

## **BRIEF PROFILE OF DR SULTAN AHMED ISMAIL**

Dr Sultan Ahmed Ismail, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., D.Sc., (9.10.1951) is Managing Director of the Ecoscience Research Foundation, a not-for profit organization, in Chennai. Teaching from 25<sup>th</sup> November 1974 he was the Head of the Department of Zoology and later the Department of Biotechnology, The New College, Chennai. Has done extensive work (both research and applied) on ecology and environment, earthworms and organic inputs since 1978. He has been associated with several institutions, farmers and self-help groups promoting the concepts of ecology, sustainability, organic concepts, waste management, waste water treatment, etc. He was awarded the CASTME award for 1994-95 in the UK, the Arignar Anna Award by the Department of Environment of the Government of Tamil Nadu for 2005, the Award of Excellence presented by His Excellency Governor of Jharkhand in Dec 2010, and Special Contribution Award for outstanding contribution to earthworm industry at the 1<sup>st</sup> World Earthworm Industry Forum in China, June 2018. Classified as one among the “TOP 10” people of Tamil Nadu for 2013 by Anantha Vikathan (leading Tamil Magazine) he has traveled widely in India and abroad, with rich expertise in environmental issues and has addressed above 30000 people by this time. Presently Member of the Tamil Nadu Curriculum Framework Committee to oversee syllabus revision and implementation for Classes 1 to 12 of the Government of Tamil Nadu; and Chairman of the Scientific Review Committee, Initiative for Research and Innovation in Science (IRIS) program of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India; Vice President Preparatory Committee of the World Earthworm Industry Federation; Chairman of Dezhou Dr Fa Earthworm Standardization Research Center Technical Steering Committee, China. His books “*The Earthworm Book*” and “*Mann Makkal Mahasool* (Tamil)” are popular among both academics and others interested in earthworms and soils, while his coordinated “*simple tasks great concepts*” is a boon to science teachers and students with 100 life science experiments which any child can perform without a laboratory. His earthworm book has been translated in Tamil as well as in Chinese. He has published about 80 research and review papers in National and International Journals, guided 32 M.Phil and 20 Ph.D, students. More info about his work can be had from [www.erfindia.org](http://www.erfindia.org) or just google his name.