

## CURRICULUM VITAE

- 01 Name** : **M.R. KUBENDRAN**
- 02 Designation** : Professor of English &  
**DEAN**  
Faculty of English and  
Foreign Languages &  
Gandhigram Rural Institute  
Deemed University  
Gandhigram 624 302  
Tamil Nadu
- 03 Academic Qualifications** : M.A.English Language  
and Literature  
M.Phil.  
Ph.D.
- 04 Special responsibilities** : \* **Chairman**  
(officiated as Vice-Chancellor)  
Interim Administrative Committee  
Gandhigram Rural Institute,  
Gandhigram - **July 2007** -  
**March 2009**
- Team \* **Member** – XI Plan UGC Visiting  
- **Jan.**  
**2009**
- \* **COORDINATOR**  
M.A. Comparative Literature  
and Cultural Studies  
(under UGC-Innovative  
Programme – X Plan)
- 05 Professional Experience** : UG - 25years  
PG - 25years  
MPhil- 08 years

- 06 Area of Specialisation** : Comparative Literature  
Indian Writing in English  
Science Fiction  
Journalism
- 07 Member** : Senate and Syndicate  
of the Gandhigram Rural Institute

**08 Membership in Other Universities / Colleges :**

- Serving as a member – Board of Studies in English, **Tamil Nadu Open University**, Chennai. Formulated the Syllabi for M.A. English.
- **Bharathiyar University** Representative in the Board of Studies in English – Government Arts College, Coimbatore. Collaborated in designing the Syllabi for M.A. and B.A. programmes.
- **Madurai Kamaraj University** Representative in the Board of Studies in English – Vivekananda College, Thiruvudagam West, Madurai. Stressed the need for inculcating Spoken Ability among students for Career Prospects.
- Member in the Board of Studies in English – **Alagappa University**, Karaikudi and Avinasilingam Deemed University for Women, Coimbatore.
- Member in the Board of Studies in English – **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University**, Tirunelveli.

**09 Visiting Fellow / Professor/Resource Person:**

- As a Visiting Fellow, delivered a series of lectures on Indian Literature in Translation in the University of Calicut :  
U.R. Ananthamurthy  
Girish Karnad  
Vijay  
Prem Chand  
Akilan  
Tendulkar

- Resource Person: UGC Refresher Courses
- Addressed students of Arul Anandar College on the *Need for Learning English in the Globalised Era*
- Member in Selection Committee for Professors/Directors/Readers/Lecturers Universities and Colleges in Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- Delivered a lecture on George Ryga at the UGC-Sponsored State Level Conference on Commonwealth Literature at VVV College for Women, Virudhunagar
- Addressed English Major students at the GTN Arts College, Dindigul on *Five Approaches to Literary Criticism*
- Inaugurated and delivered a lecture on *Learning Strategies* at Sourashtra College, Madurai

## **10 Research**

Ph.D. awarded - Three

Areas of study:

- Native Canadian Literature
- David Mamet - Awarded
- Margaret Atwood
- C.S. Lewis – A hermeneutic Reading

## **11 Examinership/Adjudication of Ph.D. theses:**

- Served as examiner for SLET-Examination conducted by Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli
- M.Phil. examiner for Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Alagappa University, Karaikudi

- External Examiner for Ph.D. theses for a few universities in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh.
- Convenor for Ph.D. viva-voce examination in Universities in Tamil Nadu

## **12 As Chairman, Board of Studies/Dean of the Faculty**

- Conducted Board of Studies meetings to update the Syllabi – M.A., M.phil., besides M.D.A. and UG programmes. As Inter-departmental elective a course on Science Journalism is envisaged. As value addition to the existing UG programmes, parallel / add-on courses are envisaged. This will be offered in the Even Semester.
- A proposal for starting Science Journalism as an elective was sent to the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. Funds have been sanctioned by DST, Government of India, New Delhi.
- Conducted Annual Conference on Science Fiction Studies.
- Conducted Regional Seminar on Value Education.

## **13 UGC-Sponsored Refresher Courses**

- Conducted two Refresher Courses on the following themes :
  - (a) Commonwealth Literature (November 5-25, 2002)
  - (b) English and Comparative Studies (November 5-25, 2003)
- Served as Deputy Coordinator for the UGC Refresher Course on Translation Strategies (September 3-23, 2001)

## **14 Unassigned Grant**

- Conducted a Regional Seminar on Comparative Literature in the Post-colonial Era at GRI. The seminar focussed on the changing contours and widening prospects of CL in the present era.

- Sanction has been obtained for the publication of my thesis entitled *Gandhism in Indo-English Novels* (1986-1991)

## **15 Extension**

- Besides conducting Village Placement Programmes, guest lectures on a wide range of topics like Arms Race and The Need for Disarmament, Globalisation or Neo-Colonisation are arranged to widen the horizon of students.
- Guest Lectures are arranged for M.A. and M.Phil. students to expose them to the knowledge and expertise available outside the University. Experts from different colleges and universities are invited to speak on select topics

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