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Born in a village (Vangimalla) of Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh, Prof. D. Janardhana Reddy had his school education at Rayachoty and higher education in Tirupati. He has obtained B. A (with psychology as one of the subjects), M. A and Ph. D in psychology from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati (A.P). Soon after post graduation, he started his career as a Research Assistant in the Department of Psychology, Sri Venkateswara University in 1973 and later he moved to the Department of Adult Education in the same university as psychology, in earlier days, was one of the preferred subjects for entry into the Department. The Department offers M. A and Ph. D programs in Adult Education besides extension programs. Counselling and guidance was one of the papers at P. G level. He taught this paper. Subsequently, he became a Professor of Adult Education in 1996.

During his service in Sri Venkateswara University, he held various academic and administrative positions i.e. Head of the Department, Chairman of Board of Studies, Director of Population Education Resource Centre (UGC & UNFPA Project), Dean of Student Welfare and Cultural Activities, Vice-Principal of College of Education and Extension Studies, Additional Chief Warden of college hostels etc. He had undertaken Major Research Projects of UGC and ICSSR. He was also empaneled as a National Level Monitor (NLM) by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India to monitor and evaluate various rural development programs in the states of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Odisha, Chhattisgarh.

After his retirement as a Professor from Sri Venkateswara University, he joined Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad as a Senior Consultant in the Department of Psychology in 2012. The Department is offering P. G (M. Sc.) and U. G programs in psychology through distance mode. He is actively involved in academic activities like teaching, conduction of practical classes & practical examinations, development of self learning materials & practical manuals, audio & video programs, tele-conferences etc. Dr. Reddy made a significant contribution to the development of self learning material in psychology. He has edited about 6 books as an Editor. The titles of edited books are : 1. Social Psychology, 2. Abnormal Psychology, 3. Psychological Assessment, 4. Educational Psychology, 5. Health Psychology, 6. Psychological Competencies. He was also an Associate Editor for five books namely Personality, Organizational Behaviour, Counselling Psychology, Statistics & Experimental Psychology (P. G Practical Manual), Psychometrics & Psychological Testing (P. G Practical Manual), In addition, he edited six (6) U G Practical Manuals. The titles of manuals are: 1. Foundations of Psychology 2. Cognitive and Behavioural processes 3. Social Psychology 4. Abnormal Psychology 5. Life Span Development 6. Psychological Assessment. He has also participated in about 50 audio -video and teleconference programs as a subject expert. Another thing to his credit is that he is a Member of Test Development Team of a software company in Hyderabad for developing psychometric tests.