

Curriculum Vitae of Dr.A.Balakrishnan



1. Present Position

Associate Professor
Department of Applied Research,
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2. Educational Qualifications

M.A. (Rural Development), M.Phil (Micro Level Planning), Ph.D

3. Special training undergone

- Attended Orientation programme at ASC, Madras University, Chennai on 06-3-1996 to 02-04-1996.
- Attended refresher course on “New Panchayat System” at GRI, Gandhigram on 15-11-1996 to 5-12-1996.
- Attended Refresher course on “Interdisciplinary Research” at GRI, Gandhigram on 11-05-1998 to 31-05-1998.
- Attended refresher course in “Applied Research in Social and Applied Sciences” at GRI on 05-05-1999 to 25-05-1999.

- Attended Refresher course in “Interdisciplinary for Environmental and social sciences” at GRI on 28-11-2001 to 18-12-2001.
- Attended Research Methodology course for “Rural Development” professionals, from May 27th June 7, 2002 at NIRD, Hyderabad.
- Attended Orientation programme (NSS) from 01-12-2003 to 10-12-2003 at Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science, Coimbatore.
- Attended refresher course (NSS) from 08-10-2007 to 12-10-2007 at Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science, Coimbatore.

4. Teaching and Research Experience

- 17 years of teaching in Research Methodology at UG, PG and M.Phil programmes and Labour Studies and Dimensions of Development at the PG and M.Phil level.
- 17 years of experience in Project Preparation, Designing Data Collection Tools, Data Collection, Data Analysis and Interpretation of Results and Preparation of Research Reports.

5. New Courses/ Programmes Evolved/ Organised

- Course on Fundamentals of Labour Studies (PG Level)
- M.Phil Research and Development (Regular)

6. Laboratories / Department established

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7. Involvement in Institute Development

1. Programme Officer – National Service Scheme from 2003 to till date.
2. Organised and conducted A survey on Illiteracy in V.Pappanampatti by the students of MA RD on 24.12.94
3. Participated in Rural Sanitation work-cleaning and removing the encroachment in the road side with the students of M .A (RD) on 02.01.1995.
4. Organised Aids awareness camp at V.Pappanampatti on 23.01.95
5. Participated in Mass literacy programme at V.Pappanampatti on 02.02.95

6. Participated in Orientation on Mass Literacy to the village trainers in Collaboration with adult education department GRI on 15.02.1995
7. Conducted Video Show Programme on eradication of illiteracy and importance of education, 20.02.1995.
8. Conducted Work Appraisal meeting with trainers and learners at V.Pappanampatti, 30.10.1995.
9. Organised a Follow-up programme at V.Pappanampatti, 6.1.97
10. Organised a household survey field exposure to U.G.Students at N.Panjampatti, 28.02.96
11. Organised Aids awareness programme at V.Pappanampatti and Vellodu villages, 1.3.1996 to 2.3.1996.
12. Conducted environmental awareness camp at Achampatti and Appanampatti villages, 25.3.97 to 26.3.97
13. Conducted a programme field survey exposure to P.G. Students at Kottur Avarampatti, 26.9.97
14. Organised a Programme on Beneficiary identification and construction of soak - pit at Achampatti and Appanampatti village, 08-17.10.1997
15. Organised a two day orientation cum extension programme at Chatrapatti and Kiriampatti villages conducted Case Study of female labourers (Empowerment of Rural female workers), 23.10.98 to 24.10.98.
16. Organised an Environmental Awareness Camp and constructed soak pits and tree plantation in village house holds kondamanaikkanpatty and Ellaipatty, 15.03 2001 to 16.03.2001
17. Orientation and field work in Action Research to for PG I year and M.Phil students at Munilaikottai, Kalikkampatti villages, 30.08.2001 to 31.08.2001
18. Organized children's Environmental Programmes and distributed Handbooks on Environmental Education to teachers at Kottaipatti village (constructed 6 soak pits), 14.11.2001 to 21.11.2001

19. Organised Extension programme for UG/PG and M.Phil students on Participatory Research in Environmental awareness and constructed soak pits, at Ulagampatti, Vailadichampatti and Munnilaikottai, 14.03.2002 to 16.03.2002.

8. Research Guidance

Ph.D Supervision (Degree Awarded)

1. P.G.Balasubramanian, A study on the status of plantation workers in Tamilnadu, Awarded Ph.D, May-2008, Gandhigram Rural University).

On going Ph.D

1. A.Ingersal, Impact of Youth Clubs on Social Life of People: A Study of Dindigul District –December, 2003.
2. R.Elango, An Analysis of Watershed Development under DPAP in Coimbatore District – December, 2003.
3. K.Karnan, Intervention of the Government Schemes on Standard Living of Handloom Weavers – A Study - Sep, 2005.
4. S.Krishnan, Impact of NREGA in the Standard of Living Rural Poor in Madurai District –September, 2009.
5. Murukesh.I, A Study on Gender Mainstreaming in Health in Tribal area of Malappuram District, Kerala –September, 2009.

Supervision of M.Phil Dissertation

1. V.Balamurugan, Leader Effectiveness of Panchayats Presidents in Dindigul Block, (2002-03)
2. V.Mani Arsu, A study on Economics of Migration in Madurai City, (2002-03)
3. S.Thangapandiyam, Study on the Behavioural Pattern of Institutionalised Mentally Retarded Children in Madurai, (2003-04)
4. M.Senthil Kumar, Study on the Problems of Rural Labour Youth in Selected Villages of Usilampatti Block, (2004-05)
5. T.Alamelumangai, Problems of Unorganized Women Workers in Dindigul District – A Study, (2005-06)
6. J.Thayaru, A study on the production and marketing of cooperative Brick Industry in Trichy District, (2005-06)

7. C.S.Praveen, A study on the Psycho-Social problems of the dependents of the farmers who committed suicide in Wayannad, (2006-07)
8. Anitha.N, Problems of Women Constructor workers in Ernakulam District, (2007-08)
9. A.Kalaimuhan, A study on Migrant labourers in Thhanjavour District, (2007-08)
10. S.Jeeva, Human Rights Violation with Special reference to Scheduled Tribes in Coonoor block in Nilgiris District, (2008-09).
11. S.Sasikumar, Socio-Economic Problems of people Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAS)–A study with reference to Dindigul District (M.K.University), 2008-09.

9. Research projects undertaken

- 1) A.Balakrishnan and M.A.Sudhir, Research Monograph on Research in Rural Development Volume I (GRI, Ph.D Abstracts) GRI, 2003.
- 2) A.Balakrishnan, Role of NGO in empowerment of Rural Labour Force – UGC sponsored Minor Research Project, 2003-2005.

10. List of Publications

Publication of Book

1. A.Balakrishnan and M.A.Sudhir, Empowerment of Rural Female Labour Force in India, New Delhi: Anmol Publications, Pvt. Ltd., 2002.
2. A.Balakrishnan and M.A.Sudhir, Research Monograph on Research in Rural Development Volume I (GRI, Ph.D Abstracts) GRI, 2003.
3. A.Balakrishnan, Rural Landless Women Labourers – Problems and Prospects, Delhi: Kalpaz Publication, 2005.
4. A.Balakrishnan, Impact of Globalization and Retaining Strategies for Labour and Employment, Delhi: Gyan Publication, 2007.

Articles

1. A.Balakrishnan, “The Unorganised Labourers and Insurance” a chapter in Dr.K.Ravichandran (Ed), Recent trends in Insurance in India, New Delhi- April, 1997.
2. A.Balakrishnan, Problems of rural landless agricultural labourers: A study, Journal of Extension and Research, Vol.2 No.1 July 1999.

3. A.Balakrishnan, Socio-economic problems of the rural aged: a chapter A study, in Sudhir. M.A (Ed) Aging in Rural India: Perspectives and Prospects, Delhi: Indian Publishers and distributors, 2000.
4. A.Balakrishnan, Environment and Empowerment of women, Journal of Extension and Research, July 2001.
5. A.Balakrishnan, Voluntary action and social change, Journal of Extension and Research, Vol – 5 No.1, August 2002.
6. A.Balakrishnan, Environmental issues: A study, A Chapter in Sudhir.M.A (Ed) Environmental Issues, New Delhi: Reliance Publishers, 2002 with S.Shanmugam.
7. A.Balakrishnan and A.Ingersal “Empowerment of women through SHGs” a chapter in Dr. L.Radhakrishnan (Ed) Empowerment of women through Entrepreneurship, Gyan Publication ,New Delhi- 2007 .

12. Short Term Courses/ Symposium/ Conferences attended

Paper Presented

1. Presented in International Workshop on “Economy of Performance and Dynamics of a Sharing Community”, paper entitled “Economic Empowerment of Rural Women through training: An Impact of Study”, organized by Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension , Gandhigram Rural Institute, held on 25& 26.7.2005
2. Paper presented in the seminar on Indicators of Rural Development organised by the Dept. of Applied Research GRI, Gandhigram on 9.3.1995 to 10.3.1995
3. Paper presented in the Seminar on Corruption in Social life organised by the Dept. of Applied Research, GRI, Gandhigram on 02.02.98.
4. Paper presented in the seminar on psychosocial Characteristics problems and strategies for the welfare of the Aged in Rural India on 11.03.1998 to 13.03.1998.
5. Paper presented in the seminar on “Empowerment of Rural Female Labour Force sponsored by the U.G.C. Organised by the Dept. of Applied Research, GRI, Gandhigram on 29.1.1999.

6. “Problems of Rural Landless Agricultural Labourers – A study (with special reference to scheduled caste)”, Paper presented in the XXII Indian Social Science congress held at GRI by the Indian Academy of Social Sciences on 13-18.3.1999.
7. “Empowerment of Rural Landless Women Labourers”, Paper presented in the National Seminar on "Environment and Empowerment of Women", held at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, 25-29.3.2000.
8. Participated in the National Seminar on "Community Action Planning and development processes", organized by GRI and University Madras at GRI on 23-24.02.2001.
9. Paper presented in a Workshop on “Environmental Issues”, paper entitled “Environmental Issues-A Study”, Gandhigram Rural Institute, held on 27 and 28.04.2001.
10. Paper presented in the National Seminar on "Changing Social Institutions and their impact on the quality of life", held at Bharathidasan University Tiruchirapalli on 18-19.2.2002.
11. Paper presented in National Seminar on “ The impact of Globalisation on Tiny and Small Scale Industrial Sector”, paper entitled “Problems of Handloom Weavers-A Empirical Study”, organized by Department of Rural Industries and Management, Gandhigram Rural Institute, held on 22.3.2002.
12. Participated in the National Seminar on "Status, Trends and Supervision of Research in Rural Development", organized by GRI, on 12.4.2002.
13. Paper presented in State Level Workshop on “Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development”, paper entitled “Research for sustainable Energy”, Gandhigram Rural Institute, held on 15&16.03.2003.
14. Paper presented in National Seminar on “Economic Reforms and Rural Labour Market”, paper entitled “Rural Labour force and Economic Reforms India”, organized by Department of Rural Industries and Management, Gandhigram Rural University, held on 30 & 31.10.2003.

15. Paper presented in National seminar on “Corporate Culture and Ethical Climate”, paper entitled, “Cooperative Values and Ethics in Cooperative Business Organisations in the New century,” organized by Department of Commerce, GVG Visalakshi college, Udumalaipettai, held on 29.9.04,
16. Paper presented in National Seminar on “Green Productivity in Small and Medium Enterprises”, paper entitled “Environmental Pollution by Industrial Effluents in India”, organized by Department of Rural Industries and Management, Gandhigram Rural University, held on 12 & 13.1.2005,
17. A.Balakrishnan, and G.Balasubramanian, Paper presented in National Seminar on “Indian cooperative Movement: Status, Trend and Vision for 2020”, paper entitled “Performance Analysis on Bikkatty Industrial Cooperative Tea Factory- Case Study”, organized by Department of Cooperation, Gandhigram Rural University, held on 21. 22.2.2005
18. A.Balakrishnan, and P.G.Balasubramanian, Paper presented in National seminar on “Socio Economic Dimensions of Child and Women Labour”, paper entitled, “Emerging concerns in wage, income, Employment of Labour Market in India”, organized by Department of Economics, Jamal Mohemmed College, Tiruchirappalli, held on 27, 28-9.2005,
19. A.Balakrishnan, and P.G.Balasubramanian, Paper presented in State Level Seminar on “Impact of Globalisation and Retaining Strategies for Labour and Employment”, paper entitled “Problems of Plantation Labourers in Tamilnadu”, organized by Department of Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural University, held on 15.2.2006.
20. Paper presented in National seminar on “Globalisation, Labour and Family: Opportunities and Challenges”, paper entitled, “Labour Migration: Problems and Prospects,” organized by Department of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, held on 29, 30-3-2006.

21. Paper presented in National Seminar on “ Small and Medium Enterprises Under Globalisation: Opportunities and Challenges”, paper entitled “Labour Market in Small and Medium Enterprises under Liberalisation ”, organized by Department of Rural Industries and Management, Gandhigram Rural University, held on 16 & 17.10.2006,

22. Paper presented in National Seminar on “ICT Related Research on Serving Farmers and Saving Farming”, paper entitled “Influence of Communication& Technology in Plantation Sector”, organized by Department of Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural University, held on 20, 21-12-2006.

Programme Participation

1. Attended PRA workshop at Nattarpatti, organised by GRI on 28.07.92 and 30.07.92
2. Attended PRA workshop at Chekkapatti, organised by GRI on 20-22.7.1992
3. Attended a seminar on the state, the law the co-operative organised by the dept. of co-operation, GRI, Gandhigram on 27.03.1995.
4. Attended a regional seminar on research projects in rural industries and management sponsored by UGC organised by the Dept. of Rural Industries and Management, GRI, Gandhigram on 27.03.1997.
5. Attended National Workshop on Rural Higher Education towards Sustainable and Gram Suwaraj – 21-22 June, 2002, Chennai.
6. A.Balakrishnan, Paper presented in the National Seminar on "The impact of Globalisation on Tiny and small scale industrial sector", held at GRI, Gandhigram on 22.03.2002
7. Participated a two day workshop on CBCS at GRI on 18-19.3.2002
Attended Workshop on Teacher Evaluation at GRI, organised by Dept. of Applied Research on 24-11-2004

8. A.Balakrishnan, Participated a Resource Person of “Pedagogical workshop for Special School Teachers” organized by Dept. of Applied Research, GRI on 28&30.4.2005.
9. Attended a workshop on “Case writing” organised by GRI, Gandhigram on 6.04.2006 to 8.4.2006.
10. Participated in Interaction on Technical Textiles and Training Needs of the Textile Sector on November 4, 2006, Coimbatore organised by the Department of Handloom and Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu.
11. Attended a Dissemination workshop on “Integrating Human Rights Approach in Poverty Alleviation Programme” organised by Dept. of Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural University on 29.11.2006.

12. Short Term Courses/ Seminar/ Conferences Organized

- i. Organised NSS Special Camp at Sirunakampatti, 25-12-2003 to 03-01-2004.
- ii. Organised Cycle Rally on the eve of NSS day celebration “Save Environment” on 22-09-2004 in the Surrounding Villages of A.Vellodu, Sirunayakanpatti, Panchampatti) Gandhigram.
- iii. Organised NSS Special Camp at V.Pappanampatti, 22-12-2004 to 03-01-2005.
- iv. Organised Environment Cum Trekking Programme for NSS volunteers on: Environmental Awerness and Tribal Youth Meet at Vadakaraiparai in Kodaikannal Hills on 04-03-2006.
- v. Organised NSS Special Camp at Indrapuram, 25-12-2005 to 03-01-2006.
- vi. Organised a UGC State Level seminar on the Impact of Globalisation and Retaining Strategies for Labour and Employment on 15 February 2006 at Gandhigram Rural University.
- vii. Organised Work Camp and Training in Rural Development for 15 NSS Volunteers along with 14 Students Team from Japan at Michaelpatti from 4-03-2007 to 8-03-2007.

- viii. Delivered 15 Lectures in Training of Weavers of Tamil Nadu, 15 batches from January – March 2007 at Gandhigram Rural University by Department of Handloom and Textiles, Tamil Nadu Government.
- ix. Organised NSS Special Camp at Palayakanivadi, 24-01-2008 to 02-01-2008.
- x. A two day Training programme organized on leadership and personality development from 17-12-2008 to 18-12-2008 at Gandhigram Rural University.

13. Membership in Scientific Bodies/ Association

- 1. Member, Board of Studies in Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural University.
- 2. Indian Academy of Social Sciences, Allahabad, India

14. Resource Person (Inaugural Address/ Guest Lecture/ Chairman)

- 1. Participated in the Workshop on National Consultation Workshop for Module Development for the Training of Youth in Social Harmony and National Unity, organised by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development on 13-12-2006 to 15.12.2006.
- 2. Participated as a Recourse person of National Workshop on Capacity Building for “Education for Sustainable Development organised by WWF-India, Tamilnadu State Office Chennai, on 3,4-12-2007
- 3. A.Balakrishnan, Social Audit and Accounting for Youth – A Module Preparation by Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Youth Development, Sriperamputher, 20-30, Oct, 2009.

15. Reviewer for Journals

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16. Recognition (Local, National, International)

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17. Committee Member

- 1. NSS Advisory Committee Member 2002 to till date

18. Fellowships Received

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19. Foreign Countries Visited

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19. Administrative Experience

1. Deputy Superintendent of Semester Examinations April-May, 2002, GRI, Gandhigram.
2. Deputy Superintendent of Semester Examinations April-May, 2005, GRI, Gandhigram.
3. Deputy Superintendent of Semester Examinations April-May, 2009, GRI, Gandhigram.
4. Officer on Special Duty, examination conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling – NIOS, Regional Centre, Kochin, at Gandhigram, from 2006 to Oct, 2009.

20. Others (mention)

Conducted four Blood donation camps (NSS) at GRI campus in collaboration with Meenatchi Mission Hospital, Madurai and Kasturiba Hospital, Gandhigram (2004 to Aug, 2009).

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