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Ramesh's expertise includes coastal ecosystem biogeochemistry and coastal zone management. He received his MPhil and PhD in Environmental Sciences from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and a second PhD in Marine Sciences from the McGill University, Canada. After gaining research experience at Harvard University, Max-Planck-Institute für Chemie, and the University of Newcastle, Ramesh focused and furthered his research on measurement of trace gases CH_4 , N_2O and CO_2 and the processes governing their production and emissions. For the past decade, Ramesh has been involved in coastal zone management capacity building and planning by creating curriculum for Masters in Coastal Management, training and an e-learning module on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in collaboration with several international Institutions.

His primary focus on LOICZ-related research includes regional synthesis on the river basins of South Asia with particular focus on the Catchment-Coast-Continuum. Ramesh aims to strengthen and focus the existing research capabilities towards the three priority topics identified by LOICZ into a unified national strategy for future coastal research in India.