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TAMIL (M. Phil.)	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Pincode : 517502	1985	Subjects: Tamil Folklore <i>Kaman Kadaippadal – Or Ayvu</i> (A Ballad on Kama – A Study) - (in Tamil).			
TAMIL (M. A.)	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Pincode : 517502	1983	Subjects: Tamil Language and Literature			
ECONOMICS (B. A.)	Sri Subramaniaswamy Govt. Arts College, Tiruttani–631 209 University of Madras, Chennai.	1981	Subjects: Economics, Commerce, History, Tamil, and English			
<b>Career Profile</b>						
Organization / Institution	Designation	Duration	Role			
University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007.	Lecturer in Tamil	18.03.1987 to 28.02.1992	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature to P.G. students as well as to non-Tamil students.			
University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007.	Lecturer in Senior Scale (in Tamil)	01.03.1992 to 26.07.1998	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature to P.G. students as well as to non-Tamil students & A course in Comparative Indian Literature to P.G. students.			
University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007.	Associate Professor in Tamil	27.07.1998 to 25.11.2011	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature to P.G. students as well as to non-Tamil students & A course in			

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ICCR, Delhi – 110 002.	Visiting Professor of Tamil	25.11.2011 to 07.07.2013	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature and Culture of South India (Tamil Nadu) in Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland.
University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007.	Associate Professor in Tamil	08.07.2013 to Till Date	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature to P.G. students as well as to non-Tamil students & A course in Comparative Indian Literature to M.Phil. Students.
<b>Research Interests / Specialization</b>			
* Ancient Tamil Literature * Bhakti Literature			
<b>Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught) 30 Years (since 18<sup>th</sup> March 1987).</b>			
Ph.D. and M.Phil. Programmes: Course Work Paper (Teaching since Jan. 2018) Research Methodology			
M. Phil. Comparative Indian Literature (Taught during the academic years 2013-16): Optional Paper: “Classical Tamil Literature: Poems of Love and War”.			
M. A. Comparative Indian Literature Course taught during the academic years 1994–2011: “Study of a Literary Movement: Bhakti Movement”.			
M. A. Tamil Courses taught during the academic years 1987–2011: 1) <i>Sangam</i> Literature (Ancient Tamil Poetry), 2) Ethical Literature, 3) Intensive Study of a Classic (Epic: <i>Cilappatikaram</i> ), 4) Epics and Minor Poetry, 5) Bhakti Literature, 6) Modern Tamil poetry, 7) Folklore, 8) Tamil Non-fictional Prose.			
M. A. Tamil Courses (Teaching since 2013): 1) <i>Grammar: Nannul</i> , 2) <i>Grammar: Tolkappiyam – Eluttu</i> , 3) <i>Grammar: Tolkappiyam – Col</i> , 4) <i>Grammar: Tolkappiyam – Porul</i> , 5) Art of Dissertation Writing.			
Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma Courses (Tamil) taught during the academic years 1987–2011.			
Beginner and Advanced Courses (Tamil), History of South Indian Literature (Tamil) and Culture of South India (Tamil Nadu) taught at Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland from 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2011 to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2013.			
<b>Honors &amp; Awards</b>			
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<b>Publications (LAST FIVE YEARS)</b>			
<b>Books / Monographs</b>			
<b>Year of Publication</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Co-Author</b>
2016	<b><i>Cultural Poetics And Sangam Poetry</i></b>	Sun International Publishers, PG-105, Possangipur, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110058. <b>ISBN: 978-81-928130-8-0</b>	-----
	<b><i>Beyond Bhakti: Steps Ahead ...</i></b> (Paperback Edition of the Hardbound Edition published in the year 2007)	Sun International Publishers, PG-105, Possangipur, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110058. <b>ISBN: 978-81-928130-3-5</b>	-----

	<b>Etiquette And Ethos: Ethics In Tirukkural And Acarakkovai</b>	Sun International Publishers, PG-105, Possangipur, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110058. <b>ISBN: 978-81-928130-7-3</b>	-----
	<b>Behavioural Psychology And Sangam Poetry</b>	Lambert Academic Publishing, OmniScriptum GmbH & Co. KG BahnhofstraBe 28, 66111 Saarbrucken, Deutschland / Germany <b>ISBN: 978-3-330-00017-9</b>	-----
2015	<b>Mind and Conduct: Behavioural Psychology In the Sangam Poetry</b>	Sun International Publishers, PG-105, Possangipur, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110058. <b>ISBN: 978-81-928130-6-6</b>	-----
<b><u>In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals</u></b>			
<b><u>Year of Publication</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Journal</u></b>	<b><u>Co-Author</u></b>
2014	<i>Wandering Naked: Saiva Women Mystics in Search of Spiritual Empowerment</i>	Dom Wydawniczy ELIPSA, Warszawa, Poland.	-----
2013	<i>Birds and Beasts: Codes/Symbols in the Scheme of Sangam Love Poems</i>	PANDANUS '13/2, Nature in Literature, Art, Myth and Ritual, Vol. 7, No.2, Charles University, Prague.	-----
<b><u>Articles: 7</u></b>			
2017	<i>“Demonstration and Deviation: Outlines of Akattinai in Thirukkural”</i> , in the Souvenir of the International Conference on Thirukkural, (The International Conference on Thirukkural, 17-19, May 2017, Scott Christian College, Nagerkovil, Tamil Nadu), Dr. G. John Samuel <i>et al.</i> (Eds.), Institute of Asian Studies, Chemmancherry, Chennai, 2017, pp. 74-88.		
	<i>“Palantamilp Panpattil Parattaimai: Sangak Kavidaigalai Munvaittu”</i> , (in Tamil), (Concubinage in the Ancient Tamil Culture: Sangam Poems) Manarkeni (ISSN 2249-9164), Ravikumar (Ed.) Thanjavur, (Tamil Nadu), Issue No. 39, July-August 2017, pp. pp. 12-24.		
2016	<i>“Cultural Dynamics of the Tamils: Nokku and Natpu – Two Unique Terms in Tirukkural”</i> , in “Kural Amudu” (Proceedings of the Tirukkural Conference, 05-06 Feb., 2016 (Rescheduled 10-11, March 2016), Prof. Aranga. Pari <i>et al.</i> (Eds.), Department of Tamil Studies, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu, 2016, pp. 310-321.		
2015	<i>“Tirukkuralil Nokkum Narramum”</i> , (in Tamil), (“The Sight of Love and Fragrance in Tirukkural”), in Ayvukkovai, Vol. I, (The 46 <sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s International Conference, 16–17, May 2015), Dr. S. Udayasuriyan <i>et al.</i> (Eds.), AIUTTA., Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, 2015, pp. 209-219.		
2014	<i>“Sanga Agakkavidaigalil Talaivi-Tolliyar Nadattai Ulaviyal”</i> , (in Tamil), (“Behavioural Psychology of heroines and their companions in Sangam love poems”), in Ayvukkovai, Vol. IV, (The 45 <sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s International Conference, 17–18, May 2014, Tamil University, Thanjavur), Prof. R. Mohan <i>et al.</i> (Eds.), AIUTTA., Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, 2014, pp. 1490-1494.		

*"Panpattu Asaivil Tirukkuralil Cila Corkal: Karuttup Pulappadum Porul Marramum"*, (in Tamil), ("Cultural Mobility: Semantic shift in Tirukkural – Cognitive and Rhetorical Expressions") in *Tirukkural Karuttup Pulappattil Aniyiyal*, R. Tamil Selvan et al. (Eds.), New Century Book House, Chennai, 2014, pp. 09-30.

*"Wandering Naked: Saiva Women Mystics in Search of Spiritual Empowerment"* in *"Tamil in Warsaw"*, Danutta Stasik and Jacek Wozniak (Eds.), Dom Wydawniczy ELIPSA, Warszawa, Poland, 2014, pp. 167-86.

#### **Attended/Papers presented in the National Conferences/Seminars in India:**

2018 Paper entitled *"Social Equality in the Buddhist Tamil Epic 'Manimekalai'"*, presented in the One-Day National Seminar on "Lord Buddha and His Message of Equality in Indian Literature" organized by Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi, Delhi, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

Paper entitled *"Rise of Bhakti Movements in Dravidian Land: Faiths and Philosophies"*, presented in the National Seminar on "The Context of Chaitanya-Vaishnavism: Bhakti Bharata" organized by Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, in collaboration with Bhaktivedanta Research Centre, Kolkata, 15 & 16, February 2018.

2017 Paper entitled *"Palantamil Panbattil Parattamai: Sangak Kavidaigalai Munvattu"* ("Concubinage in the Ancient Tamil Culture: Sangam Poetry"), presented in the National Seminar on "Ancient Tamil Culture Through Multiple Perspectives" organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi 17-18, March 2017.

2016 *"Cultural Dynamics of the Tamils: Nokku and Natpu – Two Unique Terms in Tirukkural"*, in Tirukkural Conference, held at Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, during 05-06, Feb. 2016 (Rescheduled 10-11, March 2016).

2015 Paper entitled *"Subramaniya Bharati and Gurazada Apparao: Discourse on Language Issue"* presented in the national Seminar on "Subramaniya Bharati and His Contemporaries" organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, sponsored by Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, during 09-10, April 2015.

2014 Paper entitled *"Panpattu Asaivil Tirukkuralil Cila Corkal"*, (in Tamil), ("Cultural Mobility: Semantic shift in Tirukkural – Cognitive and Rhetorical Expressions") presented in the National Seminar on "Cognitive And Rhetorical Expressions in Thirukkural" organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, sponsored by Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, during 27–29, March 2014.

2013 Paper entitled *"Courtesans: From Fictions To Films"* presented in the National Seminar on "Courtesans in Indian literary Tradition" organized by Deptt. of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi in collaboration with National Book Trust, India and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi during 06–07, November 2013.

#### **Attended/Papers presented in the International Conferences in India:**

2015 Paper entitled *"From the Self-Respect Movement to Dravidian Political Parties of Tamil Nadu: Deviation and Degeneration"* presented in the XII<sup>th</sup> CLAI Biennial International Conference 2015 on "Culture, Arts and Socio-Political Movements in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives" organized by CLAI in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, held at Rajasthan University, Jaipur during 01–04 March, 2015.

Paper entitled *"Tirukkuralil Nokkum Narramum"*, (in Tamil), ("The Sight of Love and Fragrance in Tirukkural"), presented in the 46<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 16–17 May, 2015.

Paper entitled "*Demonstration and Deviation: Outlines of Akattinai in Thirukkural*" presented in the the International Conference on Thirukkural, held at Scott Christian College, Nagerkovil, Tamil Nadu, during 17-19, May 2017.

- 2014 Paper entitled "*Understanding the Tamil Post-Graduate Syllabus*" presented in the International Seminar on "History and Sociology of Bengali Studies and Special Sessions on History and Sociology of Indian Literary Studies" organized by Deptt. of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi during 10–11 January, 2014.

Paper entitled "*Sanga Agakkavidaigalil Talaivi-Tolliyar Nadattai Ulaviyal*", (in Tamil), ("Behavioural Psychology of heroines and their companions in Sangam love poems"), presented in the 45<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 17–18 May, 2014.

- 2011 Paper entitled "*Standing Anxiously at the Threshold: Nandan and Cokhamela*" presented in the International Conference on "Comparative Literature: World Culture and Languages" organized by Deptt. of Hindi, Andhra University, co-sponsored by ICCR, UGC & Sahitya Akademi, at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh during 24–26 February, 2011.

Paper entitled "*Shedding the Femininity: Nudity of Karaikkal Ammaiya, Akka Mahadevi and Lal Ded*" presented in the Tenth Biennial International Conference of CLAI on "Sociological Imagination in Comparative Perspective: Languages, Cultures and Literatures" organized by Deptt. of Comparative Literary Studies, Central University of Gujarat, co-sponsored by UGC, Sahitya Akademi, National Manuscripts Mission, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, and ICCR, New Delhi, at Gandhi Nagar, Ahmedabad during 03–06 March, 2011.

#### **Papers presented in the Seminars/Conferences in Abroad:**

- 2015 Paper entitled "*Deciphering the peculiar cultural significance of some terms in Tirukkural*" presented in the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference – Seminar on Tamil Studies, held at University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during 29<sup>th</sup> January – 01<sup>st</sup> February, 2015.

- 2013 Paper entitled "*Wandering Naked: Saiva Women Mystics in search of Spiritual Empowerment*", presented on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tamil Studies held at the Chair of South Asian Studies, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

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- 2012 Paper entitled "*The Goddess Comes Home: Boundaries of Cosmos, Gender and Caste in South Indian Bhakti*" presented in the Seminar organized by Pracownia Interdyscyplinarych Badan Eurazjatyckich IO UJ, Deptt. of Indology, Institute of Oriental Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.

Paper entitled "*Hand In Glove: Tamil Nadu Cine Stars and Their Political Ambitions*" presented in the DNI Conference organized by the Students of the Department of Indology, Institute of Oriental Studies, held at Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

Paper entitled "*Saivam Karaikkalilirundu Kashmirukku: Pen-Irai Anubudigal Valiye*", (in Tamil), ("The Journey of Saivism from Karaikkal to Kashmir through Women Mystics") presented in the World Tamil Conference on Tamil organized by Mouttamije Association, Franconville, France held at Drancy, Paris, France on 07<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.

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2015	<b><i>Mind and Conduct: Behavioural Psychology in the Sangam Poetry</i></b>	Sun International Publishers, PG-105, Possangipur, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110058 <b>ISBN: 978-81-928130-6-6</b>	-----
2007	<b><i>Beyond Bhakti: Steps Ahead...</i></b>	B.R. Publishing Corporation, 425, Nimri Colony, Ashok Vihar, Delhi – 110052 <b>ISBN: 81-7646-510-0</b>	-----
1985	<b><i>Kāmaṇ Kadaippāḍal: Ōr Āyvu</i></b>	Ilakkumi Padippagam, 11, Big Street, Tiruttani – 631 209 Tamil Nadu	-----
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2006 (Sept.)	<i>Standing Anxiously at the Threshold: Nandan and Cokhamela</i>	Journal of the Institute of Asian Studies (XXIV No. 1) Chemmancherry, Chennai.	-----



2006 (March)	<i>Same Word, Multiple Meanings: Cultural Connotations</i>	Journal of the Institute of Asian Studies (XXII No. 2) Chemmancherry, Chennai.	-----
2002	<i>Siddhas and Virasaiva Saranas: Souls searching for Ultimate Reality and Bliss,</i>	Dravidian Studies, (Quarterly Research Journal), Vol. I, No.3, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh.	-----
1994 (Nov.)	<i>Tamil Voice Against Aryans: Bharatidasan</i>	Journal of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, <i>Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, Vol. I, Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla.</i>	-----

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- 2017 (40). *“Demonstration and Deviation: Outlines of Akattinai in Thirukkural”*, in the Souvenir of the International Conference on Thirukkural, held at Scott Christian College, Nagerkovil, Tamil Nadu, during 17-19 May, 2017.
- 2016 (39). *“Cultural Dynamics of the Tamils: Nokku and Natpu – Two Unique Terms in Tirukkural”*, in Tirukkural Conference, held at Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, during 05-06 Feb., 2016 (Rescheduled 10-11 March 2016).
- 2015 (38). *“Tirukkuralil Nokkum Narramum”*, (in Tamil), (“The Sight of Love and Fragrance in Tirukkural”), in the 46<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 16–17 May, 2015.
- 2014 (37). *“Wandering Naked: Saiva Women Mystics in Search of Spiritual Empowerment”* in *Tamil in Warsaw*, Danutta Stasik and Jacek Wozniak (Eds.), Dom Wydawniczy ELIPSA, Warszawa, Poland, 2014, pp. 167-86.
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- (35). *“Sanga Agakkavidaigalil Talaivi-Toliyar Nadattai Ulaviyal*, (in Tamil), (“Behavioural Psychology of heroines and their companions in Sangam love poems”), in the 45<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 17–18 May, 2014.
- 2010 (34). *“Eluttoli Peyarppil Kulappangal”*, (in Tamil), (“Confusions in Transliterations”), in the 41<sup>st</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Noorul Islam University, Kumaracoil, Kanniyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, 15–16 May, 2010.
- 2009 (33). *“Cidilam: Cinima Nadigargalukkut Tamilc Camugam Tarum Adita Mukkiyattuvam*, (in Tamil), (“Extraordinary importance given to Cine stars by Tamil society: The dilapidated situation”), in the 40<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, 23–24 May, 2009.
- 2008 (32). *“Indraikkum Bharatiyar”*, (in Tamil), (“The relevance of Bharatiyar for even today”), in the 39<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, 17–18 May, 2008.
- (31). *“From Word to Wisdom: Travel of Basaveshvara and Ramalingaswami”*, in Ayvukkovai - The Proceedings of “The International Conference on the contribution of Bhakti Literature and Movements towards the World Culture” sponsored by CIIL., Mysore & organised by the Deptt. of

Tamil Studies, AVC College, Mannampandal, Tamil Nadu, 06–08 March, 2008.

- 2007 (30). *"Bharatiyar Eluttugalil Decamum Nadum"*, (in Tamil), ("Nation and Region in the writings of Bharatiyar"), in *Bharati 125 – Ayyuk Kalanjyam* (Collection of Research papers presented in "BHARATI 125 International Conference" held at Pondicherry University, Pondicherry on September 21–23, 2007), Varshan Pirasuram, Chennai, 2007.
- (29). *"Tamil – Samskrita Panpattu Marabugal – Oru Parvai"*, (in Tamil), ("Cultural heritage of Tamils and Aryans: A view"), in the 38<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Alagappa University, Karaikkudi, Tamil Nadu, May, 2007.
- 2006 (28). *"Should Dam be constructed?"*, in the 37<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, May, 2006.
- (27). *"Standing Anxiously at the Threshold: Nandan and Cokhamela"*, in the Journal of the Institute of Asian Studies (XXIV No. 1), Chemmancherry, Chennai, September, 2006.
- (26). *"Same Word, Multiple Meanings: Cultural Connotations"*, in the Journal of the Institute of Asian Studies (XXII No. 2), Chemmancherry, Chennai, March, 2006.
- 2005 (25). *"Marivitta Nam Kalvi-c-culal"*, (in Tamil), ("The changed scenario of our Education Environment"), in the 36<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, May, 2005.
- 2004 (24). *"Mother tongue and other tongues"*, in the 35<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, May 2004.
- 2003 (23). *"Kalandorum Tarkolai"*, (in Tamil), ("Suicide since ages"), in the 34<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Ponnaiah Ramajeyam Arts and Science College, Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu, May, 2003.
- (22). *"Didactic literature in Tamil – A genre for social cause"*, in Major Genres and Trends in Dravidian Literature (Classical), Dravidian University, Kuppam–517425, Andhra Pradesh, March, 2003.
- 2002 (21). *"Miral' – Dalit Ilakkiyak Kotpadu"*, (in Tamil), ("Violating: A principle of Dalit Literature"), in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Madras Christian College, Chennai, May, 2002.
- (20). *"Siddhas and Virasaiva Saranas: Souls searching for Ultimate Reality and Bliss"*, Dravidian Studies (A Quarterly Research Journal), Vol. I, No.3, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, 2002.
- 2001 (19). *"Kaman Kadaippadal: A Folk Narrative"*, in *Indian Folklore*, B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi, 2001.
- (18). *"Siddharum Virasaivarum"* (in Tamil), ("Siddhas and Virasaivas"), in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, KSR Arts and Science College, Tiruchengodu, Tamil Nadu, May, 2001.
- 2000 (17). *"Virundum Velanmaiyyum"*, (in Tamil), ("Feast and Benevolence"), in *Tamiliyal Katturaigal*, The Proceedings of the Conference organized by International Society for Tamil Cultural Studies, Madurai, held at Christian College, Kodaikkanal, Tamil Nadu, June, 2000.
- (16). *"Nandrikko Drogam?"*, (in Tamil), ("Betrayal to Nanri (Good deed)?"), in the 31<sup>st</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Sathakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, May, 2000.



- 1995 (15). “*Karugum Mottukkal – Ciruvargal*” (in Tamil), (“Children: The withering crops”), in the 26<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Kandasami Kandar College, Velur, Selam. Tamil Nadu, May, 1995.
- 1994 (14). “*Tamil Voice against Aryans: Bharatidasan*”, in *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. I, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla, November, 1994.
- (13). “*Ariyargal Narikkuttatinara?*” (in Tamil), (“Are Aryans Jackals?”), in the 25<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, May, 1994.
- 1993 (12). “*Nandan: Marivarum Mugangal*” (in Tamil), (“The changing faces of Nandan”), in the 24<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, May, 1993.
- 1991 (11). “*Depiction of Women in Bharatidasan’s Poems*”, in Proceedings of *Revolutionary Poets: Bharatidasan Centenary, Kazi Nazrul Islam and Dinkar Commemorative Issue*, Bhasha Sangam, Allahabad, 1991.
- (10). “*Marudalippuk Kavinjar Bharatidasan*”, (in Tamil), (“Bharatidasan: The Dissident poet”), in *Role of Indian Poets to National Integration*, Himachal Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla and Bhasha Sangam, Allahabad, 11–12 July, 1991.
- 1988 (9). “*Tamilil Bhakti Iyakkam*”, (in Tamil), (“Bhakti Movement in Tamil”), *Saptagiri* (Monthly Religious Magazine), Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, November, 1988.
- (8). “*Mullait Tinaiyil Nilam Unartapperum Vidam*”, (in Tamil), (“The pattern of depicting the land in *Mullai* love theme”), in the 20<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, June 1988.
- 1987 (7). “*Ettil Eludak Kilaviyin Iyalbugal*”, (in Tamil), (“The characteristics of Folklore”), in the Proceedings of All India Tamil Folklore Association’s 1<sup>st</sup> Conference, held at Tamil University, Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu, 30–31 May, 1987.
- (6). “*Kalavil Kadaliyar Nencam*”, (in Tamil), (“Lovers’ mind in clandestine love”), in the 19<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, May, 1987.
- (5). “*Vallalar Or Olivilakku*”, (in Tamil), (“Vallalar: A beacon light”), *Saptagiri* (Monthly Religious Magazine), Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, January, 1987.
- 1986 (4). “*Camudayappini Nikkiya Canror*”, (in Tamil), (“The noble man who eradicated social evil”), *Tirukkovil* (Monthly Religious Magazine), Hindu Religious Endowment Board, Tamil Nadu Government, Madras, March, 1986.
- (3). “*Purananuru Ayvugal – Or Arimugam*”, (in Tamil), (“Research Studies on Purananuru: An introduction”), in the 18<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Erode, Tamil Nadu, June, 1986.
- (2). “*Vallalar Vagutta Iraineri*”, (in Tamil), (“The devotional path chalked out by Vallalar), *Saptagiri*, (Monthly Religious Magazine), Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, January, 1986.
- 1985 (1). “*Kaman Kadaip-padal – Or Arimugam*”, (in Tamil), (“Kama Ballad: An introduction”), in the 17<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Chittoor, Kerala State, May, 1985.

## Conference Presentations

### National Conferences:

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2018 Paper entitled “*Social Equality in the Buddhist Tamil Epic ‘Manimekalai’*”, presented in the One-Day National Seminar on “Lord Buddha and His Message of Equality in Indian Literature” organized by Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi, Delhi, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

Paper entitled “*Rise of Bhakti Movements in Dravidian Land: Faiths and Philosophies*”, presented in the National Seminar on “The Context of Chaitanya-Vaishnavism: Bhakti Bharata” organized by Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, in collaboration with Bhaktivedanta Research Centre, Kolkata, 15 & 16, February 2018.

2017 “*Palantamil Panpattil Parattamai: Sangak Kavidaigalai Munvattu*” (Concubinage in the Ancient Tamil Culture: Sangam Poetry), in the National Seminar on “Ancient Tamil Culture Through Multiple Perspectives” organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi 17-18, March 2017.

2016 “*Cultural Dynamics of the Tamils: Nokku and Natpu – Two Unique Terms in Tirukkural*”, in Tirukkural Conference, held at Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, during 05-06 Feb., 2016 (Rescheduled 10-11 March 2016).

2015 Paper entitled “*Subramaniya Bharati and Gurazada Apparao: Discourse on Language Issue*”, presented in the National Seminar on “Subramaniya Bharati and His Contemporaries” organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, sponsored by Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, during 9-10 April, 2015.

2014 Paper entitled “*Panpattu Acaivil Tirukkuralil Cila Corkal: Karuttup Pulappadum Porul Marramum*, (in Tamil), (“Cultural Mobility: Semantic shift in Tirukkural – Cognitive and Rhetorical Expressions”) presented in the National Seminar on “Cognitive And Rhetorical Expressions in Thirukkural” organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, sponsored by Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, during 27–29 March, 2014.

2013 Paper entitled “*Courtesans: From fictions to films*” presented in the National Seminar on “Courtesans in Indian literary Tradition” organized by Deptt. of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi in collaboration with National Book Trust, India and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi during 06–07 November, 2013.

2010 Paper entitled “*Urakkam Mudal Turakkam Varai*”, (in Tamil), (“From sleeping to heaven”), presented in the National Conference on Tamil Didactic Literary Works: Duties and Rights (*Padinen Kilkanakku Nulgalil Kadamaigalum Urimaigalum*), organised by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai and P.S.G.R. Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore, at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, during 11–13 February, 2010.

Paper entitled “*Eluttoli Peyarppil Kulappangal*”, (in Tamil), (“Confusions in Transliterations”), presented in the 41<sup>st</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Noorul Islam University, Kumaracoil, Kanniyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, 15–16 May, 2010.

2009 Paper entitled “*Cidilam: Cinima Nadigargalukkut Tamil Camugam Tarum Adita Mukkiyattuvam*”, (in Tamil), (“Extraordinary importance given to Cine stars by Tamil society: The deteriorated situation”), presented in the 40<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, 23–24 May, 2009.

Paper entitled “*Transcreation of Poetry: In the quest of rendering the right words*” presented in the 37<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of Dravidian Linguistics, organized by International School of

Dravidian Linguistics, St. Xavier's College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, during 18–20 June, 2009.

Paper entitled "*Life before Death: Contexts and Conjunctions in Mamoni Raisom Goswami's Fictions*" presented in the National Seminar on Fictional World of Indira Goswami, organised by the Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi, during 12–14 November, 2009.

- 2008 Paper entitled "*From Word to Wisdom: Travel of Basaveshvara and Ramalingaswami*", presented in "The International Conference on the contribution of Bhakti Literature and Movements towards the World Culture" sponsored by CILL., Mysore & organized by the Deptt. of Tamil Studies, AVC College, Mannampandal, Tamil Nadu, 06–08 March, 2008.

Paper entitled '*Indraikkum Bharatiyar*', (in Tamil), ("The relevance of Bharatiyar for even today"), presented in the 39<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, 17–18 May, 2008.

Paper entitled "*Ramanujan: The Great Apostle of Visistadvaitam*" presented in the National Seminar on "The Philosophy of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva and Other Saint Poets of Medieval India", sponsored by Srimanta Sankaradeva Sangha, Assam, organized by the Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi, during 14–15 November, 2008.

- 2007 Paper entitled "*Tamil – Samskrita Panpattu Marabugal – Oru Parvai*", (in Tamil), ("Cultural heritage of Tamils and Aryans: A view") presented in the 38<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Alagappa University, Karaikkudi, Tamil Nadu, May, 2007.

Paper entitled "*Bharatiyar Eluttugalil Decamum Nadum*", (in Tamil), ("Nation and Region in the writings of Bharatiyar"), presented in "BHARATI 125 International Conference" held at Pondicherry University, Pondicherry on 21–23 September, 2007.

- 2006 Paper entitled "*Canga Ilakkiyattil Arakkotpadugal*" (in Tamil), ("Ethical Principles in Sangam poems"), presented in the National Seminar on "Sangam Literature and Theories", organized by the Department of Tamil Studies, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, during 27-28 March, 2006.

Paper entitled "*Should Dam be constructed?*", presented in the 37<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, May, 2006.

- 2005 Paper entitled "*Marivitta Nam Kalvi-c-culal*", (in Tamil), ("The changed scenario of our Education Environment"), presented in the 36<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, May, 2005.

- 2004 Paper entitled "*Mother Tongue and other tongues*", presented in the 35<sup>th</sup> Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, May, 2004.

- 2003 Paper entitled "*Kalandorum Tarkolai*", (in Tamil), ("Suicide since ages"), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 34<sup>th</sup> Conference, held at Ponnaiah Ramajeyam Arts and Science College, Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu, May, 2003.

- 2002 Paper entitled "*Miral' – Dalit Ilakkiyak Kotpadu*", (in Tamil), ("Violating: A principle of Dalit Literature"), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference, held at Madras Christian College, Chennai, May, 2002.

Paper entitled "*Didactic Literature in Tamil – A genre for social cause*", presented in the National Seminar on Dravidian Literacy Genres and Trends (Classical), held at Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, during 08–10 November, 2002.

- 2001 Paper entitled “*Siddharum Virasaivarum*”, (in Tamil), (“Siddhas and Virasaivas”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 32<sup>nd</sup> Conference, held at KSR Arts and Science College, Tiruchengodu, Tamil Nadu, May, 2001.
- Paper entitled “*Mother tongue or other tongue?*”, presented in the the National Seminar on Universal Literacy / Education in Mother Tongue: Problems and Prospects organised by Sarba Bharatiya Banga-Bhasi Samiti, held at Jawaharlal University, Delhi, during 24–25 August, 2001.
- 2000 Paper entitled “*Nanrikko Drogam?*”, (in Tamil), (“Is it fair to betray *Nanri* (Good deed)?”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 31<sup>st</sup> Conference, held at Sathakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, May, 2000.
- Paper entitled “*Virundum Velanmaiyum*”, (in Tamil), (“Feast and Benevolence”), presented in the Conference organized by International Society for Tamil Cultural Studies, Madurai, held at Christian College, Kodaikkanal, Tamil Nadu, June, 2000.
- 1995 Paper entitled “*Karugum Mottukkal – Ciruvargal*” (in Tamil), (“Children: The withering crops”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 26<sup>th</sup> Conference, held at Kandasami Kandar College, Velur, Selam. Tamil Nadu, May, 1995.
- 1994 Paper entitled “*Ariyargal Narikkuttatinar?*” (in Tamil), (“Are Aryans Jackals?”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 25<sup>th</sup> Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, May, 1994.
- 1993 Paper entitled “*Nandan: Marivarum Mugangal*” (in Tamil), (“The changing faces of Nandan”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 24<sup>th</sup> Conference, held at Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, May, 1993.
- 1992 Paper entitled “*Reorganisation of Bhakti Movement in Tamil Nadu*” presented in the National Seminar on National Integration: Bhakti Movement sponsored by UGC., organized by the Department of Centre for Comparative Study, Telugu University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, during 27–29 February, 1992.
- 1991 Paper entitled “*The Dissident Poet – Bharatidasan*” presented in the All India Seminar organized in the memory of Pahari Gandhi Baba Kansi Ram (Himachal), Bharathidasan (Tamil) & Premanand Almast (Dogari) by Himachal Academy of Arts, Culture, and Languages & Bhasha Sangam, Allahabad, held at Shimla, during 11-12 July, 1991.
- 1990 Paper entitled “*Kama Ballad: A study*” presented in the National Conference on Folklore sponsored by U.G.C., organized by the Department of Malayalam, Calicut University, Calicut, Kerala State, on 08 February, 1990.
- 1989 Paper entitled “*Western impact on the first Tamil Novel Pratapa Mudaliyar Carittiram*” presented in the National Conference on The Western Impact on the First Tamil Novel sponsored by U.G.C., organized by the Department of Tamil, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, 22-24 March, 1989.
- Paper entitled “*Pratapa Mudaliyar Carittiram and Rajasekara Carittiram - The first novels in Tamil and Telugu: A comparative study*” presented in the National Conference on The First Novels in Tamil and Telugu: A comparative study sponsored by U.G.C., organized by the Department of Tamil, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, on 29 March, 1989.
- 1988 Paper entitled “*Mullait Tinaiyil Nilam Unarttapperum Vidam*”, (in Tamil), (“The pattern of depicting the land in *Mullai* love theme”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 20<sup>th</sup> Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, June, 1988.
- 1987 Paper entitled “*Kalavil Kadaliyar Nencam*”, (in Tamil), (“Lovers’ mind in clandestine love”),

- presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 19<sup>th</sup> Conference, held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, May, 1987.
- 1986 Paper entitled "*Purananuru Ayvugal – Or Arimugam*", (in Tamil), ("Research studies on *Purananuru*: An Introduction"), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 18<sup>th</sup> Conference, held at Erode, Tamil Nadu, June, 1986.
- 1985 Paper entitled "*Kaman Kadai-p-padal – Or Arimugam*", (in Tamil), ("Kaman Ballad: An Introduction"), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 17<sup>th</sup> Conference, held at Chittoor, Kerala State, May, 1985.

**Attended/Papers presented in the International Conferences in India:**

- 2017 "*Demonstration and Deviation: Outlines of Akattinai in Thirukkural*", in "The International Conference on Thirukkural", held at Scott Christian College, Nagerkovil, Tamil Nadu, during 17–19 May, 2017.
- 2015 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Tirukkuralil Nokkum Narramum*", (in Tamil), ("The Sight of Love and Fragrance in Tirukkural"), in "The All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 46<sup>th</sup> International Conference", held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 16–17 May, 2015.
- Attended and presented paper entitled "*From the Self-Respect Movement to the Dravidian Political Parties of Tamil Nadu: Deviation and Degeneration*" in "The XII<sup>th</sup> CLAI Biennial International Conference 2015" on "Culture, Arts and Socio-Political Movements in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives" organized by CLAI in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, held at Rajasthan University, Jaipur during 01–04 March, 2015.
- 2014 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Sanga Agakkavidaigalil Talaivi-Toliyar Nadattai Ulaviyal*", (in Tamil), ("Behavioural Psychology of heroines and their companions in Sangam Akam poems"), in "The All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 45<sup>th</sup> International Conference", held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 17–18 May, 2014.
- Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Understanding the Tamil Post-Graduate Syllabus*" presented in "The International Seminar on History and Sociology of Bengali Studies and Special Sessions on History and Sociology of Indian Literary Studies" organized by Deptt. of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi during 10–11 January, 2014.
- 2011 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Shedding the Femininity: Nudity of Karaikkal Ammaiyar, Akka Mahadevi and Lal Ded*" in "The Tenth Biennial International Conference of CLAI" on "Sociological Imagination in Comparative Perspective: Languages, Cultures and Literatures" organized by Deptt. of Comparative Literary Studies, Central University of Gujarat, co-sponsored by UGC, Sahitya Akademi, National Manuscripts Mission, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, and ICCR, New Delhi, at Gandhi Nagar, Ahmedabad during 03- 06 March, 2011.
- Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Standing Anxiously at the Threshold: Nandan and Chokhamela*" in "The International Conference on Comparative Literature: World Culture and Languages" organized by Deptt. of Hindi, Andhra University, co-sponsored by ICCR, UGC & Sahitya Akademi, at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh during 24 - 26 February, 2011.
- 2010 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Translation in Variance: Tamil into English*" in "The International Conference on Expanding Territories: Comparative Literature in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" organised by Deptt. of English & Comparative Literary Studies, Saurashtra University, Gujarat in collaboration with CLAI, Delhi, CIIL, Mysore & Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, at Rajkot , Gujarat, during 29-31 March, 2010.
- 2008 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Travel of Basaveshvara and Ramalinga Swami*" in "The International Conference on the contribution of Bhakti Literature and Movements towards the World Culture" sponsored by CIIL., Mysore, organised by the Deptt. of Tamil Studies, AVC



College, Mannampandal – 609 305 Tamil Nadu, during 06-08 March, 2008.

- 2007 Attended and paper entitled “*Bharatiyar Eluttugalil Decamum Nadum*” (in Tamil), (“Nation and region in the writings of Bharatiyar”) presented in “The International Conference: Bharati -125”, organized by the Deptt. of Tamil Studies, Pondicherry University, in collaboration with Vanavil Cultural Centre, Chennai, held at Pondicherry, during 21-23 September, 2007.
- 2000 Attended and presented a paper entitled “*Valluvar Kanda Ulagu*” (in Tamil), (“The world envisaged by Valluvar”), in the International Tirukkural Conference – Seminar, held at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, during 7-9 January, 2000.
- 1999 Attended the IV<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Congress on “Comparative Literature – Popular Literature: Challenging the Canons”, organized by The Comparative Literature Association of India, held at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, New Delhi, during 29-31 March, 1999.
- 1995 Attended and presented a paper entitled “*Nandanar: Through ages*” in the VIII<sup>th</sup> International Tamil Conference held at Tamil University, Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 1-5 January, 1995.
- 1993 Attended the Second Biennial Congress of the Comparative Literature Association of India held during 17-19 February, 1993.
- 1991 Attended the Congress of Comparative Literature Association hosted by School of Letters, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala held during 1-3 January, 1991.

**Papers presented in the Seminars/Conferences in Abroad:**

- 2015 Paper entitled “*Deciphering the peculiar cultural significance of some terms in Tirukkural*” presented in “The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference – Seminar on Tamil Studies”, held at University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during 29<sup>th</sup> January – 01<sup>st</sup> February 2015.
- 2013 Paper entitled “*Birds and Beasts: Codes/Symbols in the scheme of Cankam Love Poems*” presented in the PANDANUS ‘13, “The International Seminar on Nature in Literature, Art, Myth and Ritual to honour the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Moriz Wintermitz” conducted by the Institute of South and Central Asia, Philosophical Faculty, Charles University held at Prague, Czech on 30 May - 01 June, 2013.
- Paper entitled “*Wandering Naked: Saiva Women Mystics in search of Spiritual Empowerment*”, presented on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tamil Studies held at the Chair of South Asian Studies, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland on 16 May, 2013.
- 2012 Paper entitled “*Saivam Karaikkalil-irundu Kashmirukku: Pen-Irai Anubudigal Valiye*”, (in Tamil), (“The Journey of Saivism from Karaikkal to Kashmir through Women mystics”), presented in “The World Tamil Conference on Tamil” organised by Mouttamije Association, Franconville, France held at Drancy, Paris, France on 07 July, 2012.
- Paper entitled “*Hand In Glove: Tamil Nadu Cine Stars and Their Political Ambitions*” presented in “The DNI Conference” organized by the Students of Indology Deptt., held at Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland on 27 April, 2012.
- Paper entitled “*The Goddess Comes Home: Boundaries of Cosmos, Gender and Caste in South Indian Bhakti*” presented in the Seminar organised by Pracownia Interdyscyplinarych Badan Eurazjatyckich IO UJ, Deptt. of Indology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland on 18 January, 2012.

**Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity**

\* Presently serving as the Head, Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, Uni-versity of Delhi, Delhi – 110007 with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.



- \* Serving as a Programme External Examiner for the Bachelor of Arts in Tamil Language and Literature programme for Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore since Jan. 2018.
- \* Serving as a subject expert for Tamil in several committees of UGC, New Delhi for the last 10 years.
- \* Served as a Tamil subject expert in the Syllabus Reviewing Committee (Classes IX to XII) constituted by Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi in the year 2018.
- \* Served as a member of Experts Committee for teaching Mother Tongue Courses, IGNOU, New Delhi–68
- \* Served as a Convener – Experts Committee for Tamil Language and Literature Course, CBSE, New Delhi.
- \* Serving as a member of Selection Committee for Tamil Teachers, DTEA, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi–3.

(a) Curriculum Development:

- \* Member of the Courses Committee for Under-Graduate (Tamil), Post-Graduate Courses (Tamil) and Moderation Committee (Tamil) since 1987.
- \* Member of the Courses Committee for Comparative Indian Literature (Post-Graduate Courses) since 1997.

(b) Cultural/Extra Curricular Activity:

- \* As Convener conducted Raja Sir M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar Endowment Lecture programme in the years 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011 and 2014.
- \* Assisted the Committees of the Department in organizing several National Seminars and Raja Sir Muthaiah Chettiyar Endowment Lecture programme.

(c) Administrative Assignment:

- \* Presently serving as the Head, Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- \* Served as the Officiating Head of the Department of the Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies on various occasions during the academic years 2014-17.
- \* Served as the Secretary of the Department Teachers' Council from 1994 to 1997.
- \* Served as the Superintendent in conducting M. A. Tamil Examinations.
- \* Served as the Coordinator for the M.A. Comparative Indian Literature Course Programme.

**Professional Societies Memberships**

- \* Life Member of Comparative Literature Association of India, Delhi.
- \* Life Member of Delhi Tamil Sangam, R.K. Puram, Delhi.
- \* An Executive Member of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

**Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations)**

- \* Carried out the Literary Translation project "*Translation and Publication of Sangam Literature*

(*Akananuru - The Ancient Tamil Love Poems Four Hundred*) into Hindi” in collaboration with Mrs. V.N. Saraswathy, sponsored by the Department of Tamil Development, Government of Tamil Nadu in 2007 under the Classical Language Development Programme.

- \* Carried out Three minor research projects sponsored by the University of Delhi under R & D Grant, during the years 2010-11, 2013-14, 2014-15, & 2015-16.

#### Other Details

- \* Research Studies - Guidance: Ph.D. Awarded: 4, Under Progress: 6  
M.Phil. Awarded: 3, Under Progress: 3
- \* Delivered a number of Literary Talks/Discourses in the programmes of ESD Division, All India Radio, Delhi and Delhi Tamil Sangam, Delhi.
- \* Delivered a religious discourse entitled “*Vallalar Ulagirkor Olivilakku*”, (in Tamil), (“Saint Rama-lingaswami, the Vallalar: A Beacon Light of the World”) in the Socio-religious programme of Tiru Arutprakasa Vallalar’s 190<sup>th</sup> Birth Day Celebration held in Arulmigu Siddhi Vinayagar Alayam, La Courneuve, France on 06<sup>th</sup> October 2012.  
(Link to listen the lecture: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zqysmjzjz>)
- \* Delivered a literary discourse entitled “*Tamil Nam Uyirukku Ner*”, (in Tamil), (“Tamil: Our Soul”) in the Aruntamil Award Function of Association Culturelle Des Tamouls, Varueal, France on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2012.  
(Link to listen the lecture: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2ZqGnrID4w>)
- \* Delivered a keynote address entitled “*Sangap Padalgalil Nadattai Ulaviyal*”, (in Tamil), (“Behavioural Psychology in Sangam Poems”), in the workshop on “**Sangap Padalgalil Nadattai Ulaviyal**” conducted by Centre of V.P.S. Tamil Research Studies, M.D.T. Hindu College, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu on 04<sup>th</sup> February 2014.