

# Curriculum Vitae

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### Books

1. **Communities, Panchayats and Governance at Grassroots**, (with Dr. G. Palanithurai) Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi. (2007)
2. **Functional Efficiency of Gram Sabha in Tamil Nadu**, (with Dr.G. Palanithurai) Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi. (2005)
3. **Participatory Management of Natural Resources in Tamil Nadu**, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi (2003).

### Monographs

1. **Building alliances and capacities among the elected women representatives of Grassroots**, Gandhigram, Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies, 2003.
2. **One Step forward and Two Steps backward - Status of Panchayati Raj in Tamil Nadu**, Gandhigram, 1999.
3. **From participation to self-governance**, Gandhigram, Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies, 1999.
4. **Participation in Panchayats: Kerala Experiences** (Tamil) The Department of Political Science and Development Administration, GRI. 1999.

## **Papers Published**

1. **Crisis in Governance, Politics and Administration** (with G.Palanithurai) in South Asia Politics, Vol. 6, No. 6, October 2007.
2. **Critical issues in Democratic Decentralization of power in India** (with G.Palanithurai) South Asian Politics. Vol.6, No.1 May 2007.
3. **"Building a Culture of Sharing–Challenges and opportunities** in Raja L., Jayaraju, M.A., Bruniz (Eds), 2007, Economics of Permanence and Dynamics of a sharing Community, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram.
4. **Surviving Water Republics in Sivaganga District in Tamil Nadu.** The Journal of Integration Studies, Vol. IX - XI, Centre for Integration Studies, Department of Political Science, Annamalai University, July 2007
5. **"Empowering Dalits in Panchayat: Struggles Stages and Key Determinants: Case Studies from Tamil Nadu"**, ISDA Journal, Vol 16., No. 3, July-September – 2006.
6. **Building Alliances and Capabilities among the Elected Women Representatives of Grassroots Institutions** (With G.Palanithurai). 2004, G. Palanithurai (Ed) Dynamics of New Panchayati Raj System, Concept publishing company, New Delhi.
7. **Self Governance, Moral Sentiments and Social Devices as Constrains to Corruption at Grassroots** in Narayanasamy N, Borain M.P. Jayaraju M. (Eds) Corruption at the Grassroots: The Shades and Shadows, 2000, Concept publishing company, New Delhi
8. **"Self Governance of Common: A Case analysis of Irrigation Tanks in Tamil Nadu"** in G.Palanithurai (ed.), Contemporary Issues in Development Dynamics, 1999, Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi.

## **Research Reports**

1. **Functional Efficiency of Gram Sabha:** A Report Submitted to II State Finance Commission, with G. Palanithurai, Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies, Gandhigram, 2001.
2. **Empowering People through Panchayats: Problems Faced by Elected Panchayat Leaders in Tamil Nadu,** with G. Palanithurai, Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies, Gandhigram, 2001.

3. **Status of ST Women Panchayati Presidents in Tamil Nadu**, Gandhigram, Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies, 2003.

**DETAILS OF PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED**

Particulars	Period		No.of Days
	From	To	
Gave a Seminar on Panchayati Raj System in Tamil Nadu in Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK.	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2003	-	1 day
<b>Training Programme/ Short term Courses Conducted</b>			
1. Coordinated the <b>NGO Meet on Globalization</b> , Organized by the Department of Political Science, GRU, Gandhigram, sponsored by The Ford Foundation, New Delhi	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2007	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2007	Two days
2. Coordinated the <b>workshop on Globalization and Local Governance</b> , Organized by the Department of Political Science, GRU, Gandhigram, sponsored by The Ford Foundation, New Delhi	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2007	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2007	Two days
3. Organized a <b>workshop on Challenges and Opportunities for Tribal Women Panchayat Presidents</b> , sponsored by Department of Rural Development, Government of Tamil Nadu, at Gandhigram Rural University	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 2005	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 2005	Two days
4. Organized a <b>National Seminar on Good Governance through E-governance</b> , sponsored by Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, at Gandhigram Rural University	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar, 2004	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar, 2004	Two days
5. Organized evening workshop on <b>Globalization</b> for the Shanti Sena Students of Gandhigram Rural University	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 2003	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 2003	Three days
6. Coordinated the <b>Conference of Women Panchayat Presidents of Tamil Nadu</b> , sponsored by Singamma Srinivasan Foundation, Bangalore, organized by GRU.	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2002	-	One day

7. Coordinated <b>Leadership Training programme for women Panchayat Presidents</b> , organized by Department of Political Science, GRU, Gandhigram, sponsored by The Hunger Project.	10 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June	Five days
8. Coordinated a <b>workshop on Evolving Indicators of Performance of village panchayats</b> , Organized by the Department of Political Science, GRU, sponsored by UNICEF.	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2002	-	One day
9. Coordinated State level <b>Workshop on Interface between SHG's and Village Panchayats</b> , Organized by the Department of Political Science, GRU, Gandhigram, sponsored by UNICEF	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2002	-	One day
10. Coordinated a <b>workshop for testing the training manual for panchayat presidents</b> , organized by the Dept. of Political Science, GRU, sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2001	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2001	Five days

#### SEMINAR / WORKSHOP / SYMPOSIUM / PAPER PRESENTATION

Particulars	Period		No. of Days
	From	To	
<b>a) International Level</b>			
1. Presented a paper on <b>Building a Culture of Sharing – Challenges and Opportunities</b> – in the seminar on Economy of Permanence and Dynamics of a Sharing Community. Organized by the Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2007	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2007	Two days
2. Presented a paper on <b>Collective action for managing disasters at grass roots</b> in the workshop on “Citizens participation in local governance and managing Natural Disasters”, organized by Department of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural University, sponsored by Tool Kit Foundation, Netherlands.	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2005	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2005	Three days
3. Gave a <b>seminar on Functioning of Panchayati Raj system in Tamil Nadu</b> at Institute of Development	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2003	-	One day

Studies, University of Sussex, United Kingdom.			
4. <b>Empowering Women in Panchayats in India – Challenges and opportunities</b> presentation made to the Cambodian Team of Members of Parliament to study the impact of reservation for women in local bodies in India, at Gandhigram.	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2000	-	One day
5. Presented of Paper in International conference on <b>Gender and globalization</b> at Bizzing China	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	Two days
6. Presented of paper in International conference on <b>Women in Politics Asia</b> at University of hide shim honover Germany	4 <sup>th</sup>		One day
<b>b) National Level</b>			
1. <b>Challenges and Opportunities in Globalization for Panchayats</b> Presentation made in the workshop on Global Local Dialogue in Gandhigram, sponsored by Ford Foundation, Organized by the Department of Political Science.	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2007	-	One day
2. <b>Globalization and Local Governance</b> Presentation made in workshop on Globalization and Decentralization. Sponsored by Ford Foundation Organized by Department of Political Science.	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 2007	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 2007	Three days
3. <b>From Participation to self governance</b> paper presented in National Workshop on Empowering Panchayat. Issues and strategies, Organised by Centre for World Solidarity in NIRD Hyderabad	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 2007	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 2007	Three days
4. <b>Stages struggles and determinants in empowerment at Grass roots</b> paper presented in the National seminar organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for youth development Chennai at Gandhigram Rural University	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2007	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2007	Two days
5. <b>Surviving water republics case studies from Sivagangai district Tamil Nadu</b> paper presented in the NIRD Foundation day seminar Hyderabad on “Water and governance”.	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2006	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2006	Two days
6. <b>Collective action and Communal Harmony</b> paper presented in the National seminar on Religious pluralism organized by ICOSA, Chennai	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2006	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2006	Two days

at Gandhigram Rural University			
7. <b>Empowering women – the Gandhian strategy</b> presentation in Kasthuriba Gandhi Endowment seminar organized by the Department of Gandhian Thought, Gandhigram Rural University.	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2006	-	One day
8. <b>Women and Social Development in Panchayats</b> Presentation made in the State level Conference of Women Panchayat presidents, Sponsored by Singamma Srinivasan Foundation at GRU, Gandhigram. Organized by Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies.	15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2005	-	One day
9. <b>Managing Commons at the Grassroots</b> presentation made in the National Workshop on Panchayati Raj : Trials and Triumphs Sponsored by Hunger Project held at Chennai.	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug, 2003	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug, 2003	Two days
10. <b>Commons Property and Rural Development</b> Paper presented in the National Seminar on Rural Development Retrospects and Prospects, sponsored by UGC and organized by the Department of Political Science, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug, 2002	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug, 2002	Two days
11. <b>Building the Capacity of Panchayat: Experiments of a Rural University</b> presentation made in National Workshop on Strengthening of panchayati raj system - A training in torrential in Lal Bahadur Sastri National Academy sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi foundation at Mussorie.	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar, 2002	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar, 2002	Two days
12. <b>Common Property Resource Management and New Panchayat Raj System</b> presentation made in the Refresher Course for University and College Teachers, Sponsored by the UGC. Organized by the Department of Political Science, Gandhigram Rural University.	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2002	-	One day
13. <b>Panchayats and Primary Education</b> Presentation made in the State level Workshop on Role of Panchayats in Primary Education Sponsored by PRIA and Organised by Rajiv Gandhi Chair for	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2002	-	One day

Panchayati Raj Studies at Chennai.			
14. <b>Experiment in Planning and Employment Generation</b> Paper presented in Foundation day seminar NIRD, Hyderabad	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2004	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2004	Two days
15. <b>Panchayats and Livelihood Security – case studies of a success story</b> paper presented in the National Seminar on Panchayat as institutions of development organized by Shri.Ram Centre, New Delhi and World Bank	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar, 2005	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar, 2005	Two days
16. <b>Struggle for Liberation and Empowerment in Panchayat – Stages and Key Determinants: Case Studies from Tamil Nadu.</b> In NIRD Foundation – Day Seminar on Rural Development and Social Change.	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2005	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2005	Two days
17. <b>Panchayats and Community in the Management of Irrigation Tanks.</b> Paper presented in Seminar on Tanks and Panchayats- Advancing Development organised by DHAN Foundation, Madurai	28 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 2005	29 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 2005	Two days
18. Delivered a lecture in the <b>Refresher course on Rural Development</b> sponsored by UGC organized by Department of Rural Development, Gandhigram Rural University	13 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 2005	-	One day
19. Participated as <b>one of the organizers of 28<sup>th</sup> Indian Social Science Congress</b> sponsored by Indian Academy of Social Sciences at Gandhigram Rural University.	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2005	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2005	Five days
20. Delivered a lecture in <b>Refresher course in Gandhian Studies</b> sponsored by UGC organized by Department of Gandhian Thought, Gandhigram Rural University.	15 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 2001	-	One day
21. <b>Panchayats and Development</b> presentation made in the Social Science Research Methodology Course organized by Department of Political Science, GRU Gandhigram. Sponsored by ICSSR	14 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 2000	-	One day
c) <b>Regional Level</b>			

1. <b>Role of Panchayats and SHGs in managing commons</b> presentation made in the State level Workshop on SHGs and Panchayats. Sponsored by UNICEF and organized by Rajiv Gandhi Chair at GRU, Gandhigram.	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2002		One day
<b>d) Local Level</b>			
1. Delivered a <b>lecture on the workshop on Kasturiba and Women Development</b> organized by Gandhian Studies and Peace Science, Gandhigram Rural Institute	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2006	-	One day
2. Delivered a <b>lecture in Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj</b> in the workshop on new constructive programme organized by Department of Gandhian Thought, Gandhigram Rural Institute	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec, 2005	-	One day

## **PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN**

### **I) Major projects with details**

UGC Major Research project on Comparative Study of Empowerment of Women in Panchayats in Tamil Nadu and Kerala (On going).

Served as the Associate Coordinator of the following projects implemented by Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies, Gandhigram Rural University:

1. **Associating Elected Women Representatives in local self Government**, (2000 – 2005) supported by Singamma Srinivasan Foundation, Bangalore and The Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
2. **Globalization and Decentralization: The Role of Panchayat Raj Institutions in Tamil Nadu** (February 2005 – August 2007), sponsored by The Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
3. **Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project** (2006), sponsored by Government of Tamil Nadu.

### **b) Minor Projects with details**

1. **Capacity building of Schedule Tribe Women Panchayat Presidents of Tamil Nadu** (2005), sponsored by State Institute of Rural Development, Chennai, Government of Tamil Nadu
2. **National Youth Parliament Programme**, 2001, sponsored by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India.
3. **National Youth Parliament Programme**, 2002, sponsored by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India.

**A brief report on activities other than extension work**

1. Serving as **Associate Coordinator of Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies** (Gandhigram Rural University).
2. Serving as **course incharge for Diploma in Panchayat Raj under Distance Education**, Gandhigram Rural University
3. Served as an **expert in Panchayat Raj for the State Planning Commission**, Government of Tamil Nadu (2003).
4. Served as an **member in the State Level Committee of Tamil Nadu Government** for the selection of panchayats for best performance Awards for the Years 2000 and 2001.
5. Involved in Promoting a State level **federation of women elected representatives of Panchayat Raj** from 2000 and 2005.
6. Organizing **Capacity Building programme for Women Elected Representatives of Rural Local Government in Tamil Nadu** since 1999 (4000 women leaders benefited).
7. Assisted the **Doordharshan Kendra (Podhigai)** in documenting the success stories of Gram Panchayat Women Leaders. This programme was telecasted for 15 weeks from 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2005 every Friday from 8.15. a.m. to 8.40 a.m.

8. Organized the preparation of 25 episodes of “**Ullatchi Tharum Nallatchi**” (Good Governance in Panchayat) programme for All India Radio, Madurai from 7.25 p.m to 8.00 p.m. on every Monday for 25 weeks.
9. **Editorial Support for weekly supplement on Panchayat Raj** for the Newspaper Dinamalar for 54 weeks. This was an initiative to inform public on the various development activities available in the new Panchayati Raj System.

#### **T.V. Programme**

1. Delivered **the New Panchayati Raj System and SHGs** and participated in group discussion on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2005 for 30 minutes in Doordarshan Chennai.

#### **Activities for Student Development**

1. Served as **Zonal Coordinator of Youth Parliament Programme** for Tamil Nadu sponsored by the Ministry of Panchayat Raj Affairs, Government of India for the year 2002.
2. Served as **Coordinator of National Youth Parliament Programme** in Gandhigram Rural Institute for the year 2002 – 2003 and trained students in democratic principles and Parliamentary procedures
3. Served as **Gurukula Coordinator** for various groups of Post Graduate students in Development Administration and guided the students in their academic and personality development.

**Curriculum Development for Post Graduate Programme on Development Administration (2000- 2007)**

1. Common Property Resource management
2. Gandhian Framework for Development
3. Development Concepts and Principles

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