

PERSONAL PROFILE

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Seminars / Conferences Organized

1. A seminar was organized by History Department, on 02.02.1998. Prof. Periyar Dasan, Department of Philosophy, Pachayappas college, Chennai, delivered a special Lecture on the topic 'Buddhism and Tamil'
2. A seminar was organized by History Department on 06.04.2000 Dr. C. Rasu, HOD (Rtd) Department of Archeology, Tamil University, Tanjore, delivered a special lecture on the topic 'Tamil Nadu History from the perspective of recent Archeological evidences'.
3. History Department of MDT Hindu College, associated with the 'Nellai Historical & Cultural Awakening Association' and District Archaeological Department of Tamil Nadu Government have made joint ventures from 1997 – 1998 onwards. More than ten History students of our college have participated and presented papers in seminars conducted by these associations.
4. Organized a three day book exhibition, held from 23.09.2009 to 25.09.2009, at MDT Hindu College.
5. A Seminar was organized on the topic of "Contribution of Tamilnadu to the Indian Freedom Movement" held on 27.02.2009 at MDT Hindu College. Dr. V. Manickam, veteran scholar, gave a valuable lecture to the students.

6. A one day field visit was organized on 17.03.2009. Historical places in palayamkottai like Clarinda Church, English Church, Alagia Mannar Rajagobalasamy Koil and some remaining portions of 09-13th century AD old fort of palayamkottai including the Govt. Museum. Nearly 52 students participated. On our invitation, eminent scholar of cultural studies, Prof. Tho. Paramasivan, with us and gave a precious lecture to our students.
7. A seminar was conducted by the Department of the History, on the topic of “Vazhakaiyum Ilakkiyamum” (Life & Literature) on 02.07.2009 at MDT Hindu College. Prof. Suba. Veerapandian, veteran scholar in Tamil, gave a special lecture to the students.
8. A book release function was organized on 29.09.2011. Three books are released. “Oomaithurai Varalaru” (History of Oomaithurai), “Panjalamkurichi”, “Aringar Annavin Vazhkhai Kurrippukal” (life sketch of Aringar Anna) are the above mentioned books. Dr. V.Manickam, who wrote this books. Our college administrative council members are participated in this function. Thiru M. Barathapandian, the zamindar of Peraiyoor, Thiru Veemaraja@VJS Kattabomman – an heir of the glorious Palayakarars of Panjalamkurichi, namely Veera Pandiya Kattaponmman and Oomaithurai – are also participated in this function as special invites.
9. As a President of Teacher’s Association (MUTA) organized a seminar on ‘Social Justice’, held on 16.04.2012 at MDT Hindu College.
10. Seminar was organized on behalf of Progressive Thoughts Forum, on 13-04-2016, Pal Prabakaran, Social activist participated, and delivered a Lecture on the topic “Dr.Ambedkarand Womens Rights”.
11. A Seminar was organized on behalf of the Progressive Thought Forum, to commemorat the memories of EVR Periyar on 21.12.2017. Seeni. Vituthalaiarasu, an eminent social activist participated and gave a special lecture to the students.

Papers published on the Journals (With ISSN)

1. 'From Depressed caste to Hindus' : Suyamariyathai Iyyakamum, Poona ouppanthamum (Self – respect Movement and Poona Pact) – an article published (ISSN: 0972-8260) in 'Kalachuvadu' (Footprints of Time), A International Tamil magazine, September 2004.
2. 'Historical Traces of Iyothidasar in Dravidan Tamil Daily', an article published (ISSN No: 0972-8260) in Kalachuvadu, July 2015.
3. 'Literary Traces of Iyothidasar in Dravidan Tamil Daily', an article published (ISSN No: 0972-8260) in Kalachuvadu, August – 2015.

Paper published in the Journals (Without ISSN)

1. 'Suruchula' (Environment) an article published in 'Ariga Ariviyal' (Know Science) a Scientific Journal in Tamil (Monthly) on 1995 September.
2. 'Periyar E.V.R.' an article submitted in Tamil Association at Bangalore on 17.09.1995 and Published in 'Viduthalai'(Liberation) a Tamil Daily on 01.10.1997.
3. 'Mullikulam Kalvettukkal' (Inscriptions of Mullikulam) an article Published in the Journal: 'Avanam' (Document), June 2002. A Journal published by Tamil Nadu Archaeological Society, Tanjore. This Journal has been Financially Supported by the ICHR.
4. 'Mazhi Sempu Sadangum Moothevi Vazhi Padum' (Folk Ritual for Rain fall and jyeshta Cult) an Article published in the Journal: 'Urai Mozhivu' (Proposal) October – November 2003. International Tamil Journal, Published in Canada, 1571 – Sandhurst Circle, Scarborough, on tario, CANADA.
5. 'Contribution of Dravidian Reader's Forum to promote Mass Education in TamilNadu', an article published in collected Research papers, Eighth All India Conference, BCRC, May 2009.
6. 'Ramma Erullappa Konar Suyamariyathai Noolagam' (Self – Respect library of Rama Erullappa Konar) an article published in New Centurie's Ungal Noolagam (Your's library of New Centuries) Journal, July 2009.
7. 'Rama Erullappa Konar Suyamariyathai Noolagam' Re-published in the official organ of Dravidar Kazhagam (DK) 'Viduthalai' (Liberation) on 09.08.2009.

8. 'Thazhthappattar Samaththuvappattil' Marxia Sinthanayin Sila Sayalkal (Traces of Marxism in 'Song of Equality with the focus on the Depressed') Ambedker & Bharathidassan Birthday Souvenir, 2010.
9. Process of the Spread of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's thought among Tamils – A case study, Periyar EVR's 138th birthday special issue of 'Viduthalai' daily, 17.09.2016.
10. A research article titled. "Copper Plate – copy of Mullikulam Palayam" was published in the 'AVANAM' (Document – vol: 28, July – 2017), Journal of Archaeological Society, Thanjavur. This journal has been financially supported by ICHR.

Orientation Program attended:

1. Participated in the UGC sponsored Orientation Course (from 04.01.2001 to 31.01.2001) , conducted by Pondicherry University, Pondicherry.

Refresher Courses attended:

1. Participated in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course, (from 02.11.1998 to 22.11.1998), conducted by Dept. of sculpture, Tamil University, Tanjore.
2. Participated in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course, (from 29.10.2003 to 18.11.2003), conducted by Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
3. Participated in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course, (from 15.09.2008 to 07.10.2008), conducted by University of Kerala.

International Conference attended

1. Participated in the International conference, "Dravidianism, Nationalism, Federalism: A critical assessment of 100 years of Dravidian Movement", organized by Ambedkar University, Delhi and Ashoka University Delhi on 03.01.2018 & 04.01.2018 in IIC, Delhi.

Seminars / Conferences attended

1. Participated as resource person in Mano Aivarangam (Mano Reserch Forum) of M.S.University, and presented a paper on Folk Ritual, on 16.10.2000 at St.Jhon's College, Palayamkottai.
2. Participated in a seminar on 'Federalism from the view point of Dravidian & Akali Movements' 20.03.2001, conducted by Gurunanak Deviji Chair & History Department of Yadava College, Madurai.

3. Participated in the State level seminar on the topic of "Literature & Social History of Tamilnadu" organized by Department of History, M.S.University & ICHR, Bangalore, held between 09.03.2002 to 11.03.2005 at M.S.University campus, Tirunelveli.
4. Participated in the State level seminar on, "Multiple facets of Dr. Ambedker: Politics, Law, Religion, and culture" organized by the Centre of Ambedker Studies St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai on 05.08.2005 - 06.08.2005.
5. Participated in the state level seminar on Quality Sustenance and Enhancement in the Accredited Period" Sponsored by NAAC, on 22.09.2005 – 23.09.2005.
6. Participated in the "Special lecture & Discussion on Dalit literature" on 16.12.2005 at St. Xavier's college, Palayamkottai - 2.
7. Participated in the state level conference on "Higher Education and Students participation in Quality Assurance" Sponsored by NAAC, held on 24.01.2008 – 25.01.2008, at MDT Hindu College campus Tirunelveli – 10.
8. Participated in a seminar and gave a special lecture on the topic, "Periyar E.V.R, as a Social Reformer" on 31.03.2009 at the Department of History, Sadakathullah Appa College, Palayamkottai.
9. Participated in the Eighth All India conference of Bishop Caldwell Research Centre (BCRC) held at Idaiyankudi on May 7, 2009 and presented a paper on 'Dravidian Reader's forum'.
10. Participated in the two by seminar on the topic, "Dravidian Civilization and the Primitive Tamils" conducted by Gandhi Rural University, Gandhigram, on 08.01.2010 – 09.01.2010.
11. Participated in a Three days National Seminar (12.12.2012 – 14.12.2012) On "Sangam Literature" organized by Post Graduate and Research Department of Tamil, The MDT Hindu College, Tirunelveli.
12. Participated in a Three days National Seminar (26.02.2013 – 28.02.2013) on "Literary World of Professor S.V. Subramanian" organized by Post Graduate and Research Department of Tamil, The MDT Hindu College, Tirunelveli.

13. Participated in a one day National Seminar (21.02.2014) on “The Research Arena of Professor. Tho.Paramasivan” organized by Post Graduate and Research Department of Tamil, The MDT Hindu College, Tirunelveli.
14. Participated in a State Level Seminar on “Glimpses of Art and Architecture in Tamil Nadu” organized by Department of History, Sri Parasakthi College for Women, Courtallam on 12.02.2015.
15. Participated in a two days National Seminar (30.09.2016 – 01.10.2016) on “Modern Perspectives and Strategies in Teaching, Learning and Evaluation” organized by IQAC, The MDT Hindu College, Tirunelveli.
16. Participated as a resource person in a seminar conducted by National Book Trust (NBT) on 08.02.2018 at Palayamkottai. This seminar was conducted as a part of Nellai Book Exhibition.

Workshops attended

1. Participated in the Epigraphy Training Course (from 13.05.1996 to 03.06.1996) conducted by State Archeaological Department, Tamil nadu Govt. at Dindugal.
2. Participated with students in three day workshop from 14-02-2003 to 16-02-2003 on temple Renovation, Epigraphy training, and a seminar conducted by International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram at Cheranmahadevi – Tirunelveli.
3. Participated in the “Research Methodology Workshop” conducted by the MIDS, held between 09 to 12-01-2006 at MIDS campus, Chennai
4. Participated in the three day workshop on “Temple Studies” was conducted by the UGC – Academic Staff college, Madurai Kamaraj University, held between 22.09.2010 at 24.09.2010 at M.K.U campus, Madurai.21
5. Participated in a State level Workshop on “ Data Dissemination – Census 2011” Organized by Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics, MDT Hindu College, Tirunelveli, on 17.08.2015

Books Published (With ISBN)

1. A translation book was published in December 2010. The title of the book is 'Oru Suthiranin Kathai' (A Sudra's story). It is an Autobiography of A.N Sattanathan(1905-1990). ISBN 978-93-80240-37-4). The book was published by Kalachu8vadu publications.
2. A research book titled , 'Needamangalam Sathiya Kodumaium Thiravida Iyakkamum, (Needamangalam Caste oppression and Dravidian Movement – ISBN – 9789386820006 was released in 22/09/2017 at Chennai. The book was published by Kalachuvadu publications.

Extra Curricular Activities

1. Participated in Gandhi Study Circle of MDTHC (From 1997- 2009) Teaching Gandhian Thought In the Evening Hours.
2. Organized a new ' Certificate Course in Progressive Thoughts' (Peryar.E.V.R, Dr.Ambedker, Karl Marx) on 31-12-2009 at M.D.T Hindu College – A pioneer course in the M.S. University, Academic Arena – and formulated the syllabus for this course.
3. Co-ordinator,Progressive Thoughts Forum (2009 on wards)
4. Teaching Progressive Thoughts (Thoughts of Periyar EVR, Dr.Ambedkar and Karl Marx) to the students. These classes are conducting in the free hours.
- 5.Resource Person, RMSA Training programme for School Teachers, held at Palayamkottai (Tirunelveli) from 22.02.2012 to 25.02. 2012
- 6.Question paper Setter & External Examiner (Nov -2012) Department of History, Sri Parasakthi College for Women Courtallam (Thirunelveli Dist)
7. Resource person, RMSA Training Programme for School Teachers, held at Tenkasi (Tirunelveli Dist) From 29.07.2013
8. Subject Expert Board of studies for value Based Education (March -2015) Sadakathullah Appa College (Autonomous) Thirunelveli -11
9. Subject Expert Board of Studies (April – 2015), Department of History, Yadava College (Autononmous) Madurai – 14.
10. Resourse Person, RMSA Training Programme for B.T. Social science Teachers, on 03-08-2017, at S.A. RAJA's College Of Engineering, Alankullam.

Other Activities

1. A free siddha camp and environment propagation programme was conducted on 30-01-2003 at Suthamalli village near our college, by Gandhian Thought Forum & Eco –Club of the M.D.T Hindu College with the Co- Operation of palayamkottai Government Siddha Medical College. Nearly 80 students were participated in the camp and more than 700 publics were benefited in this program.
2. Inaugurated an Art Exhibition about Periyar. E.V.R held on 16, 17-09-2006 at Sankarankoil.
3. Inaugurated “Manarkeni” (Well of Sand) – An educational, Art and cultural research forum at Sankarankoil, Thirunelveli District, on 15-01-2008.
4. Inaugurated ‘Women’s Day’ Seminar held on 07-03-2009, at M.D.T Hindu College campus, Organized by the Students Union of the M.D.T Hindu College.
5. Inaugurated ‘History Association’ and delivered a special lecture on ‘self – Respect Movement’ on 01-09-2009 at V.O.C College, Thoothukudi.
6. ‘Tourism Day’ elocution and essay competitions were sponsored by the State Tourism Department of Tamil Nadu, Held on 02.10.2009 at M.D.T Hindu College campus. Students from all colleges of Tirunelveli were participated. Dept. of History of M.D.T Hindu college was organized it.
7. Delivered a speech on, ‘Dravidian Movement and Dalits’ in a Seminar, on 06.12.2012, organized by sc/st Govt . Employeees union , held at Thirunelveli.
8. Participated and Evaluated the Book ‘ Periyarin Nanbar: Dr.Varatharajulu Naiduvin Varalaru’ (Periyar’s Friend Dr.Varatharajulu Naidu’s History) written by pazha. Athiyaman, released on 14.04.2012, at Chennai.
9. Participated and Evaluated the Book, ‘Thavam kalaium kalam’, written by Dr. T. Karuppaiah, (Department of Tamil, MDTHC) released on 26.01.2013, at Madurai-1
10. Delivered a lecture on the topic of ‘Social Importance of Thirukkural’ on 26.02.2013 at Thiruvalluvar Association, Tenkasi(Thirunelveli District).

11. Delivered a special Lecture on the topic of “ Periyar EVR and K. Kamaraj’ on 05.04.2013 in a NSS Programme, organized by Kamaraj Govt. College, Surandai,(Thirunelveli District).
12. Participated and Evaluated the Book ‘Cheramadevi Gurukula Porattamum Dravida Iyakkaththin Yezhuchiyum’ (Cheranmadevi Gurukulam Agitation and the Emergence of `Dravidian Movement) written by Pazha. Athiyaman, released on 14-12-2013, at Chennai.
13. participated in the discussion of creative writers was held on 19-07.2014 at palayamkottai. This programme was conducted as a part of the Book Exhibition organized by National Book Trust(NBT) and Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
14. A Special lecture on ‘Periyar EVR and Women Liberation’ was given on 19.09.2015, in the meeting conducted by women cell of M D T Hindu college.
- 15.Stamped the first Signature in the Signature campaign conducted on behalf of Women Cell of MDT Hindu College, on 02.03.2016 of target 33% Reservation for women.
16. Participated and Evaluated the Book ‘Contribution of the Christians in the Freedom Movement of India’(Inthiya Viduthalai porattamum Krithavarkalum) written by Rev. Fr. Dr. M.A. Xavier, released on 13.02.2017 at palaymkottai.
17. Delivered a special Lecture on “Cheranmahadevi And Vaikkam Human Rights Agitations” on 16-03-2017, at Sadakkathullah Appa College, Thirunelveli.
18. Delivered a special lecture on the topic “ Dravidian Movement and the Emergence of Modern Society” on 14-07-2017, at Mannar Thirumalai Naicker college, Madurai.
19. Member, Advisory committee Centre of Excellence for Periyar Thought, Periyar Maniammai University, Thanjavur.
20. Member, Tamil Nadu State Archives, Chennai.
21. Life Member(Reg.No.236), Tamil Nadu Archaeological Society, Tamil University, Thanjavur-10