Laureate in Mathematics <u>Brand</u> <u>Bharat - Vol2, Roots in India.</u>
- Shri. Prakash Padukone, Padma Shri, Arjuna Awardee <u>Brand Bharat Vol2,</u> <u>Roots in India.</u>
- Dr.M.S.Valiathan, Padma Sri, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibushan, Cardio Surgeon, National Research Professor <u>Brand Bharat Vol4, Leads from India.</u>
- Dr.Vijay P Bhatkar, Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Chancellor Nalanda University <u>Brand Bharat – Vol5, Future from India</u>.
- Shri. Prakash Javadekar, Former Minister, Ministry of HRD, <u>Breaking The Myths</u> - <u>Vol4, About Ability.</u>

They are busy spreading this knowledge via multimedia talks (over 400) and online courses for Universities and Special Interest Groups.

Contribution

The singular and significant contribution of the work done by the Hari couple, lies in its positioning and popularizing India, rightfully, as a Significant Civilization and a Brand for Thought Leadership in World history, through their Books, Films, Talks, Courses, Writings and Social Media, which



- Showcase India as a Scientific and Industrial Civilization In World History which had earned it wealth as well as fame.
- Showcase India's Contributions to the World in the realms of Matter and Mind –and how they have been Game Changers for shaping the world to what it is today.
- Showcase the twinning of Science and Spirituality in Indian Thought which had sustained flourish for this civilization across millennia.
- Showcase the vision, wisdom and far-sightedness in the ancient Bharatiya Society – by showcasing its prudent handling of Water, Agriculture, Governance, Education, Gender Balance, Knowledge as well as Culture across ages.
- Demystify various Bharatiya Civilizational Constructs In a Constructive Manner

 to provide factual information about various innate practices of this civilization from cultural, to religious, to social, to economic, in order to clarify them in a sensitive, inclusive as well as wholesome manner, along with breaking myths that have clouded rational thought.

This work has been disseminated to the people, within India and across the globe, through various mediums such as

- Indian Civilization courses conducted online by them
- Books and Documentary films authored by them
- Short films and Articles for social media
- Talks and Expos for focussed groups.

Impact

The impact of the work done by this couple over 25 years has helped take Indian Civilization Knowledge from the portals of the academic world and research papers, to homes of the common man as a talking subject.

It has helped stir up awareness and thirst for this kind of information among the people, which, along with social media, has seen more entrants taking to disseminating such information in recent years.



The Hari couple have kindled and kept up this interest by using simple language and layout with colourful illustrations across:

- **Printed Books** for reading within a few hours
- Online books and Documentary films for viewing in an hour
- Blog articles for reading in a few minutes
- Short films to watch under 3 minutes
- Graphical Banners to scan in under a minute only and
- **Social Media posts** on relevance of different days from an Indian Civilizational perspective.

At the same time, their books and films have also been used as references in the Rama Setu and Ayodhya court cases, for their wholesome, factual compilation.

They are hence widely sought after, as speakers on the Indian Civilization across India and the globe. They have given over 400 talks (<u>https://bharathgyan.com/talks/</u>) on diverse subjects at,

- International conferences on
 - o Samskrt
 - Historicity of Ramayana and Mahabharata
 - o Interfaith Dialogues
 - Veda and Cosmology
 - Science, Technology and Spirituality
 - o Women
- Research institutions eg. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Coast Guard, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)...
- TEDx talks
- Professional bodies like Project Management Institute (PMI), Madras Management Association (MMA), FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), Madras Bar Association etc.
- NGOs and Interest Groups in the field of Water, Agriculture, Education, Women's Empowerment, Ancient Knowledge Systems etc.
- Television Shows Live and Recorded.

Impact of their work caused them to be included

- As members of the Indian delegation to **Civil BRICS, Moscow** in 2015.
- As special speakers for the Youth at **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, Gandhi Nagar** in 2015.



- As Knowledge Partners for the "Bharat Ko Jaaniye" Quiz conducted by the Ministry of External Affairs for the Indian diaspora.
- For curating the Knowing New India Pavilion at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, Varanasi in 2019 based on their book "Knowing New India".

Achievement

- It is a challenge to author non-fictional works and that too about a civilization as hoary and complex as Bharat.
- The compilation and publication by this dedicated couple is monumental, a trend setter and much needed today.
- Doing it as a couple too, is trend setting in itself.

Their books and films can be accessed from the website <u>www.bharathgyan.com</u> .