

Curriculum Vitae of Dr. A. Pitchai



1. Present Position : Professor of Tamil,
Head / Dean.
2. Educational Qualifications : MA (Tamil), MA (Psy.), PhD (Tamil),
D. Ling. , D.H.Ed. , Cert. in Malayalam
3. Special training undergone : 1. UGC Summer Institute in Applied
Linguistics (1977)
2. Workshop in Folklore (1978)
4. Teaching and research experience: 31 years
 - a. 1974 – 1978 : PhD research, Department of Tamil, MKU
Madurai-21
 - b. 1978-1980 : Pre –Degree/ Post metric Teaching in
Kodaikanal International School.
 - c. 1980-1984 : Head, Department of Material Production/
Curriculum Development, Chennai.
 - d. 1984-1990 : Teaching Graduates and Post Graduates.
 - e. 1990 -2007 : Teaching and guiding Post Graduates and
PhD Scholars.
 - f. 2007 – till now : Teaching and guiding Post Graduates,
M. Phil., PhD. Scholars

5. New Courses / Programmes evolved: M.Phil Tamil and MA Classical Tamil, Dip. in Media Studies.
6. Laboratories/ Dept. established : Computer Lab. and Bharathiar Chair.
7. Involvement in Institute Development: Position of Vice -President for student Cooperative Society, Canteen and establishing Public telephone booth in GRU Campus (2001 – 2003)
8. Research Guidance : 1990 onwards – 9 Candidates (Awarded)
Under guidance – 05 Candidates.
9. Research Projects undertaken: Bharathiar Fellowship Programme (1992- till now)
10. List of Publications:

Books

1. Games in Tamil Culture, Kapilan Pathippakkam, Chennai, 1982.
2. Comparative Indian Literature, Kapilan Pathippakkam, Gandhigram, 2003.
3. History of Folklore Research in Tamil, International Institute of Tamil Studies,. Chennai, 2003.
4. History of Tamil Research – A Hand book, Kapilan Pathippakam, Gandhigram, 2008.

- Co-editor:**
- a. Bharathi and Bhakthi Literature, April,2001.
 - b. Bharathi and Children's Literature, March, 2002.
 - c. Bharathiar's Panchali Sabatham and Mahabharatha Episodes
December, 2002.
 - d. Bharathi and Kannan paattu , September, 2007.
 - e. Post-Bharathi : Women and Poetry , September, 2008.

11. Short term Courses/ Symposium/ Conferences attended:

- A. UGC **refresher course** on literary methodology and applications,
MKU, 11.07.88 – 24.07.88

B. Conferences attended

I. International

- a. Seminar and XIV All India Conference on Dravidian Linguists, ISDL Complex, Thumba, Trivandrum, From 06.01.1986 to 12.01.1986, Stylistics of Tamil Grammarians.
- b. First International conference on Skanda – Murugan, December, 28 – 31, 1998, Organized by Institute of Asian Studies, Chennai, Influence of higher mythology on Tamil myth of Murugan – Valli.
- c. World conference on Thirukkural, January 07-09, 2000, Psychological approach to Thirukkural, at Jamal Mohamed College, Trichi.
- d. Conference on World Tamil Literary types and Structures, International Institute of Tamil Studies and Dr. MGR Janaki Ammal College, Chennai, November 05-06, 2005, Is Paripadal a literary type?.

II. National

- a. UGC seminar on Folklore, September, 07-09, 1987, MKU, Madurai, The role of Tamil Folk games in the modern world.
- b. Seminar on Social change in Post Independent novels in South Indian Languages, University of Kerala and Comparative Literature Society, Trivandrum, 14.12.1989 – 16.12.1989, Individual and social change in Kannada and Tamil novels.
- c. UGE seminar on Folk myths, University of Calicut, January 1990.
- d. UGC Seminar on Gender issues in Indian Folklore, 21.12.1999 – 23.12.1999, MKU, Madurai, Sexual politics in Tamil Ballads.
- e. UGC seminar on Comparative Literature, Cochin University of Science and Technology, 19-20, January, 2000, Recent trends in South Indian fiction.

- f. Sixth Annual conference of Indian Association for Science fiction studies at Dept. of English, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, 18-19, December, 2004.
- g. UGC seminar on Comparative Literature, Department of Tamil, Annamalai University, February 17-18, 2006, Development of Comparative Literature in Tamil –Yesterday and today.
- h. Seventh Annual conference of Indian Association for Science fiction studies at University of Mysore , Participated in Video Conference with Dr.Deshpande in Bombay, and Chaired one session of the conference, 9-10, December, 2005, Mysore.
- i. Conference on Natrinai, Arasar Colege on 11.12.2005, Analytic study of Marutham poems in Natrinai.
- j. Diamond Jubilee conference of Stella Mary's College on 15.02.2007.
- k. Seminar on Indian Folklore, 27-29, December, at Pondicherry Institute of Linguistic and Culture and Indian Folklore congress, Calcutta and Folklore Unit of CIIL, Mysore.
- l. Seminar on Ethnic identity, gender and oral narrative, Centafore, MKU, Madurai, 22 -23, 12.2000, Human sacrifice in Tamil Ballads.

12. Short term Courses/ Symposium/ Conferences organized:

- a. Post-Centenary Studies on Bharathi, 26-07-93 to 27-07-93 at Gandhigram.
- b. Special Lecture on MAHAKAVI and MAHATMA by Dr.M.R.P. Gurusami.
- c. National Seminar “Bharathi and Indian National Poets “ 18-19, March, 1994.
- d. Regional Seminar on Bharathiyar's Concept of Development, 27-28, October,1995.
- e. Workshop on Translating Stories of Bharathi into English, 24-25, September.1998.

- f. Regional Seminar on Bharathi and Bhakthi Literature, 31-3-2001 to 1-4-2001.
- g. Regional Seminar on Bharathi and Children's Literature, 20-21, March, 2002.
- i. National Seminar on Bharathiar's Panchali Sabatham and Mahabharatha Episodes Literature, 11-12, December, 2002.
- h. Regional Seminar on Bharathi and Kannanpaattu , 11-12, September 2007.
- j. Regional Seminar on Writings of Sri. Sujatha, 21-22, August, 2008.
- k. Regional Seminar on Post-Bharathi : Women and Poetry , September 11-12, 2008.
- l. Film Festival 2008 and Documentary Film Festival 2009.

13. Membership in Scientific bodies and associations:

- a. Life member in Dravidian Linguistics Association.
- b. Executive member of Indian University Tamil Teachers Association, Madurai and International Society for Tami culture, Madurai.
- c. Life Membership in Journal of Asian Studies and Journal of Tamil Studies, Chennai.

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

- a. Shanmugam Meyyappan Endowment Lecture on Pillai Tamil – a psychological perspective in Faculty of Indian Languages, Annamalai University. (17.02.1997)
- b. Dr.P.Athiththanar Endowment Lecture on History of Tamil Folklore studies in International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai. (28.02.2003)
- c. Contact cum Correspondence Courses in Tamil at Maheswari Academy , Kathihar (Bihar) from 20.11.1992 to 02.12.1992, organized by CIIL, Mysore.

- d. Contact cum Correspondence Courses in Tamil at ERLC at Bhuvaneshwar (Orissa) from 20.11.1992 to 02.12.1992, organized by CIIL, Mysore.
 - e. Guest lecture on Role of Universities in Continuing education at MKU on 21/22 November 2002, organized by State Resource Centre, Chennai.
 - f. Special Lecture on Peasant Culture of India – a comparative study in Tamil Social Cultural Research Association, Coimbatore - 46, on 10.06.2001.
 - g. Guest Lecture in Refresher Course on 18.04.2002 at MSU, Thirunelveli and 19.12.2003 at MKU, Madurai.
15. Review on Journals and Books:
- a. Vaiyavan short stories collections, volume 1, Chennai.
 - b. Senthilar Poems, Erodu, 2009.
16. Recognitions (Local/ National/ International):
- a. Second prize for research article selected by Academy of Tamil Scholars, Tamil Nadu, Trichi -08 (1977/78)
 - b. Silver Jubilee Award for Regular and Continuous Participation and presentation of research articles in the Annual conferences of Indian Tamil Teachers Association at MKU , May 27/29, 1994, honoured by Education Minister of Tamil Nadu.
17. Committee member: Curricular and Examination Boards of other Universities in Tamil Nadu.
18. Fellowship received : JRF (1974 – 78), MKU, Madurai.
19. Foreign countries visited:
- A. Nepal – November 1992.
 - B. USA (South Florida- Miami Region) – 18th March 2009 to 20th June 2009.

20. Administrative experience: Head/ Dean/ Senate member from 2007 – till now and Vice President of Student Cooperative Society and Canteen for three years (2001 – 2003)

21.Others:

A. **Editing Quarterly News letter** on Comparative literatures since 1996 onwards till now.

B. **Area of Specialization and Research interest:** Poetics and Metrics, Comparative Literature, Folklore, Literature and Cinema and Little Magazines.