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Prof. B.R. Shamanna completed his medical education from Karnatak Medical College, Hubli, and his Doctoral studies (MD) in Community Medicine from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He also holds a double Diplomate of the National Board in Maternal & Child Health as well as in Social & Preventive Medicine. He completed his M.Sc. from University College London with distinction in Community Eye Health and more recently he secured a Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics from the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, India.

He served as a Senior Research Officer in the International Council for Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (ICCIDD), a WHO-PAMM-UNICEF Organization and later as a Senior Resident & Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre in Haryana. Prof. Shamanna has been closely associated with the development and implementation of activities of two large WHO Collaborating Centres for Prevention of Blindness in India, first with the Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology of the Aravind Eye Care System in Madurai and with the International Centre for Advancement of Rural Eye Care of the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad. He is a visiting faculty to the Masters in Public Health Eyecare program at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine since 2002 and an Adjunct Faculty with the Public Health Foundation of India. He is chair of the ethics committee of IIT, Hyderabad & Piramal Swasthya Health Management Research Institute, Hyderabad. He is the member secretary of the UoH-IEC and a member of the IEC's of IIPH-Hyderabad, NIAB, IIIT — Hyderabad, and Research Advisory Board Member of LV Prasad Eye Institute and a member on the Stem Cell Research Committee.

He has been the judge for the Asia- Africa round of the Global Social Venture Competition at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad for the last 10 years and assisted ICICI Knowledge Park develop the strategic initiatives for the ICICI Centre for Technologies in Public Health and continues to be on the committee for selection of proposals for the IKP – Gates Challenge Exploration rounds. He also is on the Indian team of an award winning UK based social business called Emerging World which is a specialist leadership development consultancy. He is also a Non-executive Director of a private health consulting company that he established 13 years ago in Hyderabad.

More recently he completed a prestigious fellowship program and is designated as a PH-LEADER through a NIH supported Public Health Leadership Academy of Implementation Sciences at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. He is also appointed as a National Resource Person for Food, Nutrition, Health and Water & Sanitation Hygiene, National Rural Livelihoods Mission, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Government of India. He was also the co-investigator for the Gol-MoHFW National Program for Control of Blindness country wide Epidemiology study of Blindness and Visual impairment in India and has been advising the Government of TN on their Blindness Control efforts. He is appointed as an external advisor of the International Centre for Eye Health, LSHTM, London, UK and the Fernandez Foundation for Education and Research has made him a board member recently. He has been a recipient of many grants from national and international agencies.

He has traveled and published extensively and has been widely acclaimed as an immensely motivational teacher. His interest and passion is to cement the connection of health with development and he believes in "growing by helping others grow". His interests are Health & Welfare economics, Disability Inclusive

Development, Education and teaching methods, Implementation Research in Health Sciences, and Alternative opinions and Politics in Health Care. He started the Masters in Public Health and Ph. D program in Health sciences – Public Health at the University of Hyderabad, India

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