

BIO-SKETCH

- **Born:** 24 June 1946

EDUCATION

- Bachelor (Hons) in Economics, St Stephen's College, New Delhi (1966)
- Master in Economics, Delhi School of Economics (1968)
- PhD in Economics, Delhi School of Economics (1977)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Lectureship at various colleges in Delhi University (1968-74)
- Professor, Department of Econometrics, University of Madras

FAMILY

- **Wife:** Chitra Sivakumar, professor and former director for Centre for South and South East Studies in University of Madras
- **Son:** Pari Sivakumar, 38, business head (consulting) HSBC IT Services, Pune

Best moment as an academic:

- Publication of the book, 'Peasants and Nabobes', along with his wife. The book is on the social structure of villages in the 18th century and it took seven years of research

Why he decided water was his mission:

- "Years of research and reflections have convinced me that shortage of safe and clean drinking water to all the people in the world has reached a critical point which needs immediate quest for alternate sources."