

## PROFILE

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### Summary

A professional with a positive attitude and research aptitude, equipped with more than twenty years of teaching and research activities in various capacities across the country.

### Educational Qualifications

S.No	Degree Obtained	Subject	University	Year of Passing	Class	Awards
1	Ph.D	Archaeology	Deccan College, University of Pune	1997		UGC- JRF
2	M.A	Ancient History and Archaeology	University of Madras	1993	First	University First Rank
3	B.A	History	Ethiraj College for women, University of Madras	1991	First	University Ninth Rank in History and Tenth Rank in Language (Tamil)
4	M.B.A	Educational Management	Alagappa University	2011	First	
5	M.Sc	Psychology	Tamil Nadu Open University	2016	First	
6	B.Ed	Special Education	Tamil Nadu Open University	2019	First	

## Technical Qualification

1. Knowledge of MAP-GIS (Geographic Information System)
2. Knowledge of MS-Office

## Work Experience

<b>Post Held</b>	<b>University/ Institution</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Nature of job</b>
Assistant Professor	Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli	2021-present	Teaching ancient history, archaeology, epigraphy, historical writing, and research methodology; training the students in map work and, ancient script reading
Archaeological Consultant	INTACH, New Delhi	2020-2021	Understanding Archaeological Sites
Assistant Professor (on contract)	Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur	2018-2019	Taught Archaeology, heritage and tourism, research methodology, epigraphy, historiography, and field survey techniques for PG students; Trained the students for the NET exam.
Archaeological Consultant	INTACH, New Delhi	2015	Surveyed and documented select archaeological sites in South India
PG teacher and Subject Coordinator	Private CBSE School, Thanjavur	2012-2018	Took classes on Social science for high school students
ICHR Post-doctoral Fellow	Tamil University, Thanjavur	2010-12	Undertook survey on megalithic culture in Tamil Nadu and Kerala
Instructor	Private Institutions, Thanjavur	2008-2009	Taught English, GK and Group Discussion for GRE students

Lecturer	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala	2006-2007	Taught Indian Archaeology for PG students at Mahatma Gandhi University
Post- Doctoral Fellow (of the French Institute, Pondicherry and Ford Foundation)	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala	2005-2008	Surveyed the archaeological sites in Kerala
Lecturer	Centre for Heritage Studies, Ernakulam, Kerala	2003-2005	Took classes for PG students and undertook research on museum studies
Instructor	Private Institutions, Pune	2001-2003	Taught English for GRE, GMAT, SAT, and TOEFL students.
Author (Freelance)	Dorling Kindersley (India) Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi	2000	Written on the tourist places of Tamil Nadu in India-Guide.
Part time lecturer	University of Madras	2000	Taught South Indian history for PG students
Lecturer	Delhi Institute of Heritage Research & Management, New Delhi	1998-1999	Took classes for PG students on archaeology, museology, and heritage management
Lecturer	Madras Christian College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	1997-1998	Took classes for UG students on history and archaeology

#### **Areas of Interest**

- Ancient History
- Archaeology
- Early Medieval History
- Epigraphy
- Heritage Management
- Historical Writings
- Research Methodology

## Research Grants Awarded

- Minor Research Project from **Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi** for the project “Mapping the Sacred Space and ritual topography of Saptasthanams- A Study on the Pilgrimage of Seven Holy Places at Tiruvaiyaru in the Light of the Development of cultural tourism in Tamil Nadu”, (2023)
- **Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi** funding to conduct a National level seminar on “Unity in Diversity- Cultural Perspectives of India” as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (2022)
- **Indian Council of Historical Research Post-Doctoral Fellowship** for Post-Doctoral Research (2010- 2012) on “Perception of Death and Funerary Practices in Ancient Tamil Country: An Analytical Study of Texts, Archaeology and Traditions’
- **Small study and Research Grant from the Nehru Trust for Victoria and Albert Museum, New Delhi** (2012-2013) for the project on “Tracing the Death through the Ages”
- **Small study and Research Grant from the Nehru Trust for Victoria and Albert Museum, New Delhi** (2009-2010) for the project on “The Antiquarian Research in Tamil Nadu”
- **Small study and Research Grant from the Nehru Trust for Victoria and Albert Museum, New Delhi** (2007-2008) for the project on “Antiquarian Research in Kerala”
- **Small study and Research Grant from the Nehru Trust for Victoria and Albert Museum, New Delhi** (2004-2005) for the project on “Museums of Kerala”
- **University Grants Commission (UGC) Fellowship for Doctoral Research** (1993-1997) (JRF&SRF) on “the Protohistoric Investigations in the Upper Palar Basin, Tamil Nadu”

## Academic Awards

- ✓ Passed University Grants Commission National Eligibility Test (**UGC-NET**) (1993)
- ✓ Obtained **University First Rank** in **Archaeology** in Postgraduate Course from the University of Madras (1993)
- ✓ Obtained **University Ninth Rank** in **History** in Undergraduate Course from the University of Madras (1991)
- ✓ Obtained **University Tenth Rank** in **Language (Tamil)** in Undergraduate Course from the University of Madras (1991)

## Publications

### Books/Chapter

- Course material on History of South India up to 650 CE (Book) for the Distance Education Programme, Pondicherry University, 2024
- Book titled Understanding Archaeological Sites of India, INTACH, New Delhi, 2024.
- Three units (Urban centres of Kanchipuram, Poompuhar and Nagarjunakonda) for PG course on the history of Urban centres for Indira Gandhi National Open University, 2023
- Course material on Introduction to Archaeology (Book) for the Distance Education Programme, Pondicherry University, 2022
- A chapter titled Sangam Literary Tradition for the UG course on Traditions of History writing in India for Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, 2021
- State of Built Heritage of India- Archaeological Heritage of South India. INTACH: New Delhi, 2021
- Two chapters on the Class XII history (Volume 2) textbook of Tamil Nadu State Council of Educational Research and Training, 2019
- Book titled Handbook on the Museums of Kerala. Tripunithura: Centre for Heritage Studies, 2004
- A Chapter on Tourist sites in Tamil Nadu in India-the Guidebook. New Delhi: Dorling Kindersley, 2001

### Research Articles

Name of the Article	Name of the Journal/Book	Year of Publication
A Study of South Indian Megalithic Culture- Contributions from Deccan College	Bulletin of the Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute, Volume 81:17-25 (UGC- CARE journal)	2024
Hero Worship through the ages in Tamil Region	Rajatarangini – <i>Recent Researches in Archaeology and History</i> (A Festschrift for Prof K.Rajan) Volume – II (Subbarayalu, Y, Kumaran, R.N and R.V.P.Yathees Kumar eds), pp 491-494. ISBN - ISBN9788190745147.	2024
Textile Manufacture and Trade on the Coromandel Coast (jointly with	Proceedings of the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference On Underwater Cultural Heritage, Gwang Ju, Korea	2023

V.Selvakumar and S. Gowrisankar)		
Kings, Warriors and Commoners: Treatment of the Dead in the Chola period	Proceedings of the Indian History Congress. Aligarh (UGC- CARE journal)	2023
Maritime Interactions in the Early Medieval Tamil Country with special reference to the Pallavas	<i>Guilds, Monarchs, and Markets- Dimensions of Inland and Maritime Trade in Medieval Peninsular India</i> (Chandramouli, N and K.Sanjay Jha eds), pp 127-144. New Delhi: IGNC and Pondicherry University. ISBN: 978-93-91045-46-3	2022
Perceiving Death through Texts and Archaeology	<i>Iron Age in India: Some More Thoughts</i> (Abhayan G.S., Rajesh S.V., and Preeta Nayar eds), pp 103-110. Trivandrum: University of Kerala. ISBN: 978-93-5493-899-3.	2021
The Cult of Nandi in Tamil Nadu With Special Reference to Rajarajeswara Temple, Thanjavur	Social Orbit 6: 130-138. ISSN: 2395-7719 (Peer Reviewed)	2020
Water Management under the Pallavas as gleaned from Inscriptions	<i>Pratna Samiksha</i> 10:99-107. ISSN 2229 7979 (Peer Reviewed)	2019
Book Review on Neolithic Ash Mounds of the Deccan: Their Place in the Archaeology of Peninsular India	<i>Quarterly Journal of Mythic Society</i> 110 (2): 97	2019
Antiquarians and the research on the Megaliths of Tamil Nadu	<i>Amaravati</i> (Essays on History, Archaeology, Epigraphy, and Numismatics) (S.Rajavelu, N.Athiyaman and V.Selvakumar eds), pp.131-145. Chennai. ISBN: 978-93-5279-291-7.	2017
Skeletal Remains from the Megalithic Burials of Tamil Nadu: Contextual Analysis	<i>Kailasanath Hetu -Essays on Prehistory, Protohistory and Historical Archaeology</i> (Ajith Kumar, Rajesh S.V and Abhyan G S eds), pp 442-445. Delhi: New Bharathiya Book Corporation. ISBN: 978-81-8315-298-3	2017

Dialogue between the landscape and the Burials: A Study of the Iron Age-Early Historic Megalithic burials in Ancient Tamil Country	<i>The Environment and Indian History</i> (Nanditha Krishna ed), pp 197-210. ISBN: 978-93-85459- 02-3	2016
The Megalithic Burials of Tamil Nadu: An analysis	<i>The Megalithic Culture of South India</i> (K.N.Dishit and Ajith Kumar eds), pp50-73. New Delhi: The Indian Archaeological Society. ISBN: 978-81-910635-2-3.	2014
Pazhatamizhaga Tholliyalil Babingtonin pangu	<i>Tamil Kalai</i> 15(3&4):145-149.	2012-13
Museums of Kerala: A Study of Historical Development	<i>Museum Studies</i> (Tripathi, A ed). New Delhi. ISBN-13:978 81 88934 74 4	2012
Rock Art in Kerala-A Review	<i>Man in India</i> 91(2):259-272. ISSN 0025 1569 (Peer Reviewed)	2011
Museum Management in Kerala: A few thoughts	<i>Archaeology in Kerala: Emerging trends</i> (Ajith Kumar ed), pp.97-112. Dept of Archaeology: Trivandrum.	2011
The Study of Prehistoric Cultures of Kerala from Antiquarian Perspective and Beyond	<i>South Indian History Congress, 30th Session, Kannur</i> , pp 437-440. ISSN: 2229-3671.	2010
Megalithic Burials of Iron Age-Early Historic Kerala: An Overview	<i>Man and Environment</i> 35(2):98-117. ISSN: 0258-0446 (Peer Reviewed)	2010
History of Archaeology in Kerala	<i>Archaeology in India-Individuals, Ideas, and Institutions</i> (Gautam Sengupta and Kaushik Gangopadhyay eds), pp.163-196. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal and CASTEI. ISBN: 978-81-215-1202-2	2009
Genesis and Development of Urban Processes in the Ancient/Early Historic Tamil Country (jointly with V.Selvakumar)	<i>Archaeology of Early Historic South Asia</i> (Gautam Sengupta and Sharmi Chakraborty eds), pp 337-372. New Delhi: Pragati Publications and CASTEI. ISBN. 81-7307-121-7	2008
Landscape History of Tondainadu from Early Historic to Early Medieval Period: Archaeological and Textual Analysis	<i>Tamil Nadu History Congress, 15th Session, Thanjavur</i> pp 215-218. ISSN: 2319-3808	2008

Babington and the Beginning of Archaeology in Kerala	<i>Archaeology in Kerala-past and Present</i> (M.R.Manmathan ed), pp100-108 Kozhikode: Farook College Publications.	2007
Antiquarian Research on the Megaliths of Kerala	<i>AadhAram 1</i> :37-44 (a Journal of Kerala Puratattva Samiti	2006
Role of Planning in Disaster Management of the Museums	<i>Cultural Heritage and Disaster Management</i> (S. Raimon ed). Pp59-64. State Archives Dept: Trivandrum	2006
The Upper Palar Basin: An Archaeological Study	<i>River Valley Cultures of India</i> K.K. Chakravarthy and G.L.Badam eds), pp257-261. Bhopal: IGRMS. ISBN: 81-7305-300-6.	2005
Archaeology of Kerala-Focal Areas for Future research	<i>Journal of the centre for Heritage Studies</i> 1:20-26.	2004
The Role of Information Technology in Museums	<i>Proceedings of the National Seminar on present trends in Museology</i> (R. Kannan ed), pp124-129. Chennai: Government Museum	2004
Architecture of the Iron Age Burials (in Tamil)	<i>Aaivu Sindanaigal</i> 6: 24-26. Madurai: Aintamizh Aayvalar mandram.	2000
Megaliths in the Upper Palar Basin, Tamil Nadu – A New Perspective	<i>Man and Environment</i> 23(2):51-64. ISSN: 0258-0446 (Peer Reviewed)	1998
Megalithic Culture of the Upper Palar Basin	<i>Proceedings of the Indian History Congress.</i> 58:846-852	1997
Book Review on Pearls Thrice Three Hundred (Eulogies on the Pandya, Cola and Cera Princes	<i>Bulletin of Deccan College Post graduate and Research Institute,</i> 53:421-423.	1993

### In Press

- *Chattaparamba Revisited: A study on the Kerala Megaliths*, Paper submitted for the Ancient past on Kerala
- *Funerary practices through the Ages in Tamil Nadu- A Study of Texts, Tradition and Burials*, Paper submitted for the felicitation volume of Prof. K.Paddayya.



### **Conferences/Seminars attended and papers presented**

- Participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology, Bihar Museum, Patna and Department of Art, Culture and Youth, Government of Bihar, and presented a paper on “Ritual Landscape and Sacred Architecture of Saptasthanams- A case Study of Temples as Tools of Royal Power”, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- Participated in the one-day International Conference on Local to Global- Facets of History and Research, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli and presented a paper on "Saptasthanams in and around Tiruvaiyaru-Formation of Ritual and Sacred space", 5th March 2024.
- Participated in the 16th Annual Workshop on South Asian Archaeology, University of Chicago and Hartwick College, New York and presented a paper on “Divine Palanquins and Royal Patronage: A study of materiality of the saptasthanam temples near Tiruvaiyaru, Tamil Nadu, India” ‘1 – 3 March 2024 (online mode).
- Participated in the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference On Underwater Cultural Heritage, Gwang Ju, Korea, and presented a paper on ‘Textile Manufacture and Trade on the Coromandel Coast’ (jointly with V.Selvakumar and S. Gowrisankar) 13 – 18 November 2023 (online mode)
- Participated in the International Seminar on Inclusion of Cultural Heritage in Curriculum, SASTRA University, Thanjavur and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and presented a paper on Relevance of the Courses on Cultural Heritage in the higher education curriculum- Challenges and Opportunities, Sastra University, Thanjavur, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Participated in the ICSSR sponsored International Seminar on India and Indian Ocean Cultural Heritage, Department of Maritime History and Marine Archaeology, Tamil University, Thanjavur and presented a paper on the “Burials, Chronology and Culture”- Understanding the Megaliths in the Indian Ocean Region with special reference to the Megalithic burial monuments of India and South East Asia- A few Observations”, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- Participated in the International webinar on Present Trends in Applications of Mathematics, Department of Mathematics, Holy Cross College, and presented a paper on “Mathematical Approaches in Archaeology”, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- Participated in an International Webinar on the Iron Age in South Asia, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, and presented a paper on ‘Perceiving Death through Texts and Archaeology’, March 1-4, 2021.
- Participated in International Seminar on Oceanic Culture at IGNCIA Indian Diaspora Cultural Meet, Pondicherry, and presented a paper on Ports of Tondainadu- A Study of the Text and Archaeology, January 2009

- Participated in an International workshop on the conservation of the sailboat, Thaikal, Chertala, and presented a paper on A Design for Boat Museum, 2004
- Participated in World Archaeological Congress, New Delhi, December 1994

## **National**

- Participated in the National Seminar on Emerging Trends and Interdisciplinary Approaches in Archaeology held at the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam and delivered the keynote address on the "Recent Trends in the study of Megalithic cultures in Tamil Nadu- An Analysis", 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- Participated in the webinar on ASIANetwork Collaborations and Research Proposals in Humanities and Social Sciences, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- Participated in Indian History Congress held at Madras Christian College, Chennai, and presented a paper on "Kings, Warriors and Commoners: Treatment of the Dead in the Chola Period", 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Participated in the Pre-Congress Symposium on Seventy-Five Years of India's Economic Trajectory at the PG and Research Department of Economics, Holy Cross College, Tiruchi, and presented a paper on "Tracing the Economy in Chola Desa: Perspectives from Post-Independence Context", 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Participated in South Indian History Congress at G.T.N. Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul, Tamil Nadu and presented a paper titled "Sudukadus in Chola times- An analysis of Select Inscriptions", 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- Conducted the ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar on Unity in Diversity- Cultural Perspectives of India at the PG and Research Department of History, Holy Cross College, Tiruchi, and presented a paper titled "A Study of Nandi Sculptures in the Early Chola period", 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- Conducted National level online Faculty Development Programme on India's Past- A Multi-dimensional Approach', the PG and Research Department of History, Holy Cross College, Tiruchi, September 2021.
- Participated in National Seminar on UGC- SAP National seminar on Inland and Maritime Trade in Peninsular India, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry and presented a paper on "Maritime Interactions in the Early Medieval Tamil country with special reference to the Pallavas", 2019
- Participated in National Workshop on Interactions between Science and Culture: Perspectives from Earth Sciences and Marine Archaeology, Tamil University, Thanjavur and presented a paper on "Maritime Archaeology- A CRM approach", 2019
- Participated in National Seminar on Material Culture of Iron Age as reflected in Sangam Literature, R.K.M. Vivekananda College, Chennai, Presented a paper on "Rock cut tombs-A Reprisal", 2014

- Participated in National Seminar on Recent Archaeological Researches in South India, University of Madras, Chennai and presented a paper on “An analysis of Megaliths of Kerala”, 2010
- Participated in South Indian Congress Kannur and presented a paper on “Antiquarian Research in Kerala”, 2010
- Participated in National Seminar on UGC-SAP seminar on Locality, Culture and State Formation in South India, University of Calicut and presented a paper on “Megaliths of Ancient Tamil country- A landscape Analysis”, 2009
- Participated in National Seminar on Indian History and Environment, CPR Institute, Chennai and presented a paper on “Dialogue between the landscape and the burials: A Study of the Iron Age Megalithic burials in Ancient Tamil Country” 2008
- Participated in National Seminar on Ideology and Society, St.Xavier’s College, Aluva and presented a paper on “The Buried Past-the unchanging ideology”, 2006
- Participated in National Seminar on Megalithic Traditions in Ethnography and Archaeology in India, Bhopal and presented a paper on “Archaeology of Death- An Antiquarian Perspective from Kerala”, 2005
- Participated in National Seminar on History of Archaeology in India, Kolkatta and presented a paper on “History of Archaeology in Kerala-A Study”, 2005
- Participated in National Seminar on Early Historic Archaeology of India, Kolkatta and presented a paper on “Urban Process of South India with special reference to ancient Tamil country” (jointly with V.Selvakumar), 2004
- Participated in National workshop on UGC Curriculum development- Aesthetics, heritage and Tourism for peace and harmony, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin and presented a paper on “Lessons from the past-for peace and harmony”, 2003
- Participated in National Seminar on Present trends in Museology, Government Museum, Chennai and presented a paper on “Role of Information Technology in Museums”, 2003
- Participated in National workshop on Museums, Trivandrum and presented a paper on “Disaster planning for the Museums”, 2003
- Participated in National Seminar on River Valley cultures, Bhopal and presented a paper on “Protohistory of the upper Palar basin”, 1998.

## **Regional**

- Participated in Two day 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference conducted by the Tamil Nadu Archaeological Society, and presented a paper on ‘Kalvetuugalil Tirunandavanangal-Oru Paarvai’, Kanchipuram, July 2024
- Participated in Two day 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference conducted by the Tamil Nadu Archaeological Society, and presented a paper on ‘Kalvettugalil Pidari’, Hosur, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- Participated in one day Seminar on Historical Archaeology organised by the PG and Research Department of History, Seethalakshmi Ramasamy College, Tiruchirappalli, and presented a paper on ‘Understanding Pre and Proto Historic Archaeology with special reference to Tamil Nadu, 2023
- Participated in Faculty Development Program on “Museums and their glorious services” Organized by Tamil Nadu Government Museum, Tirunelveli, and PG Department and Research Centre in History, Rajapalayam Rajus’ College, Rajapalayam from 11-06-2021 to 17.06.2021.
- Participated in a seminar conducted by Tamil Nadu Archaeological Society, at Coimbatore and presented a paper on “Idaikaalathil Eema chinnangal” (Burials in Medieval period), 2019.
- Participated in Seminar on Recent developments in Maritime History and Archaeology, Tamil University, Thanjavur, and presented a paper on “Yavanariya (pepper in trade)”, 2010
- Participated in Tamil Nadu History Congress, Thanjavur, and presented a paper on “Landscape History of Tondainadu from Early Historic to Early Medieval Period Archaeological and Textual Analysis”, 2008
- Participated in Seminar on Archaeological, Cultural and Historic Studies, Aluva, Kerala and presented a paper on “Role of Archaeological Museums in Heritage Education”, 2005
- Participated in Seminar on fine arts, Sivaganga, and presented a paper on “Megalithic Architecture”, 2000

## **Resource Person**

- ❖ Motivational Lecture for college students, Cyber Crime Against Women on Social Media, Tamil Nadu State Women Commission and National Cyber Security Research Council, Thanjavur, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023.
- ❖ Participated in the National workshop on Epigraphy and Local History held at Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala and conducted training on “Tamil Epigraphy and Local History, 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

- ❖ Lecture on “Managing the Museums through Documenting the Collections- A few Insights” and “Museum as a Tourism Booster- A Roadmap for Kerala”, Capacity Building and Training Programme for Museum Professionals, Department of Archaeology, Government of Kerala, Pazhasi Raja Museum, Kozhikode, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- ❖ Lecture on “Writing Research Proposal- A Few Guidelines”, Faculty Development Programme, Shri Indra Ganesan Institute of Medical Science, Tiruchirappalli, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- ❖ Special Lecture on “Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and his dynamic Leadership”, Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Coimbatore (online), 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 (As a part of Parakrama Divas)
- ❖ Orientation for Freshers in Shri Indra Ganesan Institute of Medical Science,, Tiruchirappalli, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022
- ❖ Guest of Honour for the Eco Club and Children’s Day organised by Power Trust, Holy Cross Convent, Viralimalai, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- ❖ Lecture on History of Tamil Nadu for Student exchange programme with Silesian College, Sonada, West Bengal, At Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022
- ❖ Organising Secretary for the ICSSR sponsored national seminar on ‘Unity in diversity- Cultural perspectives of India’ Holy Cross College, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- ❖ Lecture for PG students of Farook College, Kozhikode, on introduction to Archaeology in Archaeology workshop, December 2021.
- ❖ Orientation for Freshers in Indira Ganeshan College, Tiruchirappalli, November 2021
- ❖ Coordinator for the Faculty Development Program on India’s Past- A Multidimensional Approach at Holy Cross College, September 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- ❖ Preparation of e-content for three modules in history for class XII, District Institute for Education and Training, Perambalur and Mannarkudi, July 2021.
- ❖ National Workshop on Pratima Lakshana -Iconography, Department of Archaeology, Government of Kerala. December 2019
- ❖ Coordinator of National Seminar on Archaeology and Tourism at Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur, February 2019
- ❖ Archaeological Museum at School of Social Science, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam in April-May 2005
- ❖ UGC refresher course on Ancient History and Archaeology; Department of History, the University of Calicut in January 2005

- ❖ Project coordinator of the projects on ‘Museums of Kerala’ and ‘Heritage Monuments of Ernakulam district’ 2003-2005, Centre for Heritage Studies, Tripunithura, Kerala
- ❖ India Tourism guide orientation programme at Mattancherry, Kerala in 2004 and 2005
- ❖ Short-term training programme on disaster mitigation, preparedness, and management, Department of Architecture, College of Engineering, Trivandrum in October 2004
- ❖ Coordinator of the Orientation Course in Museology conducted for Museum professionals by the Centre for Heritage Studies in January 2004

### **Archaeological Explorations and Excavations Conducted/Participated**

- Explored/ exploring various archaeological sites and monuments in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra (1991-present)
- Explored megalithic burial sites in all the districts of Kerala and documented more than 800 megalithic sites
- Conducted trial excavation at Upper Palar basin, Tamil Nadu (Vellore, Gudiyattam regions)
- Explored megalithic burial sites in the Upper Palar Basin, Tamil Nadu (1993-1997)
- Participated in the excavation at Budihal, Karnataka (1994, 1995)
- Conducted trial excavations at the Upper Palar Basin (1994-95)
- Participated in the exploration of Hampi, Karnataka with an American team
- Participated in the excavation at Arikamedu, Pondicherry, 1992

### **Membership**

- ❖ Society for South Asian Archaeology- Life Member
- ❖ Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies, Pune- Life Member
- ❖ Tamil Nadu Archaeological Society- Life Member
- ❖ Indian History Congress- Annual Member
- ❖ South Indian History Congress- Annual Member

### **Language proficiency**

English	Fully Skilled
Tamil	Fully skilled
Hindi	Semi-skilled
Malayalam	Semi-skilled

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