

Curriculum Vitae of R.KUMRAN

1. **Present Position: Assistant Professor (since December 2005 – Till Date): Department of Sociology, Gandhigram Rural Institute- Deemed University, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu**

2. **Educational Qualifications:**

- Ph.D (Pursuing) at Gandhigram Rural University, (2008-Till Date)
- M.Phil. (Sociology) at Department of Sociology, **Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, Delhi** (1995 – 1997)
- MA (Sociology) **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi** (1993-1995)
- **BA (Religion, Philosophy and Sociology)**, The American College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu (1989-1992)

3. **Special Training Undergone:**

- Orientation programme for NSS Programme Officer

4. **Teaching and Research Experiences: 6 Years of Teaching and 6 Years of Research Experience**

- **Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (Part Time)** May 2005 – November 2005
- ADRA India (Adventist Development Relief Agency, India) TRRI-W (Tsunami Relief and Restoration Initiative for Women)
- **Senior Research Coordinator** (May 2004 – July 2005) Centre for Equity Studies , New Delhi
- **Research Officer – India** (Feb 2001– April 2004) Actionaid India, New Delhi
- **Lecturer** (Aug 1998 – Nov 2000) Postgraduate Department of Social Work, The American College, Madurai, India
- **Research Associate (Dec 1997 – June 1998)** Department of Religion, Philosophy and Sociology, The American College, Madurai, India

5. **New Courses/Programmes Evolved:**

- **As Faculty member at The** Postgraduate Department of Social Work, The American College, Madurai, India I was instrumental in introducing courses such as **Qualitative Research Methods” and “Culture, Communication and Society”**

6. **Department Established:**

- **As Faculty member at The** Postgraduate Department of Social Work, The American College, Madurai, India I Had the unique opportunity to be a **founding member** of a new **Department Of Social Work**

7. **Involvement in Institute Development:**

- As a member of University-Level Research Committee I shaped the ethical and human development dimensions of social science research in GRI-DU

- As Advisor Student Movie Club, I have been promoting critical media awareness skill by screening movies and documentaries every week.
- I have been actively encouraging passion for rigorous Research by supporting Research Scholars Forum

8. Research Guidance: 20 M.A Dissertations and 3 MPhil Dissertations (Current Year)

9. Research Projects Undertaken: Nil

10. List of Publications: Books (co-author)

Speaking For Themselves, Book for Change, Bangalore, (Forthcoming)

Listening to people living in Poverty. Book for Change, Bangalore, 2003

Eclipsed Moons: stories of people from othered side. Mimeographed, Actionaid India, 2003

Articles

Listening as a Radical Art, in *Alternative Methodologies*, Actionaid India, Mimeographed

Swing Of The Pendulum: Deinstitutionalising mental Health Care, Mimeographed, Actionaid India, 2003

Film Music and Tamil Society, Mimeographed

Heart's Eye and its Reasoning: Actionaid's Work against Adverse Child Sex Ratio, Actionaid India, Dec 2006

I beg therefore I am not: Beggary Problem in the cities of Chennai and Madurai. Actionaid India, March 2003

From A Correctible Offender to Self-Styled Criminal: The Saga: The status of prisoners in Tamil Nadu. Actionaid India, May 2003

Inverting Pyramids: The status of untouchability in Tamil Nadu. Actionaid India, April 2002

Roads Not Taken: Reviewing Ecomwel: an organization Review: Ecomwel. Chennai. June 2001

A report on the curriculum development for Social work. Department of Social Work, The American College Madurai, June 1998

11. Short term courses/Symposium/Conferences Attended:

- **Adding Soul and Face to Numbers**, at National Seminar on Development Statistics, at Department of Applied Research, Gandhigram Rural University
- **Listening as a Research Attitude**, at National Seminar on Society and Development, Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, Madurai

- (Material) Cultural Politics of Dalits: Reversing the Order of Things in Tamil Nadu **at, International Workshop on Archaeology As Alternative Source of History, Rabat, Morocco.**
- **Where Heart Rules Head: Doing Social Research in Development Sector,** at Training Programme for Activists in Gandhigram Rural University, India
- **Building Life Skills in Youth: Immersion as Research Method,** at International Conference on Life-Skills, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth and Development, Chennai, India
- **The Use of Life-Histories in Understanding Female Infanticide and Foeticide in India,** at National Workshop on Female Infanticide is Genocide: Possible Interventions and Strategies, Bharathidasan University, India
- **Pleasure-Seeking is No Crime: The Consuming Humanity in Globalised World,** National Seminar on Humanities in 21st Century, at PRACSIS, Thrissur, India
- **Changing forms of Speech Culture in Tamil Nadu,** National Conference on Inter-cultural Communication, Arul Anandhar College, Madurai
- **Understating Reconciliation Strategies through Immersion in Post-Communal Violence Contexts,** at the Workshop on Reconciliation and Peace Making Processes in Gujarat after Godhra, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi
- **Life-history Collection and Analysis,** at Research Scholars Forum, Gandhigram Rural University, India
- **Globalization and Poverty: Narratives from the Field,** at Training Programme for Activists in Gandhigram Rural University, India
- **Personal Photos as Data for Social Research,** at the Workshop on Visual Literacy, CoDiViNe Project Stanford University Located at Gandhigram and Hyderabad Central University, India
- **Caught between Corruption and Poverty: Developing an Alternative Perception of Corruption,** at the International Equity Policy Dialogue, Dakar, Senegal

1. Short term courses/Seminar/Conferences Organised: Nil

2. Membership in Scientific Bodies/Association:

- Member, CODESRIA, Dakar Senegal

3. Resource Person

- Actively played the role of Lead Person in the study on the impact of state policies and laws on the homeless in Madurai and Chennai cities. The final report is being published by NBT.
- Trainer in the Tamil Nadu 'Vazhnthu Kattuvom' project at Department of Political Science and Panchayat Raj in GRI on M&E and Social Exclusion
- Evaluated and documented the six year work of Welfare Center of the Women and Children (WCWC), Salem as part of the Critical Stories of Change process of Actionaid
- Trained the staff and partners of ALERT-India, Mumbai on innovative M&E systems & impact Assessment tools
- Developed Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) for Alternative Education and Documented the entire DIP process for ADRA India HELP Project
- Documented the best practices of the works of Palmyra Workers Development Society, Marthandam. The document on **Shelter Programme** was selected as the first runner-up for the International Habitat Award
- Conducted an **impact study** to evaluate the development programmes of CEDAR (an NGO working for the abolition and reduction of child labour in Sivakasi area) and their impact on child labour and women development using **participatory research techniques**

- Associated with **People's Watch**, an NGO working on human rights issues, in its campaign for **introducing human rights** education to schools and colleges with special reference to **child and Dalit rights**
- Undertook **impact assessment** of the development programmes of ECOMWEL (an NGO working for the development of women and disabled) on consultancy mode as well as to evolve an resource mobilization strategy for the organization
- Initiated and built capacities of the advisory unit of ECOMWEL on corporate involvement in social responsibility projects.

1. Reviewer of Journals: Nil

2. Recognition (Local, National, International): Nil

3. Committee Member:

- **Member, Board of Studies, Department of Sociology**
- **Member, Board Of Studies, Department of Education**
- **Member, Editorial Committee for GRU NEWS**
- **Member, Committee for Evaluation of Extra Curricular Attainment of Students**
- **Member, Publication Committee**
- **Programme Officer, NSS**
- **Advisor, Students' Movie Club**
- **Course Coordinator (Sociology), for UGC-NET coaching**
- **Unassigned Grants Committee**

4. Fellowship Received: UGC-JRF-NET (1995-1997)

5. Foreign Countries Visited: 1. Senegal (North West Africa)

2. Morocco (North West Africa)

6. Administrative Experience:

- **Chief Coordinator, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi (2003-2005)**