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Professional Responsibilities

- Head, Department of English, Pondicherry University.
- Handling Literature and Communication Skills classes for postgraduate students.
- Co-ordinator, Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Professional Communication in English.
- Liaison Officer and Grievance Redressal Officer (PwBD), Pondicherry University.
- Member, Selection Committee Panel, Pondicherry University.
- Member, Academic Council, Pondicherry University.
- Member, Pondicherry University Court.
- Member, School Board (Humanities), Pondicherry University.
- Member, School Board (Social Sciences), Pondicherry University.
- Member, Board of Studies in English, Pondicherry University.
- Member, Board of Studies in English, M.S. University, Tirunelveli.
- Pondicherry University Nominee for affiliated colleges.

Areas of Interest

- American Literature
- Comparative Literature
- Communication Skills

Research Guidance

- PhD Awarded: 08
- Pursuing Research: 08

Select Publications

- “Sensory Impulses and Cognitive Mapping: Unraveling the Mythical Thread of the Eye of Horus in Nawal El Saadawi's *Women at Point Zero*” in *Library Progress International*. (Scopus Indexed) Vol. 44, No. 3, Jul-Dec 2024. pp.15224-15234 [Co-authored with Alphy Lal] E-ISSN: 2320-317X
- “Savouring the Past: Food Symbolism and Imagery in Romesh Gunsekera's Novel *Reef*” in *Literary Voice*, (Web of Science Indexed) Vol. 1, No. 23, Dec. 2024. pp.35-41. [Co-authored with Geethu Mohan] E-ISSN: 2277-4521
- “Writing for Healing: A Metaphorical Conceptualisation of Mental Disorders in Shaheen Bhatt's *I've Never Been (Un)happier*” in *Literary Voice*. (Web of Science Indexed) Vol. 2, No. 1, Jan 2024. pp.280-290 [Co-authored with Shinu C.] E-ISSN: 2583-8199
- “Contradictions in the First Filmic Portrayal of the Inuit: A Study of *Nanook of the North*” in *Shanlax International Journal of Arts, Science and Humanities*. Vol 11, Jun 2024. pp.93-102 [Co-authored with Meenu Sabu] E-ISSN: 2582-0397
- “Doctors and Doctoring: An Analysis of the Cultural Discourses of Medicine” in *Dialogue*. Vol. 19, No. 1, Jun 2023. pp. 21-31 [Co-authored with Shinu C.] ISSN: 0974-5556
- “Careers and English: The Need for a Communication Skills Oriented Syllabus” in *Bodhi International Journal of Research in Humanities, Arts and Science* Vol.1, Special Issue 14, Jul 2017. pp. 80-85. ISSN: 2456-5571
- “Reading from Online Sources: Strategies for Young Learners” in *Language in India* Vol.16 Issue 2, Feb 2016. pp 10-19. ISSN: 1930-2940
- “Developing Reading Skills in English: The Role of Motivation and Attitude” in *The Journal of English Language Teaching* Vol. 57 Issue 5, Sept-Oct 2015. pp. 7-12. ISSN: 0973-5208
- “Literacy as an Interface of Religion and Colonialism: A Historical Perspective on the Development of Christianity in Kerala” in *Contemporary Discourse* Vol. 6 Issue 2, July 2015. pp. 34-40. ISSN: 0976-3686
- “Varying Responses to Equivalent Depictions: A Case Study of the Last Temptation of Christ and *Jesus Christ Superstar*” in the *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Educational Research* Vol 3. Issue 6(4). June 2014. pp 138-147. ISSN: 2277-7881
- “From Reading for Learning to Reading for Life: Newspapers in the ESL Class” in *Teaching of English: Experiments and Experiences*. Eds. Bhaskaran Nair & Panch Ramalingam. Puducherry Co-operative Book Society, Puducherry, 2013. pp. 87-92. ISBN: 81-87299-72-10

- “Literary Subversions of the Divinity of Christ: An Analysis of His Birth and Early Years” in the *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Educational Research* Vol 2. Issue 2(1). Feb. 2013. pp 193-206. ISSN: 2277-7881
- “Helping Students to Prepare for Interviews: A Holistic Approach” in *Journal of English Language Teachers’ Interaction Forum*, Vol 2.4, Oct-Dec 2011. pp.15-20. ISSN:2230-7710
- “Critical Introduction” in George Eliot’s *Middlemarch* (e-book). DC Books, EC Media and Wink Classics, 2011. (ISBN: 978-81-264-3145-8)
- “Developing Strategic Competence through Group Discussion: A Support System Developed for Second Language Classroom” in *Teaching of English: Issues, Inquiries and Innovations*. Ed by Bhaskaran Nair and Panch Ramalingam. Puducherry Co-operative Book Society, Puducherry, 2010. pp. 84-92. ISBN: 81-87299-50-9
- “Fictional Portrayals of Christ—A Comparative Socio-cultural Study” in *Dialogue*, Vol.VI, No.1, June 2010. pp.15-24. ISSN:0974-5556
- “Artistic Freedom of Expression versus Communitarian Sentiments—A Case Study” in *International Journal of South Asian Studies* Vol 2, No.2, Dec.2009. pp.228-241. ISSN: 0974-2514

Select Lectures Delivered

- Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Academic Writing and Research” at the *National Workshop on Writing Research Papers and Research Proposals*, organized by the Department of English and the Department of Journalism, Theivanai Ammal College for Women, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu in February, 2023.
- Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Climate Fiction: An Introduction” at the *Refresher Course in English*, organized by the UGC-HRDC, Pondicherry University and the Department of English, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry in October 2022.
- Delivered the Keynote Address entitled "Online Education: Relevance and Impact" at the *Two-Day Virtual National Conference on Language Teaching in the New Normal Age: New Ideas, Methodologies and Teaching Practices* organised by the Department of English, KGiSL Institute of Technology, Coimbatore in November, 2021.
- Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Language: Basic Concepts, Theories and Pedagogy. English in Use” at the *Ten-Day Online NET Preparatory Workshop*, conducted by the Department of English, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry in November 2021.
- Delivered a talk on “Writing As a Research Skill: The Mechanics of Academic Writing” at the *E Workshop in Research Methodology and Academic Writing* organized by the P.G. Department of English and Research Centre, St. Xavier’s College for Women, Aluva, Kerala in July, 2020.

- Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Write Right: Effective Academic Writing Practices” at the *Two-Day International Webinar on Research Matters* organized by the Research and International Programmes Centre, Stella Maris College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu in June, 2020.
- Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Research Oriented Writing Skills: Concerns and Suggestions” at the *Two-Day International Webinar on Fostering Academic Research and Writing Skills* organized by the Department of English and Research Centre, Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu in June, 2020.
- Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Writing Skills and Research” as Resource Person at the *National Workshop on Research Methodology in Literary Studies* organized by the PG and Research Department of English, Voorhees College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu in October, 2017.
- Delivered the Inaugural Address-cum-Lecture at the *National Conference on Literary Theory and Practice* organized by Annai Women’s College, Karur, Tamil Nadu in Feb 2017.

Select Seminars/Workshops Organized

- Co-organized an International Seminar on *Popular Culture and Contemporary Literature* conducted by the Dept. of English, Pondicherry University in Nov. 2022.
- Co-organized A Seven-Day International Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on *Literary Studies in the New Millennium* conducted by the Dept. of English, Pondicherry University in October 2021.
- Co-organized a 7-Day International e-Workshop on *Contemporary Critical Trends in Literature* conducted by the Dept. of English, Pondicherry University in June 2020.

Select Conference Presentations

- “Women in War Zones: A Comparative Study of Hanan-Al-Shaykh’s *The Story of Zahra* and Nayomi Munaweera’s *Island of a Thousand Mirrors*” at the *Two-day International Seminar of New Feminist Writings: Emancipation to Representation* organized by the Department of English, Pondicherry University in March, 2017.
- “Developing Second Language Skills through Literature: Pedagogic Aspects and Strategies” at the *2nd International Conference on Teacher Education Practices and Innovative Trends* organized by School of Education, Pondicherry University, Puducherry in August 2014.
- “Authentic Materials for Creating and Sustaining Motivation: A Case for Extensive Reading” at the *8th International ELTAI Conference: 21st Century Learners—Learning*

Styles and Strategies organized by English Language Teachers' Association of India and SRM University, Chennai in July, 2013.

- “Fictionalizing Biographies: Fading Borders between Faith and Fiction” at the UGC sponsored International Seminar on *Changing Worlds: Reviewing and Reinventing Literature and Culture* organized by the Post Graduate Department of English, Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta, in collaboration with School of Letters, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala in January, 2012.
- “Stepping Aside the Gospels: Interface between Belief and Artistic Imagination” at the UGC sponsored National Seminar on *Deconstructing Foundations: Post-modern Perspectives in Writing* organized by the Department of English, Christian College, Chengannur, Kerala in September, 2011.
- “A Pedagogic Perspective on Employability Skills” at the National Seminar on *English and Communication Skills for Employability* organized by the Department of English, Anna University, Chennai in March, 2009.
- “Evaluation of English Courses: A Field Study” at the National Seminar on *Literature, Language, Communication* organized by the Department of English, Pondicherry University in March 2008.

Education

August 2000—August 2003

- PhD in Comparative Literature, from the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana.

June 1999—June 2000

- M.Phil (topper) in Comparative Literature with high first class, from the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Translated short stories from Malayalam into English as part of thesis work.

June 1999

- Qualified the National Eligibility Test (N. E. T) for Lectureship conducted by the University Grants Commission.

June 1997—April 1999

- M. A. in English with high first class, from the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana.

August 1994—April 1997

- B.A. in English (College topper) with high first class from C.M.S. College, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.