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Present Position : Assistant Professor
Dept. of Gandhian Thought &
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Gandhigram Rural Institute -
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Academic Qualification: **Passed UGC NET in Gandhian Thought
and Peace Science** in 1991.
Ph.D.,(Gandhian Thought & Peace Science)
M.Phil., (Gandhian Thought & Peace Science)
M.A.,(Gandhian Thought),
M.A.,(English Literature),
Dip. in.Inter-Religious Dialogue
Dip. In Scientific Yoga and Meditation.
Certificate in French.

Specialization : Inter-Faith-Relations
Gandhian Thought & Peace Studies,
Resolution of Communal Conflicts
Yoga & Stress Management.

Research Guidance

M.Phil Dissertations guided which were awarded under my guidance through Madurai Kamaraj University

- 1) “Dr.M.Aram in Peace Making Work”, January, 2001 by S.Gnanasekaran.
- 2) “A Comparative Study of M.K.Gandhi and C.N.Annadurai – A Preliminary Attempt”, Dec. 2003 by A.Subramanian.
- 3) “Gandhian Values in the Life History and Nonviolent Action of Pasumpon U.Muthuramalinga Thevar”, July, 2005 by M.K.Karthick.
- 4) “Life and Philosophy of Thiyagi Shri N.Krishnaswamy”, Oct. 2005 by P.Ganesh.
- 5) “A Study of Disaster Management – The Experience of Gandhiji”, February 2010
By S.Balamurugan.

Teaching Experience:

- M.Phil., in ‘Peace Making and Gandhian Thought’ (Regular and DDE Students of Madurai Kamaraj University since 1997) Guidance and Teaching, Approved as a Research Guide by the Madurai Kamaraj University.
- M.A., Gandhian Thought Students of DDE Students, M.K.University since 1997
- M.Sc., Peace Making Students of M.K.University during 1988-1992 (Papers – Disarmament and Co-operation and Co-operative Movements)
- P.G. Dip. in.Scientific Yoga, at the I.G.S.R., Gandhi Museum for the past 7 Years.
- Dip.in.Gandhian Thought at the I.G.S.R., Gandhi Museum for the past 7 Years
- Certificate in Yoga at the Directorate of Distance Education, Madurai Kamaraj University since 1997 till date.
- M.Sc Yoga students at the ‘Tamilnadu Physical Education and Sports University’ (TNPESU), Chennai
- Served as a Faculty in TATA DHAN Academy to teach “Value Education, Peace And Yoga” from 2005 onwards.

Research Experience

- **Ph.D. under the title “Communalism in Tamilnadu (1979-1991) and the Way Out”.**
 - Collected materials and served as resource person in the research project **Virtual Exhibition on “Jesus and the West – How Jesus Shaped the Western World”** by Prof. David J.Goa, Curator, Provincial Museum of Western Canada, Edmonton,(1999 – 2000).
- Served as a Researcher in India and Denmark in the project on **Translating and Digitalizing the Tamil Rural Folk Songs** undertaken by Professor Lars Kjaerholm, Professor, Dept. of Social Anthropology, University of Aarhus, Denmark during 1999-2000 A.D.
- Served as Research Assistant in the Project **Rural Religious Faiths with Special Reference to Mother Goddess Worship in South India** undertaken by Dr.Mrs.Yuko Nishimura, a Japanese Researcher from the **University of Tokyo** during 1983-85.

Administrative Experience

Served as Director, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai from May 2010 – July 2011.

Museum Coordinator, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai from March 2007-November 2010.

Seminars/Symposia/Conferences/Workshops/Round Tables Attended:

- More than 100 Seminars/Conferences on Gandhiana, Peace, Disarmament, Inter-faith Relations and Communal Harmony, Museology, etc., were attended in **India and abroad.**

Seminars/Conferences Organized

As Program Officer, Museum Coordinator and Director of Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai organized more than 100 Seminars/Workshops/Conferences individually and in partnership with other organizations. Some of them are as follows:

- Organized an international Workshop on **“Towards a Culture of Peace”** at Gandhi Museum campus, in collaboration with ASSEFA, on 13-08-1997 in which Mrs. **Mairead Maguire Corrigan, Nobel Peace Laureate**, Northern Ireland delivered the Keynote Address.

- On 24-10-1999 (U.N. Day) organized a Two Day Workshop on “**Gandhian Concept of Culture of Peace**” in collaboration with the Dept. of Gandhian Studies , Madurai Kamaraj University for Research Scholars and college students.
- On 06-08-2000 organized a Seminar on “**Towards a War Free World**” and Photographic Exhibition on “**Hiroshima & Nagasaki**” in collaboration with the Dept. of Social Sciences, Lady Doak College, Madurai.
- In collaboration with the Dept. of Culture, Govt. of Maharashtra organized a special Exhibition on “**150th Year of Indian Independence**” at Gandhi Museum campus from 12-01-2008 to 16-01-2008. Shri S.S.Jawahar I.A.S., Madurai Collector inaugurated it in the presence of Adv.M.Mariappan, Vice-Chairman, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai.
- Organized a Seminar on “**Gandhi, Contemporary Society, Secularism and Communal Forces**” on 07-09-2008 in collaboration with Tamilnad Gandhi Smarak Nidhi in which **Dr.Asghar Ali Engineer**, Director, Centre for the Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai delivered the Keynote Address.
- In collaboration with the American Consulate, Chennai organized a special Lecture on “**Influence of Gandhi on the U.S.Civil Rights Movement**” on 16-09-2008 in which **Dr.Clayborne Carson**, Director, The Martin Luther King Jr. Research & Education Institute, U.S.A delivered the speech. **Mr.Frederick J. Kaplan, Consul for Public Affairs**, U.S. Consulate General, Chennai also spoke.
- Organized a day-long Seminar on “**Gandhian Ideals – Its Relevance in the Third Millennium**” on 01-11-2008 in collaboration with the Avinashilingam Deemed University for Women, Coimbatore. Shri T.K.Shanmuganandam, Chenacellor and Dr.Saroja Prabakaran, Vice-Chancellor addressed in it.
- Have been organizing the **week-long Gandhi Jayanthi celebration** during the first week of October from **2001 onwards** in which lectures, meetings, rallies, film-shows and debates will be conducted. This is a popular program in Madurai in which every evening about 2000 persons will gather in the Open Air Stadium of Gandhi Memorial Museum.

Publications:

Books Published:

- ✓ **“Communalism in India and the Way Out”** (2000), (English – Gandhi Media Centre, Madurai,
- ✓ **Inter Religious Dialogue** (1994)
- ✓ **Practical Yoga, (2003)** (1990) Mahatma Gandhi Yoga Institute, Madurai

Edited

- ✓ **“Studies In Peace Making”**, (1984) Joint Editor,
- ✓ **“Amaidhi (Tamil) – (1990) Translation of Thic Nhat Han’s English Works –** Editor and one of the translators.
- ✓ **National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI) News**, (1995), Hyderabad, First Executive Editor.

Articles Written/Papers Published:

- About 10 Articles in English and Tamil in Local, National and International Journals including **“Kurukshetra”**, **“WCRP /Intl. Newsletter”** and books.
 - 1) “Shri R.Venkataraman, Former President of India – The Gandhian Visionary Statesman of our Times” in “Hon’ble R.Venkataraman Centenary Memorial Souvenir”, Gandhigram Trust, Gandhigram, Nov. 2011.
 - 2) “Human Rights Education – A Gandhian Perspective” in the “National Seminar on Human Rights Education for Holistic Development”, ANJA College, Sivakasi, Sept. 2011.
 - 3) *“Inter-faith Dialogue as a Tool to Solve Religious Conflicts – A Gandhian Design”* in the “International Conference on Educating for Human Rights, Peace and Intercultural Dialogues” Nov. 2011 at the PSN College of Education, Melathediyoore, Tirunelveli.
 - 4) “The Gandhiji’s Spinning Wheel –and Its Relevance in the Present World – An Analysis” (Tamil language), in “Gandhi Kalanjyam”, Sarvodaya Mandal, Dindigul, 30-01-2012.
 - 5) “Yogic Practices of Mahatma Gandhi with Special Reference to his Encounter with Swamy Kavalayananda” , in ‘International Publication in the “Journal of Physical Education and Sports Science”, Feb. 2012, Chennai. (ISSN 2229-7049, pp.474-475).

- 6) “Effects of Yogic Practices on BMI Among School Going Overweight Children” in the Volume titled “Modern Trends in Sports Management” published by the Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi (ISBN No.978-93-80487-18-2 pp.390-393). Jointly written with P.Jeyasundaram, March, 2012.,
- 7) “ Imperatives of Ethical, Cultural and Universal Values in Education for Human Excellence”, in “Inter-religious Perspectives of Peace Education – A Gandhian Model”, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai, Apr. 2012. (ISBN No. 978-81-908911-0-3).
- 8) “Mahatma Gandhi and Madurai” in “Ayntamil Aaivalar Mandram Research Anthology”, Tanjore , Apr. 2012.(ISBN No. 978-81-923792-3-4 pp.348-352.)

Prizes, Medals and Other Honours:

- Best **Youth Award** from **Gandhigram Rural University** during 2002 at its Convocation by the then U.G.C. Chairman,
- International **Peace Award** by the **Lions Club International** during 2006
- Bharathi Yuva Kendra Award for **Best Gandhian** by the Madurai Collector Shri.Sethu.Ramachandran IAS.in 2002.

Extension Programme:

Inter-religious Work:

- Organized **300 Inter-faith Prayers** at Gandhi Museum as the Director of ‘Madurai Institute of Peace Science’ (MIPS) and ‘Centre for the Promotion of Communal Harmony and Inter-religious Amity’ (CEPCHIRA) on every Fridays from 1986 to 1994.
- Organized **27 Ten Day Short Courses on ‘World Religions and Inter Faith Dialogue’** through CEPCHIRA, Madurai from 1992 to 1994.
- Organized several **Inter Faith Pilgrimages** for student and non student Youth of Madurai during 1986 to 1994 to make the students feel the social milieu and the inter-faith and inter-caste mosaic of Madurai city.
- Served as **Co-organizer of the International Inter religious Peace Walk from India to Sri Lanka** along with the **Japanese Nipponzon Myohoji Buddhist Monks** and the **Sarvodaya Movement** in India and Sri Lanka from 30th Jan. to 14th Feb. 1998. This was

a very risky walk attempting to bring in communal amity between the warring groups through the Gandhian Nonviolent means.

- Organized and Participated in several **Peace Marches** and **Cycle Rallies** for Communal Harmony and Peace during **Gandhi Memorial Day (30th Jan.)**, **Gandhi Jayanthi Day (2nd Oct.)** and **Hiroshima Day (6th Aug.)** since 1983.

Gandhian & Peace Work:

- Conducted more than **50 Exhibitions** in Gandhi Museum, Schools and Colleges at Madurai and elsewhere on **Mahatma Gandhi, Nethaji, Freedom Movement, Hiroshima-Nagasaki, Peace and Non violence, Women Freedom Fighters, Gandhiji in South Africa**, etc.,
- The Philatelic gatherings on Gandhi in Stamps from different countries has been established at the ground floor of Gandhi Memorial Museum during 2003. It was inaugurated by the **Hon'ble Shri.R.Venkatraman, former President of India.**(the then Chairman of Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai).
- As a humble Gandhian – Sarvodaya worker undertook **Padayatra, Cycle Yatras** and other types of Yatras at different levels in Tamil Nadu, India and abroad. Participated in the **Peace Walk from Madurai to Sri Lanka** in observance of the **50th Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi** along with the group of International Peace Wakers including the Japanese Nipponzon Buddhist Monks and from different countries. It was a risk walk and my life was at a threat in every moment. The walk was successfully culminated in **“Sri Pada”** the inter religious mountain peak in Sri Lanka.
- Actively participated in the Peace Making process at Bodi, Cumbam, Theni and Thevaram during the **communal clashes in 1989** and attempted mediation work with the leaders of different communities and also conducted training programme in Conflict Resolution in Theni, Allinagaram, Thevaram, Bodi and Kadamalaikundu of Madurai and Theni districts.

Radio Talks Delivered (India):

More than 100 Talks and direct interviews in AIR, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Trichy, Kodai FM and External News Service (ENS), New Delhi, Hello FM, Radio Mirchi, Sun FM on topics such as “Gandhiana’, “Peace”, “Yoga”, “Communal Harmony”, etc.,

- “Interesting Episodes in Gandhiji’s Life” (Tamil) in RAINBOW (Vanavil) programme of Kodaikanal F.M.Radio. Broadcasted on 02-10-2011 in 22 districts of Tamil Nadu from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.

Radio Talks Delivered in abroad:

- ❖ Vatican Radio – Tamil Service during 2000 A.D.
- ❖ Seville Radio Station – Spain during 1988
- ❖ Barcelona Radio Station – Spain during 1988
- ❖ Vanavil Radio Station – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during 2002
- ❖ Danish Radio – Arhus, Denmark during 1999

Countries Visited

Visited 13 countries to participate in Academic Research, Inter-Religious Camps ,International Seminars & Conferences & Peace Walks.

- **South Korea** during 1986
- **Hong Kong** during 1986
- **Spain** during 1988
- **Singapore** during 1989
- **Indonesia** during 1989
- **Italy** (2 Times) during 1994 & 2000
- **Vatican City** (2 Times)1994 & 2000
- **Sri Lanka** during 1998
- **Denmark** during 1999-2000
- **Germany** during 2000
- **The Netherlands** during 2000
- **Belgium** during 2000
- **Malaysia** during 2002

Museums Visited in India and Abroad

- All the Gandhi Museums and famous Museums in India
- The South Korean Model Village Museum, Seoul
- Prado Museum, Madrid, Spain
- National Museum, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Vatican Museum, Vatican City
- Tropen Museum, Amsterdam
- Anne Frank Museum, Amsterdam
- The Hague Museum, The Hague
- Moesgaard Museum, Arhus, Denmark
- Glass Museum, Arhus, Denmark
- National Museum, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Personalities Met and Interacted:

-  His Holiness Pope John Paul- II
-  Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu (South African Nobel Peace Price Winner)
-  Dr.Johan Galtung (Founder, Oslo Peace Research Institute, Norway)
-  Dr.A.T.Ariyaratne, Sarvodaya Leader, Sri Lanka
-  Mrs.Ibu Gedong Oka, Gandhian Leader, Indonesia
-  Dr.Homer A.Jack, Gandhian Writer & an International Peace Leader
-  Dr.Sulak Sivaraksha, Founder, International Association for Engaged Buddhism (IAEB), Thailand and Winner of the Ramon Magsasay Award
-  Dr.Mairead Maguire Corrigan, Nobel Peace Laureate, Northern Ireland
-  Dr.Mohammed Yunus, Nobel Peace Laureate & Founder, The Grameen Bank, Bangladesh.

Membership in Professional Bodies

- 1) Secretary, 'Madurai Institute of Peace Science' , Madurai from (1986 – 1991)
- 2) Secretary and Director, 'Centre for the Promotion of Communal Harmony and Inter religious Amity', Madurai 1991 – 1994 & presently an Executive Committee Member
- 3) Honorary Chairperson, "Mahatma Gandhi Yoga Institute", Madurai.
- 4) Hony. President, "Waves of Yoga", a Gandhian Yoga Youth Movement, Madurai
- 5) Executive Committee Member, "Centre for Development", a voluntary organization working in the rural areas of Madurai district
- 6) Vidyalaya Management Committee Member, Kenidiya Vidyalaya, Narimedu, Madurai for two terms (2002-2008)
- 7) External Member, I.Q.A.C., Lady Doak College, Madurai from 2009-2011 and 2001 till date.
- 8) Member, Board of Studies in Gandhian Thought, Peace Science, Ramalinga Philosophy and Yoga in the Madurai Kamaraj University from 2006 onwards.
- 9) Served as Member, State Legal Services Authority – Lok Adalat – Madras High Court, Madurai Bench since 2005-2011.
- 10) Served as Member, District Legal Services Authority – Lok Adalat - District Court, Madurai since 2004-2011.

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