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Dr Bala Kishan is a Professor of Geography and Dean, Faculty of Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad. He holds L.L.B., M.Sc., with Geography, PG Diploma in Geographical Cartography and earned a Ph.D in Urban Environmental Studies from Osmania University. His area of interest includes – Remote Sensing, GIS, Geo-political issues concerning the Indian Ocean Region, Disaster Management apart from Urban Environmental Studies.

Prof Bala Kishan served as the Vice-President, National Association of Geographers India (NAGI) and presently President, Indian National Cartographers Association (INCA) Hyderabad Chapter. Earlier, he served as the Director, Centre for Indian Ocean Studies (CIOS) and Director, UGC-HRDC (formerly known as the Academic Staff College), Osmania University. During his tenure as the Director, UGC-HRDC, OU he got sanctioned a special grant of Rs 7 cores from RUSA – 2 with his dedicated efforts and brought special honour and recognition for HRDC, OU in the country. Prof Bala Kishan has participated in various national, International conferences and presented several research papers. He delivered invited guest lectures, special talks, key note addresses etc. at several seminars, conferences and at public fora. He had also been invited as resource person at several Academic staff colleges (UGC-HRDC's), across the country. Further,

Prof. Bala Kishan extended his services as Associate Editor for “Indian Ocean Digest” a bi-annual journal published from Centre for Indian Ocean Studies, Osmania University, and “India - Asia” journal published by Institute of Asian Studies. He has published over 60 research papers on different topics and has authored few books. Prof. Bala Kishan is on the nBoard of Studies in several academic bodies and institutes. He is a life member in several academic and research organizations. He was invited by the Royal Geographical Society, London and was also invited to Sri Lanka by the Indo-Sri Lankan foundation, Colombo. He had also visited Singapore, Australia, Nepal, Bahrain and Malaysia on academic pursuits. Apart from his scholarly interests, Prof. Bala Kishan is advisor to Indian Red cross Society, and also well known for his active participation in the “Consumers Rights Protection Movement” in both the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.