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I. AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophy and Literature; Myth and Literature; Modern Literary Theory and Criticism; and English Language Teaching

II. PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH:

A. Projects:

1. **Major UGC Project/Scheme:** “Higher Education for Persons (*Disabled*) with Special Needs (*HEPSN*) - 2000-2005”; Coordinated the Project and submitted the Report to the UGC in June 2005.
2. **Minor Research Project:** “Hermeneutics and Deconstruction: Gadamer and Derrida”. Submitted the Project report in March 2002.
3. **Minor Research Project:** “Poststructuralism, Postmodernism and Postcolonialism—A Synoptic Study (A Critical Reading of Three Texts from Indian Writing in English)”. Submitted the Project report in June 2009.

B. Books Published:

1. **Myth and Literature** (2003)
2. **Interventions: Essays in Philosophy and Literary Theory** (2006)
3. **Textbook Writer for Tamilnadu Government Textbook Society:** Co-authored English Textbook for **Standard XI** (2004-2005) and **Standard XII** (2005-2006).
4. **Philosophical Hermeneutics** (2011)

C. Research Guidance and Thesis Valuation:

PhD Programme: Research completed: 5

MPhil Programme: Research completed: 52; Research ongoing: 3

Has adjudicated 35 PhD theses (for EFLU, Hyderabad, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram, MG University, Kottayam, Calicut University, Calicut, Mysore University, MS University, Thirunelveli, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Madras University, Chennai, Anna University, Chennai, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, Avinashilingam Deemed University, Coimbatore and Barakatullah University, Bhopal).

Has also adjudicated nearly 75 MPhil theses for CIEFL, Hyderabad, Osmania University, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Kerala University, MS University, Thirunelveli, Bharathiar, Coimbatore, Bharathidasan, Trichy, Annamalai, Madras and Pondicherry universities and Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore.

D. Research Award:

Teacher Research Grant by the **Indo-American Center for International Studies** (formerly **American Studies Research Center**), Hyderabad for three weeks in November-December 1994 and worked on **Myth, Literature and Hermeneutics**.

E. Papers Published:

1. "Teaching Poetry to the Disadvantaged." **The English Classroom**. 3.2 & 4.1 (1993 & 1994): 65-73.
2. "Teaching English to the Disadvantaged—Headstarts and Handicaps." **Journal of English Language Teaching**. 30. 4 (1995): 113-117.
3. "An Existentialist Reading of Samuel Beckett's *Endgame*." **The Aligarh Journal of English Studies**. 18.1 (1996): 16-22.
4. "Creative Compositions—An Experiment at Gandhigram University." **The English Classroom**. 1.1 (1997): 70-73.
5. "Notes on Archetypal Symbolism." **SB Academic Review** 8.2 (1999): 19-22.
6. "Human Rights Education and the Teaching of Literature." **Journal of Extension and Research**. 2.2. (2000): 103-108.
7. "Paul Ricoeur's Hermeneutics of the Text." **Indian Philosophical Quarterly**. 26.4 (2000): 403-409.
8. "Myth Criticism: Tenets, Theories and A Critique." **SB Academic Review**. 9.2 (2000): 25-28.
9. "Teaching Reading Skills through Newspapers." **The English Classroom**. 3.1 (2001): 41-47.
10. "Hermeneutic Theories of Schleiermacher: A Critique." **Journal of Extension and Research**. 3. 1 & 2 (2001): 73-75.
11. "Myth and Mythopoesis: A Synoptic View." **The Quest**. 15.2 (2001): 38-42.
12. "Towards A Definition of Myth." **Journal of Extension and Research**. 4. 1 & 2 (2002): 78-80.
13. "Modernism and Postmodernism--The Nexus" **The Quest**. 19.1 (2005): 48-56.
14. "Paul Ricoeur's Interpretation Theory in the Light of Discourse and Speech Acts." **Indian Philosophical Quarterly**. 23.1.2 (2005): 11-18.

15. "A Critique of E. D. Hirsch's Hermeneutical Theories." **Journal of Extension and Research**. 1. (2005): 88-90.
16. "Higher Education and Accountability." **New Frontiers in Higher Education**. 3 (2005): 199-201.
17. "Towards a Gender-Sensitive Language." **Interventions**. 3.1. (2006): 6-13.
18. "An Orientation to Modern Literary Theories." **SB Academic Review**. 13 (2006): 3-21.
19. "Hermeneutics and Deconstruction—A Dialogue between Gadamer and Derrida." **The Quest** 20.2 (2006): 61-74.
20. "Texts and Double-Talk: Deconstruction according to Paul de Man." **Journal of Extension and Research**. 10. 1 & 2 (2008): 12-15.
21. "Workouts for Writers—The Importance of Prewriting Tasks in ESL Composition Classes". **Hermes** 1. (2008): 55-65.
22. "Teachers' Perception of Under-Graduate ESL Students' Writing Skills." **The English Classroom**. 1. (2008): 48-58.
23. "Enhancing the Quality of PhD Theses in English." **University News**. 47. 14 (2009): 16-18.
24. "A De Manian Deconstructive Reading of Nissim Ezekiel's 'Night of the Scorpion'". **Journal of Extension and Research**. 12.1 (2009): 3-6.
25. "A Profile of the Disadvantaged Learners in the Context of Teaching English to the Disadvantaged". **Indian Voices in ELT**. Ed. Francis Peter. **New Delhi: Viva**, 2010: 1-19.
26. "The Hermeneutic Theories of Hans-Georg Gadamer—A Critique." **Indian Journal of Philosophy, Religion and Culture** 1.1 (2009): 95-102.
27. "What is Literary Hermeneutics?" **Suvidya—Journal of Philosophy and Religion**. 4.1 (2010): 105-121.

Acts/Has acted as a referee for four Journals: *Interventions* (Calicut University); *Journal of Research and Extension* (GRI); *Hermes*; and *Retell* (St. Joseph's College, Trichy).

Member of the Editorial Board of *Satya Nilayam: Chennai Journal of Intercultural Philosophy and Eclectic Representations* (MCC, Chennai).

F. Endowment Lectures:

1. Delivered the Nineteenth **C.A. Sheppard Memorial Lecture** at St. Berchmans College, Changanassery, Kerala on **The Death of the Author: Literary and Philosophical Perspectives** on 14-03-2005.
2. Delivered the **Fr. Leigh, SJ, Fr Lawrence Sundaram and Prof S Banumoorthy Endowment Lecture** at St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy on 08-12-2006 and spoke on **The Death of the Author—A Hermeneutical Perspective to Literary Interpretation**.

Has delivered more than three dozen lectures at various UGC-Academic Staff Colleges in Tamilnadu, Kerala and Pondicherry.

III. MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Member of the **Inspection Commission** (appointed by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore) to visit GVG College (Autonomous), Udumalpet to start PhD programme in English in October 2004.
2. Member of the **Question Bank Project on General English** to be prepared by the Southern Region of the Staff Selection Commission (Govt of India) in July 2006.
3. Has served as **Subject Expert in English on the interview boards** of Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram (for ad hoc posts), Loyola College, Chennai, St. Joseph's College, Trichy, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Sri Sarada College for Women, Salem and a few self-financing colleges and universities to select lecturers in English.
4. Served as a subject expert in the CAS of a faculty member (from Reader to Professor) at B.S. Abdur Rahman University, Chennai.
5. **Chairperson of Question Paper Boards:** MA Question Paper Boards of Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram (2006-07), Annamalai University, Annamalai (2006-07) and Bharathidasan University (Rank Examination – 2007), and BA Question Paper Board of Annamalai University (2004-06).
6. Member, Question Paper Scrutiny Board for TN Government Plus Two Examinations in 2006.
7. As the Coordinator of Higher Education for Persons (*Disabled*) with Special Needs (**HEPSN**)—**UGC-Major Project**, organized two UGC-Sponsored Regional Workshops for College and University Teachers titled **Working Towards A Disabled-Friendly Campus** in March 2001 and March 2003. Also organized a UGC-Sponsored Regional Workshop for Primary School Teachers in **The Disabled in Primary Education: Challenges and Expectations** in March 2004.
8. Organized a **National Seminar on Indian Drama in English** at Gandhigram Rural University in on February 7 and 8, 2008 which was attended by more than 125 participants from all over the country.
9. **Key-Note/Presidential Addresses at UGC-sponsored National Seminars :**
 - a. Key-note address at the seminar on **New Directions in 20th Century Plays, Theatre and Performance** at Sri Sarada College, for Women (Autonomous), Salem on August 11, 2003
 - b. Inaugural address at the Seminar on **Literary Theory** at St Thomas College, Pala on February 16 and 17, 2006.
 - c. Key-note address at the seminar on **Contemporary Literary Theory** at Mercy College, Palakkad on October 17, 2008.
 - d. Inaugural address at the seminar on **Contemporary Insights into Literary Theory and Indian Literature in English** at Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla on November 18, 2008.
 - e. Delivered the **Key-note address** at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on **“Postmodernisms in Practice”** at Fatima Mata National College, Kollam on 2nd July 2009.

10. Valedictory Addresses at National Seminars:

- a. Valedictory address at the Seminar on **Voice of the Marginalized** on February 2, 2007 at Research Centre in English, Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore
- b. Valedictory address at the Seminar on **Culture and Literature** on February 15 and 16, 2007 at MS University, Thirunelveli.
- c. Valedictory address at the Seminar on **Polemics of Post-Colonial Writings in the Context of Nationalism** on March 29 and 30, 2007 at the Research Centre in English, VHNSN College, Viridhunagar.

IV. MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES IN ENGLISH:

Served/Serving as a member of the Board of Studies in English at

- (i) Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram;
- (ii) Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram;
- (iii) Bharathiar University (PG Board), Coimbatore;
- (iv) Annamalai University;
- (v) Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal;
- (vi) Kalasalingam University;
- (vii) Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Trichy;
- (viii) St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy;
- (ix) The American College (Autonomous), Madurai;
- (x) APA College for Women (Autonomous), Palani;
- (xi) Jeyaraj Annapackiam College for Women (Autonomous), Periyakulam;
- (xii) The Standard Fireworks Rajarathnam College for Women (Autonomous), Sivakasi;
- (xiii) PSGR Krishnammal College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore;
- (xiv) Kongu Nadu Arts and Science College (Autonomous), Coimbatore;
- (xv) NGM College (Autonomous), Pollachi;
- (xvi) Sri Sarada College for Women (Autonomous);
- (xvii) Fatima College (Autonomous), Madurai;
- (xviii) St. Xavier's College Palayamkottai;
- (ix) Kalasalingam University; and
- (xx) Lady Doak College (Autonomous), Madurai..

V. MEMBERSHIP IN VARIOUS BODIES:

- Member of the Research Council of IGNOU, New Delhi (2007-2010 and 2010-2013).
- Member, Academic Council of Gandhigram Rural University (1999 onwards)
- Member of the Senate of Gandhigram Rural Univeristy (from 2011-20114).

VI. NAAC ASSIGNMENT:

- Member of the NAAC peer team that visited MG University, Kottayam in December 2010 for re-accreditation.
- Member-Secretary of the NAAC peer team that visited Cauvery College, Gonnikoppal, Karnataka in April 2011 for reaccreditation.

VII. Citation Index: 7

VIII. INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENT:

Was in Sri Lanka on a short teaching assignment from 22-08-2007 to 31-08-2007 and trained the English teachers in Kandy. The Programme was arranged by the Ministry of Tamil Education, Sri Lanka, the Assistant High Commissioner's Office, Kandy, Sri Lanka and Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram.

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