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### EDUCATION

- 1984 : **Ph.D.**, Annamalai University,  
Political Science/Legislative Behaviour.  
Dissertation: “**The Role of Political Parties in Tamil Nadu Legislature**”.
- 1981 : **M.A.**, Political Science, Sri Venkateswara University,  
Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India.
- 1978 : **M.A.**, History, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, India.
- 1976 : **B.A.**, History, University of Madras, Tamil Nadu, India.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- July 1999 - Present : Professor, Department of Political Science and  
Development Administration.
- Sept. 1996 - July '99 : Rajiv Gandhi Research Professor, Rajiv Gandhi Chair for  
Panchayati Raj Studies and Head of the Department of  
Political Science and Development Administration.
- April 1991 - Sept. '96 : Reader and Head, Dept. of Political Science and  
Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural Institute.
- Oct.1984 - Mar.1991 : Lecturer in Political Science, Annamalai University.

**Courses taught** : Modern Political Analysis, Indian Government and Politics, Government and Politics of Tamil Nadu, Political Sociology, Development Administration, Philosophy and Process of Development, New Panchayati Raj System, Decentralized Governance, Social Development and People's Participation, Governance and Development, Governance and Delivery of services, Globalisation and Decentralisation.

#### **ROLE IN SAP OF UGC**

Coordinator of SAP (Special Assistance Programme) of UGC, Organizing research and teaching programme on people participation in Governance and States and position of women and Dalits at Grassroots.

#### **ROLE IN UGC INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME**

Coordinator of the UGC Innovative Programme, Conducting an unique M.A. Programme in Governance and Development with the support of UGC.

#### **ROLE IN CENTRAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Nominated to serve as a member in the Working Group on "Decentralized Planning and Panchayati Raj" in the Central Planning Commission during X Five Year Plan.

#### **ROLE IN STATE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Nominated to serve as the Chairman to the sub-group on "Participation of People in Programme and Planning" as well as a member in the sub- group on "Power and function to three tier Panchayati Raj System". As per the request of the State Planning Commission two commissioned reports have been submitted to the Tamil Nadu Planning Commission during IX Five Year Plan Period.

Nominated to serve as member of the working group on "Decentralized Governance and Rural Development Programmes" during the X Five Year Plan.

Nominated as a member of the working group on "Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation" during the XI Five Year Plan Period.

#### **ROLE IN STATE FINANCE COMMISSIONS**

As Consultant, for the I State Finance Commission study on "Non Conventional Resource Mobilization for Local Bodies" and for II State Finance Commission study on "Functional Efficiency of Gram Sabha" have been conducted and reports submitted.

For the Third Finance Commission a study was undertaken on the performance and financial constraints of the Local Bodies and a presentation made in the full commission.

#### **ROLE IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

Member of the Committee constituted by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India to appraise the power devolution in the states of Puducherry and Tamil Nadu under the leadership of the Secretary, Government of India

Chairman of the Core Committee constituted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of India to workout modalities to implement Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan in Tamil Nadu

#### **ROLE IN STATE GOVERNMENT HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE**

Official member of the High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Local Bodies constituted by the Government of Tamil Nadu to devolve further powers to Local Bodies.

#### **ROLE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

##### **(Government of Tamil Nadu)**

Nominated to serve as a member in the Core Committee constituted by the Directorate of Rural Development, Government of Tamil Nadu to monitor the Training programmes.

Serving as an expert in formulating Capacity Building Exercises for the Elected Representatives and Functionaries of Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu.

#### **ROLE IN NATIONAL LEVEL COMMITTEE TO PREPARE MODEL PANCHAYAT MANUAL**

Nominated by the Government of India to serve as Member of a National Committee to prepare Model Panchayat Manual

#### **ROLE IN CREATING NATIONAL PLATFORM**

Member of the Advisory Board to create a National Platform to strengthen the New Panchayati Raj System in India

#### **ROLE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE**

##### **(Government of India)**

Member in the state level committee constituted by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India to suggest and monitor activities in connection with a project on "50th year of the Indian Republic".

#### **ROLE IN RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Chairman of the Committee constituted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of India to conduct Panchayati Raj Campaign in South India with the active participation of youth.

Member, Academic Council Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumputhur.

Member in the Advisory Board of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumputhur.

#### **ROLE IN PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS**

Translated the speech of the Prime Minister Dr.Manmohan Singh at Madurai on Sethu Samudram Project Inauguration on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2005.

Translated the speech of the Prime Minister Dr.Manmohan Singh at Dindigul during the inauguration of Four Lane National Highway Road Works on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

#### **ROLE IN VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA'S VISIT**

Translated the Inaugural speech of Vice-President of India Dr.Abdul Hamid Ansari during his visit to Mayiladuthurai on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

#### **ROLE IN WORLD BANK PROJECTS IN TAMILNADU**

Consultant to all the assessment studies, specific input on Local Governance being given by him for both the projects on water supply and empowerment.

Taken up responsibilities for Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction and Empowerment project functionaries through Government of Tamil Nadu.

#### **ROLE IN NAAC**

Nominated by the authorities to serve as a Coordinator of steering committee to prepare self study report for accreditation of the Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University, prepared five volumes of reports and the University got accredited with five star status.

Nominated by the authorities to serve as Coordinator for the visit of the Peer Team of NAAC

Nominated by the NAAC as a peer team member to accredit universities.

#### **ROLE IN IQAC OF NAAC**

Coordinator of Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Gandhigram Rural University for a period of three years

Member of IQAC of Jeyaraj Annapackiam College for Women in Periakulam for three years

#### **ROLE IN RAJIV GANDHI CHAIR**

Was instrumental in creating a Chair by submitting a proposal to Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and UGC. The Chair has got funds from the Foundation and UGC only for three years. After three years the Chair survives on its own performance. It is being supported by National and International Organisations for its activities.

#### **ROLE IN X PLAN PROPOSAL PREPARATION**

Nominated by the authorities to serve as Coordinator to prepare and consolidate the X Plan Proposal of the University submitted to UGC.

Nominated by the authorities to serve as Coordinator for the visit of the UGC Team to assess the IX Plan activities and to review the X Plan proposal.

#### **ROLE IN THE RURAL SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY**

Dean for three years - 2002 - 2005

#### **ROLE IN THE SYNDICATE, GRI**

Nominated as a member by the Chancellor (Vice-President of India) to the Syndicate of Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University from July 2002 to June 2005.

#### **ROLE IN FINANCE COMMITTEE, GRI**

Nominated as a member by the Chancellor to the Finance Committee of Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University from July 2002 to June 2005.

#### **ROLE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT OF SRI AUROBINDO SOCIETY**

Member in the Rural Development Unit (SARVAM) of Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry.

#### **ROLE IN SRI AUROBINDO INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Member in Research Advisory Committee of the Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences, Pondicherry.

**ROLE IN RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee of the Gandhigram Rural University.

**ROLE IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Developed required infrastructure facilities for the department from his projects. As a result the facilities are being used by the Faculty, Scholars and Students.

Has got resources (Rs.30 lakhs) from MPs for the construction of Seminar and Training Hall for Rajiv Gandhi Chair.

**ROLE IN BOARD OF STUDIES (Universities)**

Member in Board of Studies in Seven Universities and helping them in designing course and programmes in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

Nominated by the Governor of Tamil Nadu as Member in Planning Board of Tamil Nadu Open University.

**SEMINAR, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCES ORGANISED**

Organized Two International Programmes, 15 National Programmes and 58 Regional Programmes.

**SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES PARTICIPATED**

Participated in 19 International Conferences and Seminars and 129 National Conferences and Seminars 62 Regional Conferences and Seminars.

**ENDOWMENT CREATION**

Created Six endowments on eminent personalities with the support of donor agencies.

**ENDOWMENT LECTURES DELIVERED**

Delivered 6 Endowment Lectures.

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

Life Member in Eleven Professional Bodies.

**RESEARCH GUIDANCE**

Ten Scholars were awarded Ph.D. Degrees.

Seven Scholars were awarded M.Phil. Degrees

Seven Scholars are pursuing Ph.D. Programmes

**BOOKS PUBLISHED**

58 Books have been published by the Concept Publishing Company, Konark Publishing Company, Northern Book Centre, Kanishka Publishing House, M.D. Publishing House.

**MONOGRAPHS PUBLISHED**

82 Monographs have been published on Governance at Grassroots, Leadership at Grassroots, Development Programmes, Political Participation, Participation in Development, Micro Planning, Ethnicity, Legislative Behaviour and Development Administration.

## **CONTRIBUTION THROUGH POPULAR ARTICLES**

Writes articles (Center Page) on Governance, Administration, Human Development and Decentralization in Popular Dailies namely Dinamani and Tamil Osai. 71 popular articles have been published so far.

## **RESEARCH ARTICLES**

127 Articles have been published in referred journals.

## **RESEARCH REPORTS**

26 Commissioned Reports have been prepared

## **ROLE IN GRASSROOTS GOVERNANCE (JOURNAL)**

Chief Editor of a Bi-Annual Journal “Grassroots Governance” published by Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research, India.

Member in the Editorial Board of the (ICFAI) Journal of Public Administration.

Member Editorial Board of Paadam a monthly Development Politics Journal.

## **ROLE IN GLOBAL AND LOCAL (NEWS LETTER)**

Chief Editor of a Bi-monthly News Letter published with the help of The Ford Foundation.

## **ROLE IN BRINGING OUT PATHFINDERS SERIES**

Writing stories about the major achievements of some of the Gram Panchayat Presidents who are emerging as models in grassroots governance. So far 28 cases have been completed and published.

## **ROLE IN BRINGING OUT A MULTI-VOLUME SET (15 Volumes)**

Editing a 15 volume set for Concept Publication, New Delhi on Grassroots Governance on different titles. Seven volumes are already released.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

14 book reviews have been done for journals.

## **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS**

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute’s Faculty Enrichment Fellowship (2007) to visit Canada under Canadian studies programme to evolve a course on **Comparative Local Governance in India and Canada**. He was in Leth Bridge University with Prof.Trevor Harrison.

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute’s Faculty Research Fellowship (1989-90)to visit Canada under Canadian Studies programme to write a book on **Ethnic Conflict Management in Canada and India - A Comparative Study, (1989)** - worked with Prof. Dale C. Thomson in McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

**Fellowship of World Academy of Art and Science** (USA) from 1996 to December 1998 - visited Canada to participate in the World meet of the Academy held in British Columbia University, Vancouver, during November 1998.

**Republic Day Award** for the best contribution made in the field of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. It was given on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

**Best Service Award** given by the District Administration for the services rendered to Panchayats in the year 2006.

**Seven Generations Award** in recognition of the initiatives taken for the uplift of the less fortunate in India by the Rural Development Mission of the US, 2007.

#### **ROLE IN THE HUNGER PROJECT**

Nominated as the Chairman of the State Council of The Hunger Project in Tamil Nadu. The Hunger Project is a voluntary agency working in 80 countries to end Hunger. Its Head Office is in New York and country office is in New Delhi. Previously it was headed by Dr.M.S.Swaminathan

#### **ROLE IN STATE RESOURCE CENTRE (under the Human Resource Development Ministry)**

Member, Governing Council for a period of three years

#### **ROLE IN SOCIAL WATCH COALITION**

Part of the Social Watch Coalition for the Preparation of Citizens' Report.

#### **ROLE IN NETWORKING NGOs & CBOs**

To strengthen Panchayati Raj System in Tamil Nadu, took initiative to form a network of NGOs and CBOs. The name of the network is "Tamil Nadu Campaign for Panchayati Raj".

#### **PURE RESEARCH AND ACTION RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Carried out projects, both Pure Research and Action Research, to the tune of Rs.4,91,27,824/- funded by The Hunger Project, Action Aid, Swiss Development Agency for Cooperation, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, The Ford Foundation, UGC, DANIDA, ICSSR, UNICEF, Population Foundation of India, PRIA, CAPART, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and State Finance Commission.

#### **ROLE IN BROADCASTING PANCHAYAT PROGRAMME OVER All INDIA RADIO**

*"Good Governance through Local Governance"*, a 30 minutes programme every Monday from 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. throughout Tamil Nadu over All India Radio was conducted for six months as a sponsored programme by The Hunger Project.

#### **ROLE IN TELECASTING PANCHAYAT PROGRAMME OVER DOORDARSHAN**

Prepared 12 weekly episodes on the major achievements of Elected Women Representatives in Panchayats for Doordarshan telecast under "Makkal Mantram Programme". Specific programmes were executed for Sun TV, Jaya TV and Star Vijay TV on Panchayat related issues.

#### **ROLE IN PANCHAYAT LEADERS FEDERATION**

As a consultant, created a Federation for Elected Women Representatives and facilitated its effective functioning. Tamil Nadu Elected Women Representatives Federation is a model for women leaders of other states.

In the same way, helped Dalit women leaders to form their own Federation to highlight their problems for redressal.

Enabled the Panchayat leaders to form an organization to mitigate ill effects of globalization.

Also enabled the NGOs to form a network to work with Panchayats which are affected by globalization.

### **ROLE IN BRINGING OUT A WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT**

For speedy and effective dissemination of information related to grassroots democracy a weekly supplement entitled “*Panchayat Malar*” in partnership with a popular daily Dinamalar (four lakh circulation) was published for one year.

### **BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THE LEADERS**

Capacity Building exercise was carried out with the support of several funding agencies for 5500 leaders of Gram Panchayats of Tamil Nadu and 2200 of them are women.

Served as a resource person in a team which conducted training programmes for the MLA’s of some regional political parties and left parties in Tamil Nadu.

### **MAJOR INITIATIVE FOR MICRO LEVEL PLANNING**

With the cooperation of the District Administration a major initiative was made for preparing a perspective plan for development at the Gram Panchayat level in 54 Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu on a pilot basis to study the process of micro level planning. Government of Tamil Nadu have scaled up this exercise to the whole of the State through a major scheme called “*Namathu Gramam*”.

### **MAJOR WORK INITIATED IN TSUNAMI AFFECTED AREAS**

Actively participated in reconstruction work in tsunami affected areas by developing micro level plan with the active participation of the communities to reconstruct the villages in 17 Gram Panchayats with the support of SDC and The Hunger Project.

### **CONSULTANCY**

Undertaken major consultancy for Oxfam International to evaluate the tsunami relief and rehabilitation works carried out by the partners of Oxfam affiliates.

### **TRAINING TOOLS PREPARATION**

Twelve training manuals and modules have been prepared and published

### **ROLE IN MEDIA SENSITIZATION**

Conducted Seven Media Workshops to sensitise the Media Persons on the importance of Decentralization and implications of Globalization.

### **PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN**

Teaching and Research Programmes under the Special Assistance Programme on Participatory Governance at Grassroots and Status of women and Dalits in

Grassroots sponsored by the **University Grants Commission**, New Delhi, Rs. 39,00,000/- for a period of five years.

Innovative Programme on “M.A. Governance and Development” sponsored by the **University Grants Commission**, New Delhi, Rs.41,00,000/- (in progress).

Project on “Capacity Building for Local Body Leaders of Tamil Nadu” sponsored by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**, Government of India, Rs.35,00,000/- (in progress).

Project on “Capacity Building for Local Body Leaders of Pondicherry” sponsored by the **Government of Pondicherry**, Rs.20,00,000/- (in progress)

Project on “Globalization and Decentralization” sponsored by **The Ford Foundation**, New Delhi, Rs.55,30,000/- (in progress).

Project on “Evaluation of Utilization of Twelfth Finance Commission Grants to Panchayats of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu” sponsored by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**, Government of India, Rs.5,67,000/- (in progress).

Project on “Tracking Panchayat Resources in Three Indian States (Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa) sponsored by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**, Government of India, Rs.14,01,400/- (in progress).

Project on “Role of Youth in Micro Level Planning” sponsored by **Secretariat of Common Wealth Youth Programme**, Chandigarh, Rs.1,15,860/- (in progress).

Project on “Micro Level Planning in 17 Gram Panchayats of Nagapattinam District to reconstruct Tsunami affected areas” with the assistance of **SDC** and **The Hunger Project**, Rs.15,00,000/- (completed).

Project on “Role of Panchayats in Disaster Preparedness and Management in the States of Gujarat, Orissa, Andhrapradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala” sponsored by **Action Aid India**, Rs.16,03,581/- (completed).

Project on “Poverty Reduction and Empowerment” sponsored by **The World Bank** through the Government of Tamil Nadu, Rs.56,00,000/- (completed).

Project on “Preparing District Human Development Report” sponsored by **UNDP** through State Planning Commission, Rs.3,00,000/- (completed).

Project on “Globalization and Decentralization: Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Tamil Nadu” sponsored by **The Ford Foundation**, Rs.58,00,000/- (completed).

Project on “Empowering Panchayats for Managing Disasters” sponsored by **Disaster Mitigation Institute**, Ahmedabad, Rs.1,30,000/- (completed).

Project on “Women Leadership, Media Sensitization and Micro Level Planning” sponsored by **The Hunger Project**, New Delhi, Rs.25,00,000/- (completed).

Project on “Regional Workshop for Women Panchayat Presidents in Tamil Nadu” sponsored by **State Institute of Rural Development**, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rs.3,00,000/- (completed).

Project on “Training Programme for the Tribal Women Panchayat Leaders” sponsored by **State Institute of Rural Development**, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rs.35,000/- (completed).

Project on “Developing State Specific Training Module to Train Women Panchayat Leaders” sponsored by **Rajiv Gandhi Foundation**, New Delhi, Rs.80,000/- (completed).

Project on “Associating Women Representatives in Local Self Governance” sponsored by **The Ford Foundation** through **Singamma Seenivasan Foundation**, Bangalore (II Phase) Rs.15,00,000/- (completed).

Project on “Leadership Training for Women Leaders on Panchayats and Pilot Micro Level Planning” sponsored by **The Hunger Project**, New Delhi, Rs.34,00,000/- (completed).

Project on “Analyzing the Process of Women Empowerment through Technology in Tuticorin District” sponsored by **District Administration**, Tuticorin, Rs.76,000/- (completed).

Project on Preparing Administrative Manual for Three Tier Panchayat Administration of Tamil Nadu sponsored by **PRIA**, New Delhi Rs.60,000/- (completed).

Project on Leadership Training to Gram Panchayat Women Leaders, sponsored by **The Hunger Project**, Rs.7,00,000/- (completed).

Project on “Leadership and Micro Level Planning” sponsored by **The Hunger Project**, New Delhi, Rs.38,00,000/- (completed).

Project on Conscientising the Panchayat Leaders on Social Development sponsored by **DRDA, Tuticorin District**, Rs.3,36,000/- (completed).

Project on Conscientising the Panchayati Leaders of Pudukkottai District on Social Development Issues sponsored by **District Administration**, Rs.50,000/- (completed).

Project on Conscientising the Panchayati Leaders of Karur District on Social Development Issues sponsored by **District Administration**, Rs.74,140/-, (completed).

Project on Conscientising the Panchayati Leaders of Theni District on Social Development Issues sponsored by **District Administration**, Rs.64,900/-, (completed).

Project on Conscientising the Panchayati Leaders of Ramanathapuram District on Social Development Issues sponsored by **District Administration**, Rs.1,81,170/-, (completed).

Project on Conscientising the Panchayati Leaders of Sivaganga District on Social Development Issues sponsored by **District Administration**, Rs.1,54,660/-, (completed).

Project on Building the Capacity of Gram Panchayat Leaders of Trichy District on Total Rural Sanitation Programme sponsored by **District Administration**, Rs.1,34,000/, (completed).

Project on Building the Capacity of Gram Panchayat Leaders of Pudukkottai District on Total Rural Sanitation Programme sponsored by **District Administration**, Rs.1,13,000/-, (completed).

Capacity Building Exercise for Local Body Leaders sponsored by **CAPART**, Rs.9,27,500/-, (completed).

Implementation of Village Based Management System in Panchayats in Cuddalore and Villupuram Districts of Tamil Nadu sponsored by **DANIDA** (Royal Danish Embassy), Rs.35,08,260/-, (completed).

Project on "Evolving training modules for Panchayati Raj Leaders and Functionaries in Tamil Nadu" sponsored by **Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi**, Rs.50,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Women Empowerment through Panchayati Raj to end Hunger" sponsored by **The Hunger Project, New Delhi**, Rs.32,44,213/-, (completed).

Project on "Pre-Election Voters Awareness Campaign in Tamil Nadu" sponsored by **PRIA, New Delhi**, Rs.3,60,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Panchayati Raj and Primary Education in Tamil Nadu" sponsored by **PRIA, New Delhi**, Rs.1,00,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Interface between panchayat leaders and SHG leaders in Tamil Nadu" sponsored by **UNICEF, Chennai**, Rs.1,10,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Documenting Successful Panchayati Leaders of Tamil Nadu" sponsored by **UNICEF, Chennai**, Rs.2,79,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Training the Self Help Group (SHG) Women leaders on Panchayati Raj Administration" sponsored by **DRDA, Villupuram District Administration** Rs.1,20,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Evaluating performance of the Grassroots leaders (Women and Dalit) in Tamil Nadu" sponsored by **PRIA, New Delhi**, Rs.82,500/-, (completed).

Project on "A study on functional efficiency of Gram Sabha in Tamil Nadu" sponsored by **II State Finance Commission**, Government of Tamil Nadu (Report Submitted) Rs.90,200/.

Project on "Training the Self-Help Group (SHG) Women Leaders on Panchayati Raj Administration" sponsored by **DRDA, Cuddalore District Administration**, Rs.1,40,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Training the Gram Panchayati Leaders of Cuddalore District on Total Sanitation Programme" sponsored by **Cuddalore District Administration**, Rs.64,790/-, (completed).

Project on "Impact study of Anna Marumalarchi Thittam in Dindigul District" sponsored by **DRDA, Dindigul**, Rs.25,300/-, (completed).

Project on "Associating Women Representatives in Local Self Governance" sponsored by **The Ford Foundation, New Delhi** through Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation, Bangalore, Rs.9,90,000/- (I Phase completed).

Project on "Training the project officers of District Rural Development Agency in Multi Level Planning" sponsored by **State Planning Commission**, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rs.1,30,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Training Gram Panchayati leaders on Water Supply and Sanitation" sponsored by **DANIDA, Cuddalore and Villupuram Districts**, Rs.3,44,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Training the village Panchayati Leaders (Women and Dalit) in Management of Panchayati Institutions" sponsored by **CAPART, New Delhi**, Rs.2,49,600/-, (completed).

Project on "Training the Gram Panchayati Leaders in Micro Level Planning" sponsored by **CAPART, New Delhi**, Rs.3,74,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Community Action for Social Development through Panchayats" sponsored by **Population Foundation of India, New Delhi**, Rs.3,83,000/-, (completed).

Project on "Training the Panchayati Leaders in Environment, Health and Social Development in Dindigul and Dharmapuri Districts" sponsored by **Population Foundation of India, New Delhi**, Rs.5,16,750/-, (completed).

Major Research Project on " Ethnic Identity and National Loyalty of an Ethnic Group: A case study of Tamil Nadu" sponsored by the **ICSSR, New Delhi** Rs.76,000/-, (completed and published).

Major Research Project on "Ethnic Conflict Management - A Case Study of Tamils in India" sponsored by the **UGC, New Delhi**, Rs.2,70,000/-, (completed).

Major Project on "Strategies to Stimulate Upward Social Mobility" sponsored by **The Mothers Service Society, Pondicherry**, Rs.30,000/-, (Report submitted and published).

Minor Project on "Political Culture and Political Behaviour of the Rural Mass in India", Rs.20,000/-, (Report submitted and published).

Major Project on "Role Perception of Legislators: A Case Study of Tamil Nadu" sponsored by **ICSSR, New Delhi**, Rs.36,000/-, (Report submitted and published).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***BOOKS***

- 2009 : **Remembering G.K.Moopanar**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2009.
- 2009 : **Youth Voluntarism and Development**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company 2009.
- 2009 : **Where we are proceeding? (Tamil)** Chennai: New Century Book House, 2009.
- 2008 : **Critical Issues in Decentralization of Powers in India**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2008.
- 2008 : **Perspectives of Rajiv Gandhi: Memorable Quotes from Rajiv Gandhi**, New Delhi : Concept Publishing Company, 2008.
- 2008 : **Networking of Elected Women Representatives**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2008.
- 2008 : **Dynamics of New Panchayati Raj System: Panchayat Finance Vol. II**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2008.
- 2008 : **Panchayats in Disaster Preparedness and Management**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2008.
- 2008 : **Rural Reconstruction through New Panchayati Raj System (Tamil)**, Chennai: New Century Book House, 2008.
- 2007 : **Communities, Panchayats and Governance at Grassroots**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.

- 2007 : **Globalization and Decentralization**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.
- 2007 : **Planning at Grassroots: Government's Participation in People's Plan – An Experiment**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.
- 2007 : **Dynamics of New Panchayati Raj System: Devolution of Finance**, Vol.VII, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.
- 2007 : **Third General Election to Local Governments in Tamil Nadu: Expectations and Shocking Realities**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.
- 2007 : **Rajiv Gandhi's Vision on Panchayati Raj**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.
- 2007 : **Standpoints on Globalization and Decentralization**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.
- 2007 : **Dynamics of New Panchayati Raj System: Capacity Building Experience**, Vol.VI, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.
- 2007 : **Evolving Grassroots Democracy**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.
- 2007 : **Change Makers at Grassroots Democracy**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2007.
- 2006 : **Handbook of Tamil Nadu Panchayat Administration**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2006.
- 2006 : **Empowering Women: Building Capability of Rural Women**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2006.
- 2006 : **Electorate Expectation and Reasoning of Voters Participation**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2006.
- 2006 : **An Introduction to Legislature (in Tamil)**, Chennai: New Century Book House, 2006.
- 2006 : **Where We Are Proceeding (in Tamil)**, Chennai: New Century Book House, 2006.
- 2005 : **Dynamics of New Panchayati Raj System in India: Experience of Micro Level Planning**, Vol.V, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2005.
- 2005 : **Emerging Dimensions of Decentralization in India**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2005.
- 2005 : **Ethnic Identity and National Loyalty of an Ethnic Group**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2005.
- 2005 : **Evaluation of Process and Performance of Women and Dalit Leaders in Gram Panchayats**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2005.
- 2005 : **Experience of Training and Capacity Building of Local Body Leaders**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2005.

- 2005 : **Functional Efficiency of Gram Sabha: Problems in Direct Democracy**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2005.
- 2005 : **New Public Management in Action: A Study in Pudukkottai District Administration**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2005.
- 2004 : **Dynamics of New Panchayati Raj System in India in Select States Vol.III**, New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2004.
- 2004 : **Dynamics of New Panchayati Raj System in India: Empowerment of Women, Vol. IV** New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company, 2004.
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- 2009 : Participated in UNDP workshop on “Performance Indicators for States on Devolution of Powers”, in New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.
- 2009 : Participated in the National Workshop on “Performance Indicators for States on Devolution” in New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 organised by UNDP at IIPA.
- 2009 : Participated and presented a paper on “Status of Dalit Gram Panchayat Presidents in Tamil Nadu” in the National Seminar on the “Impact of 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment on the Marginalized Communities” Organized by the Regional Centre for Social Development in Hyderabad on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.
- 2009 : Participated in the National Workshop on “Status of EWR in Local Bodies in India” in New Delhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009 organized by the University of Delhi and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- 2009 : Presented a paper on “The Role of Civil Society Organization in Local Bodies” in the Annual Meeting of Caritas India at Bangalore on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.
- 2009 : Participated and delivered a lecture on “The Status of Service Delivery of Public Institutions from the Perspective of the citizens in the Report releasing function organized by the Catalyst Trust in Chennai on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.
- 2009 : Delivered inaugural address in the Gram Panchayat Leaders Association’s Meet at Villuppuram on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.
- 2008 : Presented a paper on “Panchayat Finance in Tamil Nadu” in the National Conference on “Issues before the Finance Commission: Empowering the Panchayati Raj Institutions on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 in IRMA, Anand, Gujarat.
- 2008 : Presented a theme paper on “Creating Support Structure for Local Bodies” in the National Workshop organized by the Hunger Project, New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.
- 2008 : Presented a theme paper on “Role of Civil Society Organization in Creating Support Structure for Decentralised Governance at Grassroots” in the workshop organized for NGOs in New Delhi on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2008 organized by German Agro Foundation.
- 2008 : Presented a paper on “The Role of Gram Panchayats in Land Reform and Land Management in the National Workshop on “Land Reform in India” organized by National Institute of Rural Development in Hyderabad on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.

- 2008 : Presented a paper “Role of Panchayats in Climate Change Management” organized by M.S. Swaminathan Foundation at Chennai on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2008.
- 2008 : Presented a theme paper on “The Potentials of Panchayats in Implementing the Policy on Farming and Helping the Farmers” in National Consultation on Operationalization of National Policy for Farmers 2007 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.
- 2008 : Presented a paper on “Empowering People through Grassroots Governance” in the National Seminar on “Second Freedom Struggle” organized by Gandhigram Rural University from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2008.
- 2008 : Presented a paper on “The Role of Panchayats in the Management of Climate Change” in the National Workshop on the Role of ICT in Management of Climate Change at Grassroots in Chennai organized by M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.
- 2007 : Participated and shared the Indian Experience in Local Governance with the Norwegian Team of Scholars and Officials in the National Symposium on “Experience of Local Self Government in India and Norway” organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India at New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.
- 2007 : Participated in Two Days National Workshop on Backward Region Grant Fund programme organised by Ministry of Panchayati Raj held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007.
- 2007 : Presented a paper on “Role of Panchayats in Ground Water Management in National Ground Water Congress” held at New Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 organised by the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India.
- 2007 : Presented a paper on “Critical Issues in Decentralization of Powers” in the National Workshop organized by Centre for World Solidarity at Hyderabad from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007.
- 2007 : Presented a paper on “Decentralization of Society and Governance in India” in the National Seminar organized by Bhartidasan University at Trichy on 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007.
- 2007 : Delivered a Plenary Lecture on “Role of Panchayati Raj in Natural Resource Management and Implementing the Recommendations of National Commission on Farmers” in All India Agriculture Science Congress in Coimbatore on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.
- 2006 : Presented a theme paper on “Grassroots Governance: Emerging Trends and Issues” in the National Seminar on “Indian Urban Governance: Emerging Trends and Issues” in the University of Madras on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2006.
- 2006 : Presented a paper entitled “Role of Panchayat in Disaster Mitigation and Reconstruction” in the First Disaster Management Congress on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at New Delhi organised by National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi.

- 2006 : Delivered a Lecture on “Nehru and Democratisation” in the National Seminar on Nehru and Contemporary World in Madurai Kamaraj University on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote Lecture on “Synergy between Youth Clubs and Panchayats on Civic Engagement” in the Colloquium on Youth Development Issues and World Development Report at Chennai organised by the World Bank on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Lecture on “Role of Panchayats and Community Organisations in Water Management at Grassroots” NIRD Foundation Day Seminar on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at Hyderabad.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote Address in the National Seminar on “Panchayati Raj Institutions After 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment: A New Deal for Rural India” at Tirupathi organised by AGRASRI from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote Address on Local Self Government and SHG Women in a National Seminar organised by Alagappa University on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 sponsored by National Women Commission.
- 2006 : Delivered a Lecture on “Every Gram Panchayat a Knowledge Centre” in the Third Convention of the National Alliance for Mission 2007 at Chennai on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July 2006 organised by M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation.
- 2006 : Presented a paper on “The Process of Preparation of District Human Development Report” in the UNDP National Workshop on Preparation of Human Development Report at Bhopal on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote Address in the National Seminar on “India’s Social, Economic and Political Development” sponsored by the Central Planning Commission and organised by Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research in Ujjain from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Lecture in the workshop on “Youth in Panchayat Raj Campaign” organised by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Chennai on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2006.
- 2006 : Participated in Interdisciplinary Dialogue on “Mission 2007: Hunger Free India” Organised by Dr.M.S. Swaminathan Foundation from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered Keynote Address in the National Seminar on “Pappapatti Syndrome and Panchayati Raj” sponsored by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India and organised by the Annamalai University on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2006.
- 2006 : Presented a paper on “Jawaharlal Nehru and Grassroots Democracy” in the National Seminar on Nehru’s Contribution towards Modern India organised by the Bharathidasan University, Trichy on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered Keynote Address in the National Seminar on “Working of the Panchayati Raj System in India” organised by the University of Madras, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote Address in the National Seminar on “Women Empowerment: Experience of SHG” in the Presidency College, Chennai on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2006.
- 2006 : Presented a paper on “Water Governance at Grassroots” in the Workshop on Food Security and Livelihood through Sustainable Water Resource Management in Tamil Nadu at Gandhigram on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 organized by Oxfam, India.
- 2005 : Presented a paper on “Capacity Building for Grassroots Governance” in the National Workshop on Local Governance in Rural India, organised by German Agro Action Foundation at Bangalore on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005.
- 2005 : Participated in the National Workshop on “Strengthening the Role of Women in Grassroots Democracy”, held at Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2005, organised by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.
- 2005 : Presented a paper on “Participatory Planning and its Implications” in the National Conference on Panchayats at Present and Way Forward, organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2005.
- 2005 : Presented a paper on “Role of Elected Women Representatives in Grassroots Governance” in Round Table of Media Leaders at Chennai on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2005.
- 2005 : Participated in National Technical Workshop on “District Human Development Report” – on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at Chennai organised by UNDP, New Delhi.
- 2005 : Participated in National Workshop as Resource Person on “Youth and Globalization” in Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2005.
- 2005 : Presented a paper on “Taking Colleges to Communities” in the National Conference on “Curricular Innovations and Quality Improvement in Autonomous Colleges in Arulanandar College, Madurai on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2005.
- 2005 : Participated in National Consultation Meeting of National Farmers Commission in New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005.
- 2005 : Participated in the National Symposium on “Power to the People” – Gram Sabha to Lok Sabha organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at SIRD of Mysore.
- 2005 : Participated in National Convention of the “National Alliance for Creating Virtual Academy for Rural Prosperity” at New Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 organised by M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation.
- 2005 : Presented a paper on “Role of Panchayats in Relief, Rehabilitation and Preparation of Micro plans for Reconstruction of Tsunami affected Areas” in the National Consultation on Post-Disaster Management organized by M.S.Swaminathan Foundation at Chennai on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

- 2005 : Presented a paper on “Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Disaster Management in a National Level Consultation” organized by Rejuvenate India Movement at Chennai on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2005.
- 2005 : Participated as a Resource Person in the discussion on the “Role of Panchayats in Tsunami Affected Areas” organised at Chennai on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 by Institute of Social Science, New Delhi.
- 2005 : Delivered Keynote Address in a National Seminar on the “Performance Evaluation of Panchayati Raj Institutions” in Annamalai University on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.
- 2004 : Participated in the National Workshop on Assessing Capacity Building Exercises carried out for Local Body Leaders and Functionaries in India organized by The Hunger Project, New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2004.
- 2004 : Presented a paper entitled “Good Governance at Grassroots” in the National Seminar on Good Governance in the New Millennium in the University of Madras on 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 2004 : Presented a paper entitled “Emerging Alternative Governance at Grassroots” in the symposium organizer by IRMA, Anand on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2004.
- 2004 : Participated in the Round Table on Capacity Building of Local Body Leaders at Jaipur on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2004, organized by The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- 2004 : Presented a paper on “Participation, Governance and Poverty Reduction” in NIRD Seminar on Employment Generation and Poverty Reduction through Panchayat Raj held at Hyderabad on 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2004.
- 2004 : Participated in the Workshop on “Vulnerability Assessment and Enhancing Adaptive Capacity to Climate Change in Semi Arid Areas” organized at Delhi by M.S.Swaminathan Foundation from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2004.
- 2004 : Participated in Vice-Chancellors Conference on E-Learning and E-Content development at Goa from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 organized by the UGC, New Delhi.
- 2004 : Participated in National Consultation on the Issues of Women Leaders of Panchayats held at SIRD, Chennai on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2004, State Commission for Women, Chennai.
- 2004 : Participated in the National Consultation Meeting of Experts and Master Trainers to design a training strategy organized by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation at Delhi on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004.
- 2004 : Presented a paper on Researchable Areas in Decentralized Governance in the National Workshop on “The Latest Trends and Issues in Social Science Research Methodology” organized by Annamalai University from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

- 2004 : Presented a theme paper entitled “Panchayats, Relevance and Potentials to Achieve Social Development” in National Consultation Organized by UNFPA at New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.
- 2004 : Presented a theme paper entitled “Globalization and Decentralization: Synergization or Polarization” in The Ford Foundation at New Delhi on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.
- 2003 : Presented a paper on “Financial Devolution to Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu” in the workshop on Financial Devolution to Local Bodies” at Chennai on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2003 in Madras Institute of Development Studies.
- 2003 : Presented a paper on “Possible Linkages between Panchayats and Civil Society” in the workshop organised by DHAN Foundation in Madurai on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2003.
- 2002 : Presented a paper on "Local Democracy in Tamil Nadu at cross roads in the Seminar on Local Democracy in India" organised by Europe India Rural Link at Madurai on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2002.
- 2002 : Participated in the National Seminar on "Governance where people matter" organised by PRIA at New Delhi on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of February, 2002.
- 2002 : Presented a paper on "Possibilities for research in ethnic issues of Canada and India for theorization" in the National Seminar on Education in India and Canada : A Comparative Perspective organised by Pondicherry University from 27<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2002.
- 2002 : Participated as a resource person in the National Workshop on "Reviewing the Recommendations of the Review Panel on 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the Constitution of India in Goa from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2002.
- 2002 : Participated as a resource person to review the training module in the National Workshop on "Strengthening of Panchayati Raj System - A Training Intervention" in Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussorie from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2002.
- 2002 : Participated in the Expert Committee Meeting in Indira Gandhi Open University, New Delhi for the Preparation of a Course Programme for M.A.Political Science on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2002.
- 2001 : Presented a paper entitled "Role of Caste Groups in New Panchayati Raj System: A case analysis of Tamil Nadu" in the UGC National Seminar organised in University of Madras, Chennai from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2001.
- 2001 : Presented a paper entitled " Synergization of institutional arrangements for Development and Social Justice at the Grassroots: A case analysis" in the Foundation Day Seminar of National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2001.
- 2001 : Presented a paper entitled "Issues and Solutions in Governance at Grassroots for Development " in the National Seminar organised by ICSSR, New Delhi from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2001.

- 2001 : Participated in the National Workshop on "Strengthening Panchayati Raj System - A Training Intervention", held at New Delhi from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2001 organised by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.
- 2001 : Participated in the National Council Meeting of The Hunger Project at New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2001 to evolve a strategy to end hunger in the rural areas through Panchayati Raj System.
- 2001 : Participated in the consultative committee meeting at New Delhi to finalise training module to conduct Capacity Building Exercises for Local Body Leaders and Functionaries, on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 organised by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.
- 2001 : Presented a paper on "Power sharing and Participation in Decision Making" in the National Seminar on National Policy for the Empowerment of Women 2001, at Coimbatore organised by Avinashilingam Deemed University
- 2001 : Presented a paper on "Issues and Problems of Elected Women Representatives in Tamil Nadu" in the National Workshop on Gender and Governance organised by the Alagappa University, Karaikudi from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2001.
- 2000 : Presented a paper "Empowering Women Through the Local Bodies in India" in the national Seminar on Women in Local Governance organised by the Institute of Social Studies Trust in Bangalore from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2000.
- 2000 : Presented a paper "Problems of Women Representatives in rural Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu" in the National Seminar on Women in Panchayati Raj organised at Central University, Hyderabad from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2000.
- 2000 : Presented a paper on "Role of State Finance Commissions in the process of decentralisation of powers : A Case Analysis of Tamil Nadu" in the National Workshop organised by National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2000.
- 2000 : Presented a paper on "Designing and Managing the District Panchayat in Tamil Nadu" in the National Seminar organised by the State Institute of Rural Development, Chennai from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 sponsored by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- 2000 : Presented a paper on "Non-conventional Resource Mobilization Capacity of the Panchayati Raj Institutions in Tamil Nadu" in the National Seminar organised by Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2000.
- 1999 : Presented a paper entitled "Women Participation in Local Governance: A case analysis of Tamil Nadu", in the National Seminar on women in Local Governance: Exploring New Frontiers", organised by the Institute of Social studies Trust in Bangalore from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1999.

- 1999 : Served as a resource person in the National Workshop on "Local Bodies and Climate Management", organised by M.S.Swaminathan Foundation in Chennai on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.1999.
- 1999 : Presented a paper entitled "Need of an Amendment to the 73rd and 74th Amendment to the Constitution of India: A perspective analysis from the Experience of Tamil Nadu", in the National Conference on "Amendments to the Constitution (73rd and 74th Amendment) Acts 1992 in Bangalore organised by the Institute of Social science from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1999.
- 1999 : Presented a paper entitled "Role and responsibility of Panchayati Raj Institutions: Training needs and Training Methodology", in the National Workshop organised by the Department of Rural Development, Government of Tamil Nadu and UNICEF in Chennai on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1999.
- 1999 : Participated and served as a resource person in the Workshop organised by the Ford Foundation to establish a network of Panchayati friendly organisations in India in Bangalore on 6<sup>th</sup> of January, 1999.
- 1999 : "Participated and Presented a paper on the utility of Report Card Methodology in Improving Governance in Local Bodies in National Workshop on Report Card Methodology" at Bangalore, Organised by Public Affairs Centre from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1999.
- 1999 : Presented a report of the functioning of Gram Sabha in Tamil Nadu in the National Conference on Gram Sabha held at NIRD, Hyderabad from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1999.
- 1999 : Participated in the National Workshop organised by National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad to review the action research report entitled "Strategies for Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions in Karnataka" from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November, 1999.
- 1999 : Participated in the Hunger Project National Workshop on Panchayati Raj from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1999 in Bangalore organised by the Hunger Project, USA.
- 1999 : Participated in the National Workshop on Biovillages and Panchayats in Pondicherry from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 1999 organised by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.
- 1998 : Presented a paper entitled "From Assimilation to Communalism: A Study in Dravidian Movement" in the UGC National Seminar on Dravidian Movement in the University of Madras, Chennai from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1998.
- 1998 : Presented a paper entitled "Role of Panchayati Raj in Regenerating Rural Common Property Resources and Revival of Rural Industries" in the National Seminar on Development of Rural Industries in Fifty Years organised by Gandhigram Rural Institute and sponsored by KVIC Mumbai from 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1998.
- 1998 : Presented a paper entitled "Business Sadhaks and their Spirito Technology in Indian Entrepreneurial Movement" in the UGC sponsored National

- Seminar on Entrepreneurship Promotion and Development organised by Gandhigram Rural Institute from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1998.
- 1998 : Presented a paper entitled “Grass-root Institutions in Tamil Nadu: Changes and Challenges” in the UGC National Seminar on Local Self-Government in South India organised by Madras University from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1998 at Chennai.
- 1998 : Presented a paper entitled “Why this spurt on Corruption now?” in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on Corruption in Social Life organised by Gandhigram Rural Institute on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1998.
- 1998 : Presented a paper entitled “Corruption at Micro Level and ways to contain it” in the National Workshop on Corruption at the Grass roots, organised by Gandhigram Rural Institute from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1998 at Chennai.
- 1998 : Presented a paper entitled “Devolution of Finance to Local Bodies: Issues before XI Finance Commission”, in the National Workshop on "Issues before the XI Finance Commission - The case of Tamil Nadu", organised by the Madras Institute of Development Studies in Chennai on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1998.
- 1997 : Participated and presented a training design in the workshop on Training and project design for Empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions in issues of population, Health and Social Development organised by Population Foundation of India from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1997 in M.S.S.R. Foundation, Madras.
- 1997 : Participated in the National Conference on “Panchayats: Powers, Personnel and Finance” in Trivandrum from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1997 organised by the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi and Institute of Management in Government, Trivandrum.
- 1997 : Presented a paper on “Conflicting Perceptions of Panchayati System in Tamil Nadu” in National Consultation on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1997 in New Delhi organised by the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi.
- 1997 : Presented a paper on New Panchayati Raj System and its Implications in the Projects of DANIDA in the workshop organised by Royal Danish Mission in Cochin from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1997.
- 1997 : Participated in National Symposium on Welfare State in a Liberalised Economy from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 1997 in Madras organised by Satyamurthy Centre for Democratic Studies, Chennai.
- 1997 : Presented a paper entitled “New Federalism in the offing or Indian Federalism in the Fifth Decade” in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on Centre-State Relations in India in the University of Madras from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1997 at Chennai.
- 1997 : Presented a paper entitled “Functioning of Gram Panchayat in Tamil Nadu” in the National Seminar on Panchayats organised by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1997.
- 1996 : Presented a paper on “Non-conventional Resource Mobilization and people participation” in Local Body Institutions in the National Conference on

- Local Body finance organised by the Government of Tamil Nadu at Madras from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 1986.
- 1995 : Presented a paper titled “National Integration : Dreams and Realities” in the UGC National Seminar on National Integration: Problems and Prospects in Annamalai University from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1995.
- 1995 : Presented a paper entitled “Evolving Indicators of Rural Development: Problems and Prospects”, in the National Seminar on Indicators of Rural Development organised by the Department of Applied Research in Gandhigram Rural Institute, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1995.
- 1995 : Presented a paper entitled “Paradigmatic shift in the Analysis of Ethnic Conflict in Canada and India” in the Annual Conference of the Indian Association for Canadian Studies, from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1995 in New Delhi.
- 1995 : Presented a Paper Entitled “Populism and Ethnicity in Tamil Province: A mythical past and uncertain Future” in the UGC National Seminar on Dravidian Movement: A Study in Reformulation in Madras University from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1995
- 1995 : Participated in National Symposium on “Rejuvenating Grassroots Democracy and Federalism” on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 1985 organised in Madras by Sathiyamurthi Centre for Democratic Studies and M.S.Swaminathan Foundation.
- 1995 : Presented a paper entitled “New Panchayati Raj System and Human Resource Development” in XVIII Annual Convention of State resource Centre from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 1995 in Trichy.
- 1995 : Participated in one day consultation to organise National Panchayati Raj convention on 13 October 1995 in New Delhi under the auspices of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development.
- 1994 : Presented a paper entitled “Corruption - a deterrant in the process of power flow from state to local bodies in Tamil Nadu” in the Annual Xavier Institute Convention on Panchayati Raj and peoples Empowerment at Ranchi from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 1995.
- 1994 : Presented a paper entitled “Gandhian Framework of Human Evolution: Revisited” in the National seminar on Gandhism organised by Kerala Academy of Social Sciences in Trivandrum on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 1994.
- 1993 : Presented a paper entitled “Politics of Development Administration in Tamil Nadu: Issues and Trends” in the XIV All India Public Administration Conference held at Madras from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1993.
- 1993 : Presented a paper entitled “Alarmist or Development Approach towards Communal Harmony and National Integration” in the National Seminar on Communal Harmony and National Integration organized by World Conference at Religion for Peace (India) National Chapter in Coimbatore on 25th April, 1993.
- 1993 : Presented a paper entitled “Polyethnicity in India and Canada: A Research Design for Comparative Analysis” in the National Seminar on “Religion

- and Literature in Canada and India” from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April, 1993 at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli.
- 1992 : Attended a workshop on "Agenda for Future" at the Institute for Social and Economic Change in Bangalore on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 1992.
- 1992 : Presented a paper entitled “Value crisis and Mahatma Gandhi: A New credo for Human Unism” in XV<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Society of Gandhian Studies from 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, December 1992 in the Department of Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga Philosophy, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
- 1991 : Presented a paper entitled “The Myth of Ethnicity and Human Unism : An Unending Trail of Human Collectivities to Reach a New World Order” in the Anthropology section meeting of Indian Science Congress at Indore, 1991.
- 1990 : Presented a paper entitled “Ethnic Identity and National Loyalty of an Ethnic Group in India”, in the UGC National Seminar on “India’s Experience with Democracy”, in the Department of Political Science, Madurai Kamaraj University, from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1990.
- 1990 : Presented a paper entitled “Dynamics of National Integration and Ethnic Loyalty: A Symbiotic Process in Indian Politics” in the UGC National Seminar on “National Integration” in the Department of political Science, Annamalai University from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 1990.
- 1989 : Presented a paper entitled “Ethnic Conflict Management: A General Framework for analysis”, in XXIII Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies, ASRC at Hyderabad from February 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 1989.
- 1989 : Presented a paper entitled “Role orientations of the members of 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu”, in the National Seminar on “Legislative Behaviour in India”, in the Department of Political Science, Nagpur University, from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1989.
- 1989 : Presented a paper entitled “Ethnicity and Development: A New Formulation”, in the 46<sup>th</sup> All India Political Science Conference held at Pune from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Nov., 1989.
- 1988 : Presented a paper entitled “Ethnomethodology: An Appraisal”, in XXII Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies at Patna University, Rajgir from August 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 1988.
- 1988 : Participated in a Symposium on “Indian and U.S. Constitutions: problems and prospects”, jointly organised by Annamalai University and USEFI at Annamalainagar, Tamil Nadu, from August 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 1988.
- 1987 : Presented a paper entitled “Comparative Study on Committee System in the US and India: An overview”, in XXI Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies at Poona University, Pune, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1987.

- 1987 : Presented a paper entitled “Ethnic Leader and Social Change: A Study in Micromodelling”, in 45<sup>th</sup> All India Political Science Conference from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December 1987, at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
- 1986 : Presented a paper entitled “Qualitative Analysis of Resolutions of Massachusetts and Tamil Nadu State Legislatures on Ethnic Problems of Sri Lanka”, in XX Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies at Madurai Kamaraj University from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1986.
- 1985 : Attended the “Appreciation Course in Parliamentary Processes”, from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1985, organised by the Bureau of Parliamentary studies and Training Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
- 1985 : Presented a paper entitled: “Tamil Nationalism as a factor in Indian Politics”, in 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Political Science Association from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1985 at IIT Madras.
- 1984 : Attended the USEFI workshop on “American History and Politics”, from May 21<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1984, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar.
- 1982 : Attended the UGC Summer Institute in “Research Methodology in Political Science”, from May 20<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> 1982 in the Department of Political Science, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar.
- 1981 : Attended the UGC Summer Institute in “Social Science Research Methodology”, from July 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 1981, in the Department of Sociology, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar.

### ***REGIONAL***

- 2009 : Organized a Training of Trainers programme for the NGO leaders on “Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Management” from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 in Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University sponsored by the Action Aid India International, Chennai.
- 2009 : Delivered a lecture on “Governance Structure in India with a focus on Local Governance” to the Japanese Team in Gandhigram Rural University on 29<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2009.
- 2009 : Delivered a lecture on “Potentials of Panchayats in delivering services to the marginalised” to the partners of the funding agency HEKS in Dindigul on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.
- 2009 : Delivered a special lecture on “Indian Political System” in the UNDP programme organized by Centre for Women Studies, Bharathidasan University on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 for the Elected Women Representatives of Tamil Nadu.
- 2008 : Delivered a key note lecture on “The Role of Panchayati in Communal Harmony” in the Regional Seminar organized by M.V.M. College for Women in Dindigul on 24<sup>th</sup>, Oct, 2008.
- 2008 : Presented a paper on “The Role of Panchayat in Centre-State Relationship in India” in the Regional Workshop on Local Governments and

- Decentralized Governance organized by the Commission on Centre-State Relations in Thiruvananthapuram on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.
- 2008 : Delivered a Lecture on “The Role of Panchayats in the Management of Climate Change” in the National Workshop on the Role of ICT in the Management of Climate Change organized by M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2008.
- 2007 : Presented a paper on “New Federalism in India after the Creation of Third Tier of Governance” in the Regional Round Table organized by the Inter State Council, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in Goa on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007.
- 2007 : Participated in the Working Group Meeting of the State Planning Commission to prepare a report on “Empowerment and Poverty Reduction in Tamil Nadu” at Chennai on 16th April, 2007.
- 2007 : Delivered a Lecture on the “Role of Dalit Leaders in Panchayati Raj System in India” at Madurai Kamaraj University on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote address in the Local Body Leaders Conference on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at Madurai organised by Communist Party of India.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote address in the Local Body Leaders Conference at Chennai organised by Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Lecture on “Bala Sabhas and Grama Sabhas” in the UNICEF Project Seminar at Coimbatore on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Lecture on “The Process of Women’s Participation in Panchayati Raj Institutions” in the Regional Seminar on Women’s Political Empowerment organised by UNICEF on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2006.
- 2006 : Presented a paper on “Constitutional Sanctions and Community Practices” in the State Level Workshop on Pre Election Voters Awareness at Chennai organised by The Hunger Project on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.
- 2006 : Presented an approach paper before the III State Finance Commission on Local Body Finance at Dindigul on 17th January, 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a popular lecture on “Linkage between Self Help Groups and the Panchayati Raj System” in the Multi Media Campaign organised by the Government of India at Tirunelveli on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2006.
- 2006 : Presented a paper on “Role of Gram Panchayat in Implementing National Rural Employment Scheme in Tamil Nadu” in the one day Workshop on National Rural Employment Scheme in Gandhigram, organized by the District Administration on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2006.
- 2005 : Delivered a Valedictory address in the Regional Workshop on Youth and Hunger, organised by Shanti Ashram at Coimbatore on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2005.
- 2005 : Delivered a Keynote address on ‘Globalization of Economy and Decentralization of powers’ in the V State Level Convention of the FEDCOT at Trichy on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2005.

- 2005 : Delivered a Keynote Address on the symposium on “Information and Communication Strategies for Grassroots Development” held at Chennai organised by the University of Madras on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.
- 2004 : Presented a paper on “Women Governance at Grassroots” in the UGC sponsored seminar on ‘Women Empowerment’ organized by Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar College at Usilampatti on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2004.
- 2004 : Presented a paper entitled “Impact of training on Local Body Women Leaders” in the regional convention organized by Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi at Chennai on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.
- 2004 : Presented a paper on “Role of Women Leaders in Local Politics and Governance in Administering Development” in the convention on Empowerment of Women, organized by the British Council in Avinashi Lingam Institute of Home Science on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 at Coimbatore.
- 2003 : Presented a paper on “Struggle and Strategies of Elected Women Representatives in Local Bodies to Administer Development and Social Justice” in the workshop organised at Chennai on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2003 by Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi.
- 2003 : Participated and shared our DANIDA Project experience with the Participants of the workshop organised on “Water Supply and Sanitation” at Chennai on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2003.
- 2002 : Presented a paper on "Role of Women and NGO in Strengthening Elected Candidates in Panchayats" in the Regional Consultative Meet of Centre for World Solidarity at Chennai on 15th and 16th February, 2002.
- 2002 : Presented a paper on "Role of NGOs on Women Empowerment" in Regional Assembly of CARITAS INDIA in Coimbatore on 29th July, 2002.
- 2002 : Presented a paper on "Systems Reforms and Speedier Redressal Mechanism for Good Governance" in the workshop on Empowerment of Civil Society in Strengthening Good Governance at Chennai on 23rd June, 2002 organised by Peace Trust sponsored by World Bank.
- 2002 : Participated in the Workshop on “Capacity Building Needs of Elected Representatives of Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu” at Chennai on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 organised by PRIA, New Delhi.
- 2001 : Presented a paper on "Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Continuing Education Programme" in the Seminar on Integration of NYK activities with Continuing Education at Gandhigram from 30th to 31st October, 2001 organised by the State Resource Centre, Chennai.
- 2000 : Presented a paper on "Role of Media in New Panchayati Raj System" in the Media workshop organised by the Government of India Ministry of Rural Development in Gandhigram from 14th to 15th March, 2000.
- 2000 : Participated and chaired a session in the workshop for validation of training module organised by the Government of Tamil Nadu on 1st March, 2000 at Chennai.

- 2000 : Presented the States Report of Tamil Nadu Panchayati System in the advocacy consultation on Panchayati Government and the Budget Session 2000 organised by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation at Chennai on 27th January, 2000.
- 2000 : Participated in the workshop on validation of training module to conduct training programme for Leaders and Officials on Multi Level Planning, at Chennai organised by the State Planning Commission on 30th May, 2000.
- 2000 : Participated in the meetings organised by II State Finance Commission to finalyse the modalities of the work at Chennai on 27th April, 2000.
- 2000 : Participated in the seminar organised by State Planning Commission to finalyse training module for Multi Level Planning at Chennai on 28th Jan, 2000.
- 2000 : Participated in the state level seminar on devolution of finance to local bodies on 10.08.2000 at Chennai organised by II State Finance Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu.
- 2000 : Presented a paper on "Panchayati Raj Institutions and primary education" in the one day seminar organised by Tamil Nadu Primary School Improvement Campaign at Chennai on 9th Aug, 2000.
- 2000 : Delivered series of special lectures on "Decentralization of Power" in Annamalai University on 21st March, 2000.
- 2000 : Participated in the Regional workshop on validation of training material for Local Body leaders, organised by the Department of Rural Development and sponsored by UNICEF, Chennai on 31st Oct and 1st Nov, 2000.
- 2000 : Presented a paper entitled "Interface between the Elected Women Representatives and the Bureaucracy in Tamil Nadu" in the Regional Seminar organised by Institute for the study of Developing Areas in Trivandrum on 3rd and 4th Nov, 2000.
- 1999 : Delivered Key note address in the programme organised for NGO "To build the Capacity of Trainers to Train the Women Leaders of Local Bodies", Organised by Human Rights Advocacy and Research at Chennai on 29th October, 1999.
- 1999 : Presented a paper entitled "Role of Local Bodies in Continuing Education" in the Annual Conference of State Resource Centre at Anna University, Chennai from 17th to 18th September, 1999.
- 1999 : Participated and presented the theme paper on "Management of Common Property Resources, Empowerment of Women and Performance of Dalit Representatives" in the Round Table organised by Peoples Governance Cell, Chennai on 11th December, 1999.
- 1999 : Participated and moderated the Media Consultation Programme on Decentralized Democracy and Empowerment of Women in Panchayats on 4th December, 1999, organised by Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation, Chennai.

- 1997 : Presented paper on "Agenda for immediate action to empower people through the New Panchayat Raj System" in the seminar organised by Gandhigram Trust in Madras from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 1997.
- 1997 : Delivered valedictory address in the Training Programme organised by the Tamil University to village panchayati leaders on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1997 in Thanjavur.
- 1997 : Presented a theme paper on "State of the Art : Status of the present state in welfare activities" in the seminar on Social Defence in Welfare State organised by the Department of Sociology in Gandhigram from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 1997.
- 1997 : Delivered a special lecture on "Linking NGOs with Panchayats at Grassroots Level" to the participants of the two-day refresher course on NGO Management organised by GRI-PRA Unit on 24th June, 1997 in Gandhigram.
- 1997 : Presented a paper on "Role and Responsibilities of the Members of a city corporation" in meet the members programme organised in Coimbatore on 17th October, 1997 by Tamil Nadu Institute of Urban Studies, Coimbatore.
- 1996 : Presented a paper entitled "Revolution in raising expectations in rural India" in the workshop on Uncommon Opportunities for India organised by Rajaji Institute of Public Affairs on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1996 at Madras.
- 1996 : Delivered a special Lecture on New Panchayati Raj System and Poverty alleviation" in Bharathidasan University, Trichy on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1996.
- 1995 : Presented a paper entitled "Panchayati Raj Institutes in India: History and Issues" in the Sub-Regional workshop in Panchayati Raj System in Avinashilingam Institute of Home Science and Higher Education for Women in Coimbatore from 6th to 7th Feb, 1995.
- 1995 : Delivered a special lecture on "Voluntary Organisations and Rural Development" in the UGC Refresher course in Public Administration on 14th Jan, 1995 in Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.
- 1995 : Delivered a special lecture on "Federalism in Indian and Canadian Constitutions" in the Canadian Studies Development programme on 22nd Feb, 1995 in Bharathidasan University, Trichy.
- 1995 : Presented a paper entitled "Panchayati Raj Legislation in India" in the Regional Seminar on "Panchayati Raj and Education" from 23rd to 24th Feb, 1995 in Bharathidasan University, Thiruchirapalli.
- 1995 : Participated in the Seminar on "Panchayati Raj Institutions in Tamil Nadu: A Historical Review" Organized by Madras Institute of Development Studies and Institute of Social Sciences in Madras on 15th June 1995.
- 1995 : Presented a Paper entitled "New Panchayati Raj system : a Phenomenon in Indian Politics" in the Seminar on Panchayati Raj and People's aspirations organised by Madurai Branch of Indian Institute of Public Administration of 27th August 1995 in Madurai'.

- 1994 : Presented a paper entitled “Gandhian Framework of Politics : Revisited” in the Seminar on Gandhian Approach to Rural Development in Gandhigram Rural Institute from 3rd to 4th Oct, 1994.
- 1993 : Presented a paper entitled “Social Action For Effective Functioning of Panchayati Raj System in Tamil Nadu” in the conference on “Present Status and Future Prospects of Panchayati Raj in Tamil Nadu” in the Centre for Entrepreneur Development, Madurai on 13th March, 1993.
- 1992 : Participated in the Seminar Organised by Anna University and people’s power movement on “Education for the next generation” in the Anna University campus on 2nd Feb., 1992.
- 1992 : Presented a paper entitled “A Policy Approach to the study of Reservation and its Political Implications” in the Seminar organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Madras on 20th March, 1992.
- 1992 : Participated in a Seminar on “Role of Members in Trade Unions” at IFPAAW Rural Workers Education Centre at Thirumangalam on 19th May, 1992.
- 1989 : Presented a paper entitled “Adolescent political Reasoning: A Theoretical Consideration” in the 5th Annual Convention of the Tamil Nadu Political Science Academy on 26th Nov, 1989 at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli.
- 1988 : Presented a paper entitled “Electoral Alliances in Tamil Nadu since 1952”, in the Annual Convention of the Tamil Nadu Academy of Political Science on 11th December, 1988 in Central Law College at Salem.
- 1986 : Presented a paper entitled “Eclipse of the Second Chamber in Indian State Legislature”, in the II Annual Conference of the Tamil Nadu Academy of Political Science at Madras on 20th September, 1986.
- 1986 : Attended the UGC Zonal Workshop in Advanced Research Methodology in Political Science”, from November 24th to December 14th 1986 in the Department of Political Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

#### **ENDOWMENT LECTURES**

- 2008 : Delivered P. Seenivasa Rao Centenary Lecture on “Role of Agriculture in Rural Economy” in the Indian School of Social Sciences, Chennai on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.
- 2008 : Delivered a Special Address in the National Seminar on “The Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion” in Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikanal on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.
- 2007 : Delivered Kalvivallal Kalasalingam Endowment Lecture on “Constitutional Law Vs Community Law” in Madurai Kamaraj University on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.
- 2006 : Delivered Dr.V.C. Kulandaisamy Educational and Research Foundation Day Special Lecture on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2006 at Karur.
- 2005 : Delivered Nehru Memorial Lecture on “The Paradox of Indian Democracy” in Bharathidasan University on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

- 2005 : Delivered Sardar Vedarathinam Endowment Lecture on “The Role of Gandhian Institutions in Empowering Women” in Kasthurba Kanya Gurukulam at Vedaranyam on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2005.
- 2005 : Delivered Dr.S.Bhaskaran’s Endowment Lecture on “Participatory Democracy in Indian Political System” in Annamalai University on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2005.
- 2003 : Delivered Rathnasamy Samiammal Endowment Lecture on “Empowerment of Women” in Avinashilingam Deemed University Coimbatore on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2003.

## **WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE/SEMINAR ORGANISED**

### ***INTERNATIONAL***

- 2005 : Organized a Toolkit Workshop on “Citizens Participation Process in Local Government in Reconstruction Process following Natural Disaster with Special Reference to Tsunami” from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005, Sponsored by Toolkit Foundation, The Netherlands.
- 2000 : Organised an interface programme at Gandhigram for the Cambodian Team of Members of Parliament to study the impact of reservation of seats for women in Local Bodies in India, on 19th April, 2000.

### ***NATIONAL***

- 2008 : Organised a Regional Workshop jointly with IRMA, Anand at Chennai on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2008 to Validate the Status Report of Devolution of Powers in Tamil Nadu prepared by IRMA for the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- 2007 : Organised a National Workshop to Validate a Research Study on the Role of Panchayats in Disaster Preparedness and Management in Orissa, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu in Chennai on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2007, sponsored by Action Aid India.
- 2006 : Organised a National Workshop on “Role Panchayats in Disaster Mitigation and Management” at Chennai on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 sponsored by All India Institute of Disaster Mitigation, Ahmadabad.
- 2006 : Organised a National Workshop on “Globalization and Decentralization” at Chennai from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 sponsored by The Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2005 : Organized the XXVIII Indian Social Science Congress on “The Crisis of Modern Civilization” from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005, sponsored by Indian Academy of Social Sciences and UGC.
- 2003 : Organised a National Workshop on “Panchayati Raj: Trials and Triumphs” at Chennai on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2003 sponsored by The Hunger Project, New Delhi.
- 2002 : Organised a National Workshop on Rural Higher Education Towards Sustainable Rural Development and Gram Swaraj at Chennai on 21st and 22nd June, 2002 sponsored by National Council of Rural Institutes, Hyderabad.

- 2002 : Organised a National Seminar on Rural Development: Retrospects and Prospects sponsored by UGC at Gandhigram on 2nd and 3rd August, 2002.
- 2001 : Organised a Refresher Course on New Panchayati Raj System in India for College and University teachers sponsored by the UGC from 12th November to 2nd December, 2002.
- 2000 : Organised a ten day Social Science Research Methodology Course for the Researchers pursuing Ph.D. programmes in Rural Development and Panchayati Raj System in Gandhigram from 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.
- 1999 : Organised a Refresher Course on New Panchayati Raj System for College Teachers from 6<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1999, sponsored by the UGC, New Delhi.
- 1999 : Organised a National Workshop on "Curriculum Development in Human Rights and Duties Education", sponsored by UGC, New Delhi and held in Gandhigram from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1999.
- 1997 : Organised a UGC sponsored National Seminar on "Redefining Individual Governance Society" in Gandhigram from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1997.
- 1996 : Organised a Refresher Course on New Panchayati Raj System to college teachers from 15<sup>th</sup> Nov to 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1996 sponsored by UGC, New Delhi.
- 1995 : Organised a National Workshop on "New Panchayati Raj System : Problems and Prospects", Sponsored by CAPART, Ministry of Rural Development from 26th to 28th May 1995

### ***REGIONAL***

- 2009 : Organised a Validation Workshop on Dindigul District Human Development Report on behalf of the State Planning Commission and UNDP on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.
- 2009 : Organised a Validation Workshop on Nagapattinam District Human Development on behalf of the State Planning Commission and UNDP on 12th February, 2009.
- 2008 : Organised a training workshop for the Coordinators of Citizens Centre from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 sponsored by The Ford Foundation through Catalyst Trust.
- 2008 : Organised a training workshop to Panchayat leaders emerging as models in Governance, Administration and Development in Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2008.
- 2007 : An experience sharing session was organised to Sri Lankan delegation of lawyers on "Local Governance in India" at Gandhigram on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.
- 2007 : An experience sharing session was organised to Bangladesh Development Managers on "Local Governance in India" at Gandhigram on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.

- 2007 : Organised a Panchayat leaders meet on “Global-Local Dialogue” in Gandhigram on 10th and 11th April 2007 sponsored by The Ford Foundation.
- 2007 : Organised an NGO Meet on “Global-Local Dialogue” in Gandhigram on 4th and 5th May 2007 sponsored by The Ford Foundation.
- 2007 : Organised a programme to Launch Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan in Tamil Nadu on 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 in Gandhigram Rural University.
- 2006 : Organised a short term training programme on “Governance at Grassroots” to the MSW students of the Institute of Social Sciences and Research, Bhubaneswar, Orissa from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.
- 2006 : Organised a Media Workshop for Reporters at Madurai “The Importance of Capturing the Struggles and Success of Elected Women Representatives of Grassroots Institutions” in Madurai on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2006.
- 2006 : Organised a Visioning Workshop on the Methodology of Preparing District Human Development Report at Nagapattinam on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 sponsored by UNDP, New Delhi.
- 2005 : Organised a Traveling Media Workshop for the Senior staff Reporters of the National and Regional Dailies from Chennai on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005 in Gandhigram, sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2005 : Organised a Visioning Workshop on the Methodology of Preparing District Human Development Report at Dindigul on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2005 sponsored by UNDP, New Delhi.
- 2005 : Organised Media Workshop for Journalists and Reporters of Media on “Women Leadership at Grassroots” in Tirunelveli on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2005 sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2005 : Organised Dissemination Workshop on “Micro Plan” for Gram Panchayat Presidents of Tuticorin District on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2005 : Organised two day Refresher Course on Namathu Gramam Scheme for Gram Panchayats of Dindigul District in three batches from 24<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2005, sponsored by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- 2005 : Organized a Orientation Programme for Members of Legislative Assembly of Communist Party of India (Marxist) on “Current status of Devolution of powers in India” on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2005.
- 2005 : Organized a Mela of Women Leaders of Grassroots Institutions at Gandhigram on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2005, sponsored by Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation.
- 2005 : Organized one day Refresher Course on “Panchayat Management” for Women Gram Panchayat Leaders at Cuddalore on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2005.
- 2004 : Organized a Workshop on Micro Level Planning at Grassroots at Pudukkottai on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2004, sponsored by The Hunger Project.

- 2004 : Organized a Orientation Programme on “Capacity Building for Decentralized Governance” for State Coordinators of The Hunger Project at Kodaikanal from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2004.
- 2004 : Organized a Media Workshop at Trichy for media representatives on Women Governance and Women Leaders on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2004, sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2004 : Organized a media Workshop for media reporters on Women Leadership and Women Governance at Salem on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2004, sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2004 : Organized a Regional Workshop for Elected Women Representatives of Salem Region at Salem on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2004, sponsored by SSF, Bangalore.
- 2004 : Organized a TOT to develop master trainers among the Women Leaders of Panchayats at Gandhigram from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2004, sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2004 : Organized a Regional Workshop on “Media Review on Panchayat Malar’ a supplement brought out in partnership with Dinamalar by The Hunger Project on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2004.
- 2004 : Organised a Writers Workshop on Women in Panchayati Raj at Gandhigram on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2004.
- 2004 : Organised a Media Workshop on Women in Panchayati Raj at Salem on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2004.
- 2004 : Organised a Regional Workshop for Networking Elected Women Representatives at Salem on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2004.
- 2003 : Organised a three day workshop on “Decentralization and Child Care” for the CRY Staff from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2003 sponsored by CRY, Chennai.
- 2003 : Organised a three day workshop on “Decentralization of Power and Grassroots Development” for the FEDCOT field staff from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 sponsored by FEDCOT, Chennai.
- 2003 : Organised a Regional Workshop of Elected Women Representatives of Local bodies at Thiruvarur on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2003.
- 2002 : Organised a state level workshop on "Non Formal Education and Panchayati Raj" on 8th and 9th January, 2002 sponsored by State Resource Centre, Chennai.
- 2002 : Organised a state level workshop on "Primary Education and Panchayati Raj" at Chennai on 11th January, 2002 sponsored by PRIA, New Delhi.
- 2002 : Organised a state level workshop on Capacity Building for Local Body Leaders in Tamil Nadu on 14th February, 2002 at Chennai sponsored by PRIA, New Delhi.
- 2002 : Organised a state level interface meet of Self Help Group leaders and Panchayat Leaders on 4th and 5th January, 2002 at Gandhigram sponsored by UNICEF, Chennai.

- 2002 : Organised a media workshop on "Women and Decentralized Governance" on 30th January, 2002 at Chennai sponsored by The Hunger Project, New Delhi.
- 2002 : Organised a state level Elected Women Representatives of Local Bodies Meet on 20th February, 2002 sponsored by Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation, Bangalore.
- 2002 : Organised a state level workshop to review the action project on "Community Participation in Social Development through Panchayats" on 21st and 22nd March, 2002 sponsored by Population Foundation of India, New Delhi.
- 2002 : Organised the State Council Meeting of the Tamil Nadu Council of The Hunger Project at Chennai on 13th April, 2002.
- 2002 : Organised an interface meet of the panchayati leaders held at Kerala on 21st, 22nd and 23rd of April, 2002 sponsored by Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation, Bangalore.
- 2002 : Organised a Media Workshop at Coimbatore on 28th April, 2002 sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2002 : Organised the Second Annual Convention of Elected Women Representatives in Local Bodies on 3rd May, 2002 sponsored by Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation, Bangalore.
- 2002 : Organised a Leadership Training Programme for women leaders of panchayats from 27th to 31st May, 2002 sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2002 : Organised a Leadership Training Programme for women leaders of panchayats from 10th to 14th June, 2002 sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2002 : Organised a Regional Seminar on "Micro Level Participatory Development Plan" at Gandhigram on 26th and 27th October, 2002 sponsored by The Hunger Project, New Delhi.
- 2001 : Organised a Regional Seminar on Administrative Reform in Gandhigram on 17th and 18th March, 2001 sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- 2001 : Organised a Regional Workshop on "Globalization, Identity Politics and Rising Violence" in Gandhigram on 24th and 25th March, 2001 sponsored by Indian Association for Women's Studies.
- 2001 : Organised a workshop on "Evolving Indicators of Performance to Evaluate the Performance of Panchayati Leaders" in Gandhigram on 22nd June, 2001 sponsored by UNICEF, Chennai.
- 2001 : Organised a "Annual Convention of Elected Women Representatives of Rural Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu" in Gandhigram on 5th August, 2001 sponsored by Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2001 : Organised a workshop on "Evolving Strategies to Create Voters Awareness" sponsored by PRIA, New Delhi on 10th September, 2001.
- 2001 : Organised a workshop on Media and Panchayati Raj at Madurai on 5th October, 2001 sponsored by The Hunger Project, New Delhi.

- 2001 : Organised a test run programme to test the training modules evolved to conduct capacity building to local body leaders from 3rd to 7th December, 2001 sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2000 : Organised an NGOs meet to create Peoples Forum and People Information Centre in Village Panchayats on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 sponsored by Catalyst Trust, Chennai.
- 1996 : Organised a workshop to evolve a manual for Leadership Training in New Panchayati Raj System from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1996 sponsored by CSRDS, Madras.
- 1995 : Organised a sub-regional workshop on “Panchayati Raj System and Prosperity movement”, Sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi from 26th to 28th December 1995
- 1995 : Organised a workshop on “Review of Tamil Nadu Panchayati Act, 1994” sponsored by Centre for Socio-Legal Research and Documentation Service, Chennai from 28th to 30th March, 1996.
- 1993 : Organised a conference jointly with the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi on “Present Status and Future Prospects of Panchayati Raj in Tamil Nadu” in the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Madurai on 13th March, 1993.
- 1991 : Organised a workshop on Alcoholism and its consequences to the Drivers and Conductors of RMTTC (State owned Transport Corporation) from 26th to 27th September, 1991 at Dindigul.

#### **INTERVIEW TO THE PRESS**

- 2006 : Interview to the **Frontline**, September 22, 2006 , p.27.
- 2004 : Interview to the **Down to Earth**, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.
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- 2001 : Interview to the **Frontline**, 29th March, 2002, p.52.
- 1995 : Interview to **Junior Post** on Rural Entrepreneurship (28-4-95) P.17.
- 1995 : Interview to **Thuglak Tamil Fortnightly** on New Panchayati Raj System (May 1995) P.15.
- 1994 : Interview to **Junior Post** on New Panchayati Raj (25-11-94) P.6.
- 1994 : Interview to **Thuglak Tamil Fortnightly** on New Panchayati Raj System (15-2-94) P.26.
- 1994 : Interview to **Thuglak Tamil Fortnightly** on Need for Capacity Building Exercise for Legislators (1-6-94) P.15.

#### **PREPARATION OF TRAINING TOOL**

Prepared a Training Module on Globalization and Decentralization” to orient Panchayat leaders in the issues of Globalization sponsored by The Ford Foundation.

Prepared a video cassette on New Panchayati Raj System and Social Development: A Documentary sponsored by Population Foundation of India.

Evolved a Training Manual to offer Leadership Training to Urban Local Body Women Leaders - sponsored by Tamil Nadu Institute of Urban Studies, Coimbatore.

Evolved Training Manual to conduct Capacity Building Exercise to Gram Panchayati Leaders of Tamil Nadu - sponsored by CAPART, New Delhi.

Evolved a Training Module on "Empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions on Issues of Population, Health and Social Development", sponsored by Population Foundation of India, New Delhi.

Prepared a training module on "Urban Governance issues and the role of Management of Information System" for the Executives and Elected Leaders of Urban Local Bodies organised by the Anna Institute of Management, Chennai.

Prepared a comprehensive training module to train panchayati leaders and officials in Tamil Nadu sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi and it is published by Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies.

Prepared a training module to conduct leadership training to women leaders of the Panchayats sponsored by The Hunger Project, New Delhi and it is published by Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies.

Prepared and Published a guide book containing Powers and Responsibilities of Ward Members of Gram Panchayat, Block Panchayat and District Panchayat and Presidents of Gram Panchayat, Block Panchayat and District Panchayat (totally four guide books).

Prepared a guide book for Gram Panchayati leaders to prepare a perspective plan for the development of the Village Panchayat area based on the pilot project works carried out in 56 Panchayats in four districts of Tamil Nadu.

## **COLLABORATIONS**

Carried out activities in collaboration with M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, State Institute of Rural Development, PRIA, The Hunger Project, Singamma Seenivasan Foundation, Population Foundation of India, DANIDA, UNICEF, The Ford Foundation

## **RADIO PROGRAMMES**

Voter Awareness programme conducted for 15 days through FM (Pasumai) Radio from 25<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

Series of ten lecture programmes on New Panchayati Raj System over All India Radio, Madurai.

Series of Lectures on the Functioning of Grassroots Democracy over All India Radio, Chennai and Madurai.

Occasional Lectures on Issues of Grassroots Democracy over All India Radio, Chennai, Madurai, Tuticorin.

## **TV PROGRAMMES**

Participated in a Panel Discussion with Manisankar Aiyar, Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Minister and Managing Editor of India To-day for UTV, Mumbai on Panchayati Raj and Human Development Exclusive Programmes on Local Democracy were given to SUN TV and SUN News

Exclusive programme on Parliamentary Democracy was given to STAR VIJAY TV (a live telecast for one hour). On important issues on grassroots democracy views are expressed through these channels in regular News programmes.

Exclusive Programmes on Democratising the Society and Empowering People especially Women in JAYA TV.

## **EXTENSION ACTIVITIES**

Organising Awareness Camps in the villages to create awareness among the rural masses about the New Panchayati Raj System.

Organizing training programmes to Local Body leaders and others functionaries. Nearly 4000 Gram Panchayat leaders have been trained. Duration of the training programme is five days per batch.

Organizing leadership training programmes to elected women representatives. Nearly 2000 Gram Panchayat leaders are trained by adopting leadership module. Duration of the programme is five days.

Assisting the Dalit and Women leaders by creating support structure through NGOs.

Assisting the women and Dalit leaders at grassroots to form Federation at State level to address their issues and problems.

Assisting NGO's to create awareness among the people about the self-government.

Assisting Anna Institute of Management by serving as Resource Person to take classes for the orientation workshop organised for leaders and functionaries of Urban Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu.

Assisting NGOs to conduct training programmes to Local Body Leaders.

Assisting District Administration to carry out effectively Rural Development Schemes through Panchayats

Rajiv Gandhi Chair has been designated as a support structure to help the women and Dalit Panchayat leaders.

## **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

Evolved curriculum for a New M.A. Programme in Governance and Development. (It is an innovative programme and hence UGC has sanctioned Rs. 41 lakhs.)

Evolved Curriculum for a New two year M.A. Course in Development Administration and Panchayati Raj System.

Evolved Curriculum for a Five year Integrated M.A. Course in Development Administration

Evolved Curriculum for a New two year M.A. Course in Human Rights and Duties Education.

Evolved Curriculum for M.Phil. programme in Development Administration.

Evolved Curriculum for Diploma Programme in Panchayat Management through Distance Education.

### **ENDOWMENT CREATION**

Initiated and created six endowments on eminent personalities - Tamil Scholar TKC, Justice Bagawati, Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, Si.Pa. Aditanar, M.G. Ramachandran and T.V. Rama Subbaiyar with the liberal donations of philanthropists and activist NGO's.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Life Member in Indian Political Science Association.

Life Member in Indian Association for American Studies.

Life Member in American Studies Research Centre, Hyderabad.

Life Member in Indian Association for Canadian Studies.

Life Member in Social Science Research Council.

Life Member in Indian Academy of Social Sciences.

Life Member in Tamil Nadu Academy of Political Science.

Life Member in Indian Public Administration Association.

Life Member in Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.

Member, Syndicate for three years, Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University

Member, Senate for three years, Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University

Member, Faculty of Social Sciences, Annamalai University

Member, Finance Committee for three years, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University.

Member, Board of Studies of Political Science, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.

Member, Board of Studies of Political Science, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli.

Member, Board of Studies of Political Science, Salem University

Member, Board of Studies of Political Science, Alagappa University.

Member, Board of Studies of Public Affairs, University of Madras, Chennai.

Member, Board of Studies of Political Science, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.

Chairman, Board of Studies of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University, Gandhigram.

Member, Academic Council of Annamalai University from 1991 - 1993.

Member, Academic Council of Gandhigram Rural Institute from 1991 to the present.

Member, Academic Council, Jeyaraj Annapackiam College for Women in Periakulam.

Member in India Delegation to Pakistan, under the leadership of Mani Shankar Ayyar from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2007.

Member in Advisory Council National Platform for Strengthening Panchayati Raj System in India.

#### **OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences for three years.

Managed the University as the Chairperson of the Interim Administrative Committee in the absence of Vice-Chancellor from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2004.

Warden of the Gandhigram Rural Institute Hostel (Men) from 1994 - 1996.

Research Advisory Committee for three years.

Project Monitoring Committee for three years.

#### **REFERENCES**

Available on request

#### **PERSONAL**

Born : August 9, 1953  
Married : Yes, Wife Mrs. P. Mala, B.Sc.,  
Health : Excellent  
Children : Two (D) P. Senthil Vadivu, B. Tech (Bio Technology)  
Final Year  
(S) P. Aurobindh, B.E. (Computer Engineering)  
Second Year

