

CURRICULUM VITAE OF

PROF. G. PALANITHURAI

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Executive C.V. of Prof. G. Palanithurai

Prof. G. Palanithurai, Dean, Students Welfare, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, South India, is an academic activist. He is coordinating the activities of Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies in the Department of Political Science and Development Administration. He specializes in Grassroots Democracy, Decentralized Governance and Development Management. He has twenty seven years of experience in teaching, research and outreach programmes. He has been in Gandhigram Rural Institute as a Professor since 1996. He is very strong in all the three aspects of higher education, namely teaching, research and extension. He has designed and introduced two innovative M.A. Programmes, one in Development Management and the other in Governance and Development and both programmes are supported by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi. He was a member of the Board of Studies in nine central and state Universities during different periods. He has held several decision making positions such as Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, Member, Executive Council Member Senate, Member, Finance Committee and Chairperson of many Committees of the Institute. He managed the university in the absence of the Vice-chancellor as Chairman, Interim Administrative Committee. He has successfully supervised thirteen Ph.D. theses. At present eight scholars are pursuing research leading to the Ph.D. degree under his supervision. Currently he is the Chairman, Research Advisory Committee and the Dean, Students Welfare of the University. He was a Visiting (Guest) Professor in Cologne University, Germany for six months from April to September 2011. He is the visiting faculty of Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration. He has published seventy books, one hundred and sixty three articles in refereed journals, ninety five monographs, and one hundred and twenty popular articles in popular dailies in his area of specialization. He has organized two International Programmes, (Conferences and Workshops), twenty National Programmes and sixty six Regional Programmes with the financial support of various agencies. He has made presentations in twenty eight International Conferences, one hundred and sixty National Programmes and eighty three Regional Seminars and Conferences. Under his leadership the department has been inducted into the Special Assistance Programme (SAP) level one. He is the Coordinator of the UGC SAP of the Department of Political Science and Development Administration. He is the Coordinator of the UGC Innovative Master's Programme – Governance and Development. He was the Coordinator for preparation of Self Study Report for the accreditation of the Institute by the NAAC. He coordinated for the visit of the peer team of NAAC and during that period the Institute got 'Five' star status. He was also the Coordinator for the preparation of Xth Plan Proposal for the Institute. He was the Warden of the Men's Hostel for a period of three years. He was a member of the Project Monitoring Committee of the University. He has availed himself of fellowships from Shastri Indo Canadian Institute twice, World Academy of Art and Science USA, Toolkit Foundation, and Netherlands, to visit abroad and to conduct studies and to write books. He has visited the US, Canada, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Senegal and Germany on academic assignments. He is the Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu Council for Sustainable Development, succeeding Dr. M. S. Swaminathan. He carried out both pure and action research projects with the support of various funding agencies to the tune of Rs.5, 60, 60,824 /-. He carried out recently three action projects namely 'Global Local' for the Ford Foundation, 'preparing District Human Development Report' for the UNDP and 'Panchayats and Disaster Management' for Action Aid International. He is a member of many committees of both the state and the federal governments. His action research activities are supported by the Ford Foundation, Swiss Development and Cooperation, the Hunger Project, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Population Foundation of India, DANIDA, Action Aid

International, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, Toolkit Foundation, Netherlands, UNDP, UNICEF, State Planning Commission, World Bank and other agencies in India and abroad. He has evolved innovative training modules to train Panchayat leaders as transformative leaders. His training modules specifically for social development, gender justice, social justice, disaster preparedness and management, globalization and decentralization have been published and widely used. He has trained nearly 8000 Gram Panchayat leaders, 5000 of them women and Dalit Presidents, with the support of various agencies. He has developed a leadership school in the Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies. He has created a support structure for the Elected Women Representatives, 'Federation of Elected Women Leaders' and for Elected Dalit Representatives of the Local Bodies, 'Federation of Elected Dalit Leaders'. He was a Member of high level committee headed by the Minister for Local Bodies Government of Tamil Nadu for devolution of powers. He is a member of the Special Committee headed by the Minister for Local Bodies, Government of Tamil Nadu to devolve adequate resources to village panchayats.

To support the activities of the Panchayat leaders, he has created a forum named "Tamil Nadu Campaign for Panchayati Raj" with the support of NGOs. He has worked for the preparation of the Xth and the XIth Five Year Plan for Tamil Nadu through the State Planning Commission. He worked for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd State Finance Commissions and for which he conducted a number of studies related to panchayat finance. In collaboration with a popular Tamil daily *Dinamalar* (with 5 lakh circulation) he published a special supplement for one full page on Grassroots democracy entitled 'Panchayat Malar' for one year. In collaboration with All India Radio, he broadcasted a programme on 'Good Governance through Local Governance' every Monday between 7.30 and 8.00 pm throughout Tamil Nadu. He is the editor of a Newsletter "*Global and Local*" published with the support of the Ford Foundation. He has created eight endowments with the help of several agencies and donors. He helped seventy four Gram Panchayats to prepare micro plans. He has been involved in tsunami relief work and helped seventeen Gram Panchayats to evolve reconstruction micro plans with the support of the Hunger Project. He prepared two District Human Development Reports for Dindigul and Nagapattinam Districts with the support of UNDP and Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission. He took initiative to sign MoU with University of Hannover and Cologne University. He has mobilized resources to the tune of Rs.40 lakh from four Members of Parliament to construct a building for Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies. Now Rajiv Gandhi Chair has got a separate building.

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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

- Oct. 2011 to Present : Professor, Department of Political Science and Development Administration.
- April 2011 to Sep. 2011 : Visiting Professor (Guest) Cologne University, Germany.
- April 2009 to March 2011 : Professor, Department of Political Science and Development Administration.
- July 1999 to March 2009 : Professor and Head, Department of Political Science and Development Administration.
- Sept. 1996 to July 1999 : Rajiv Gandhi Research Professor, Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies and Head of the Department of Political Science and Development Administration.
- April 1991 to Sept. 1996 : Reader and Head, Dept. of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural Institute.
- Oct.1984 to 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 and Development Theory.

Courses offered in

- Cologne University** : Indian Society, Governance at Grassroots, Critical issues in Development, and Rural Management to the Students at Masters Level.

ROLE IN DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

ROLE IN SIGNING MOU WITH FOREGIN UNIVERSITY

He took initiative to sign MoU with Hannover University and Cologne University, Germany under which Research Scholars and teachers can visit the two universities and participate in the programmes. Already a student came from Hannover for one semester. Now one researcher goes to Germany on a fellowship.

ROLE IN SAP OF UGC

Coordinator of SAP (Special Assistance Programme) of UGC. Organizing research and teaching programmes on people’s participation in Governance and Status and position of women and Dalits at Grassroots.

ROLE IN UGC INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME

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

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 RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee of the Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University.

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 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 other universities.

ROLE IN IQAC OF NAAC

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

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

ROLE IN STUDENT'S WELFARE

Dean, Student's Welfare for three years

ROLE IN PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE

Member in project monitoring committee for three years

ROLE IN THE STUDENTS' HOSTEL

Warden for Men's Hostel for three years – Managing 600 students

ROLE IN THE OFFICE OF VICE- CHANCELLOR

Chairman, Interim Administrative Committee for Gandhigram Rural Institute in the absence of Vice-Chancellor

ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Coordinator for International Students in Gandhigram Rural Institute

ROLE IN BOARD OF STUDIES (Universities)

Member in Board of Studies in Nine Universities in different periods and helping them in designing courses 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 for three years.

Nominated as Member, Board of Studies, Public Administration, University of Kerala.

VISITING FACULTY

Nominated as visiting faculty to the Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration, Chhattisgarh

BOOKS PUBLISHED

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

MONOGRAPHS PUBLISHED

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

RESEARCH ARTICLES

163 Articles have been published in refereed journals.

RESEARCH REPORTS

37 Commissioned Reports have been prepared

BOOK REVIEWS

20 book reviews have been done for journals.

CONTRIBUTION THROUGH POPULAR ARTICLES

Writes articles (Center Page) on Governance, Administration, Human Development and Decentralization in Popular Dailies namely Dinamani and Tamil Osai and Janasakthi. 120 popular articles have been published so far.

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

Thirteen Scholars were awarded Ph.D. Degrees.

Seven Scholars were awarded M.Phil. Degrees

Eight Scholars are pursuing Ph.D. Programmes

ENDOWMENT CREATION

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

ENDOWMENT LECTURES DELIVERED

Delivered eight Endowment Lectures in different universities.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Life Member in Eleven Professional Bodies.

SEMINAR, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCES ORGANISED

Organized Two International Programmes, 20 National Programmes and 66 Regional Programmes.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES PARTICIPATED

Participated in 28 International Conferences and Seminars and 165 National Conferences and Seminars 83 Regional Conferences and Seminars.

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 26th 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.

PURE RESEARCH AND ACTION RESEARCH PROJECTS

Carried out projects, both Pure Research and Action Research, to the tune of Rs.5, 60,60,824/- 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, UNDP, Population Foundation of India, PRIA, CAPART, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, State Finance Commission and State Planning Commission.

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 to train and build the capacity of Local Body leaders and officials who are in Local Bodies.

BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THE LEADERS

Capacity Building exercise was carried out with the support of several funding agencies for 8000 leaders of Gram Panchayats of Tamil Nadu and 5000 of them are women and Dalits over a period of 15 years.

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 74 Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu on a pilot basis to study the process of micro level planning. Government of Tamil Nadu has 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, New Delhi.

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" has been conducted and reports have been submitted.

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

For the Fourth State Finance Commission I have given a full presentation on the Status of Rural Local Bodies Finance and later it was published as a book.

ROLE IN MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Member, Advisory Council in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.

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

Expert 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 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Nominated as a Member of Special Committee constituted by the Government of Tamil Nadu under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Local Bodies to increase financial support to the Village Panchayats.

VISITING FACULTY

Nominated as a Visiting Faculty to the Chhattisgarh Academy of Administration, Chhattisgarh.

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, Sriperumthur.

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

ROLE IN PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS

Translated the speech of the Prime Minister Dr.Manmohan Singh at Madurai on Sethu Samudram Project Inauguration on 2nd 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 4th 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 21st 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 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 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 ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF THE COLLEGES

Member, Advisory Committee of the Centre Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies, PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbaore.

Member, Advisory Committee of the Centre for Research and Development, Sree Sawaswathi Thyagaraja College, Coimbaore.

Both colleges are affiliated with Bharatiar University, Coimbatore.

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.40 lakhs) from four members of Parliament for the construction of Seminar and Training Halls for Rajiv Gandhi Chair.

ROLE IN GRASSROOTS GOVERNANCE (JOURNAL)

Chief Editor of a Bi-Annual **Journal of Grassroots Governance** published by Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research, India for three years.

Member in the Editorial Board of the (ICFAI) **Journal of Public Administration** for three years.

Member, Editorial Board of **Paadam** a monthly Journal of Development Politics in Tamil.

ROLE IN GLOBAL AND LOCAL (NEWS LETTER)

Chief Editor of a Bi-monthly "Global and Local" News Letter published with the support 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.

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

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 a forum 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. The supplement was published every Monday.

ROLE IN MEDIA SENSITIZATION

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

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

Project on "Critical Mass to Critical Action" sponsored by **Indian Council of Social Science Research** New Delhi, Rs. 3, 45,025/- (in progress)

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 "Globalization and Decentralization" sponsored by **The Ford Foundation Phase II**, New Delhi, Rs.55, 30,000/- (completed).

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/- (completed).

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 Phase I” 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).

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- 2007 : “Transformative Leaders for Critical Action” (Tamil), **Tami Ozai**, 7th March 2007.
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- 2006 : “Removed our shame” (Tamil), **Dinamani**, 15th November, 2006.
- 2006 : “Different Roles in Democracy” (Tamil), **Tamil Ozai**, 7th December, 2006.
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- 2006 : "Let Them Change by themselves or be changed by People" (Tamil), **Dinamani**, 18th January 2006.
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- 2005 : "Build the Capacity of People and Empower them" (Tamil), **Kudimakkal Murasu**, December 2005
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- 2009 : **Report on the study of Primary Health Care in Tamil Nadu,** Sponsored by Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2009 : **Report on the study of Special Economic Zone in Tamil Nadu,** Sponsored by Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2009 : **Report on the study of Dalits in Tamil Nadu,** Sponsored by Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2009 : **Report on the study of Market and Democracy in Tamil Nadu,** Sponsored by Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2009 : **Citizens Report on Service Delivery in Tamil Nadu,** Sponsored by Catalyst Trust, Chennai.
- 2009 : **District Human Development Report of Nagapattinam,** Sponsored by UNDP and State Planning Commission.
- 2009 : **District Human Development Report of Dindigul,** Sponsored by UNDP and State Planning Commission.
- 2008 : **Report on the Role of Panchayats in Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Management in the States of Gujarat, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu,** sponsored by Action Aid, India.
- 2007 : **Report on Policy and Budget Analysis of Agriculture, Irrigation and Fertilizer Subsidy,** sponsored by the Ford Foundation.
- 2006 : **Report on the Study on the Handloom Sector in Tamil Nadu,** sponsored by the Ford Foundation.
- 2006 : **Report on the Study on Plantation Sector in Tamil Nadu,** sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

- 2006 : **Report on the Study on Water Sector in Tamil Nadu**, sponsored by the Ford Foundation.
- 2006 : **Report on the Study on Agriculture Sector in Tamil Nadu**, sponsored by the Ford Foundation.
- 2006 : **Report on the Study on Food Security in Tamil Nadu**, sponsored by the Ford Foundation.
- 2006 : **Report on the Study on Rural Artisans in Tamil Nadu**, sponsored by the Ford Foundation.
- 2004 : **Report on the Evaluation of Schemes Administered by the District Administration of Pudukkottai District.**
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- 2004 : **Report of the Regional Workshop on Networking of Elected Women Representatives** held at Salem on 20th May, 2004.
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- 2001 : **A Report on the Evaluation of Anna Marumalarchi Thittam in Dindigul District** sponsored by DRDA, District Administration, Gandhigram: Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies, 2001.
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- 2000 : **A Report of the interface programme for the Cambodian High Level Delegation on "Devolution of Powers and Empowerment of Women**, Gandhigram: Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies, 2000.
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SEMINAR/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES PARTICIPATED

INTERNATIONAL

- 2012 : Presented a paper on “Transformative Leadership at Grassroots for Total Transformation” in the International Symposium organized in Coimbatore by Shanti Ashram on 30th and 31st January 2012.
- 2012 : Delivered a Special Address on “The Role of Local Governance in Natural Resource Management” in the International Seminar on Sustainable Development and Environment Management on 4th March, 2012 organized by the Rural Technology Centre, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram.
- 2012 : Participated as a Resource Person in the International Workshop on “Effective Vocational Education and Training in India and Germany” in New Delhi from 13th to 16th February, 2012 organized by Cologne University, Germany.
- 2011 : Presented a paper on “Governance at the Grassroots in India” in the Colloquium organized by the Department of Political Science in Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany on 27th July 2011.
- 2011 : Presented a paper on “Higher Education in Germany with Special reference to Skill Building of Students” in the Workshop organized by the Business School, Cologne University on 22nd September 2011.
- 2011 : Presented a paper on “The Impact of Globalization on the Poor in India” in the Business Colloquium organized by the Department of Economics in the School of Business, Cologne University on 27th June 2011.
- 2011 : Participated in “Talk in the Walk Programme” on Economic Geography of Dusberg, Germany on 26th September 2011.
- 2011 : Participated in World Trade Fair in Koln on 28th May, 2011.
- 2010 : Presented a theme paper on “Role of People in the Alternative Development Paradigm” in the International Seminar on Sustainable Technologies and Management in Gandhigram on 25th November, 2010 organized by the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research.
- 2009 : Presented a paper on “Containing Corruption at Grassroots” in International Policy Dialogue organized by CODESRIA from 1st to 3rd October, 2009 in Senegal.
- 2008 : Presented a paper on “Reforming Governance at Grassroots” in the UGC sponsored International Seminar on Public Affairs and Governance: Challenges and Strategies organized by Madras University on 24th and 25th January, 2008.

- 2007 : Presented a theme paper on “Local Governance in the Framework of Federalism in India” in the 4th International Conference on Federalism at New Delhi from 3rd to 8th November, 2007 organised by the Interstate Council, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- 2006 : Presented a theme paper on “The Role of Community Based Organizations and Panchayati Raj in Micro Level Planning in Tsunami Affected Areas” in the Asian Forum at Chennai on 16th to 18th December, 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a lecture on Role of Communities and Panchayats in Disaster Management in Tsunami Affected Areas in India in the 3 UN Forum organised by UN-HABITAT in Vancouver Canada from 22nd to 26th June, 2006.
- 2005 : Presented a paper on “Grassroots Level Governance and Panchayati Raj Institutions in India” in the III International Conference on Rural India held at Hyderabad on 10th November 2005, organised by Bhoovigyan Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2005 : Presented a paper on “Peoples Participation in Tsunami Reconstruction and its Implications” in the International Workshop on Government Budgets, Donor Aid and Natural Disaster held at Colombo from 9th to 11th November 2005, organised by International Budget Project, Washington DC.
- 2005 : Participated in the International Conference on “Human Centered Sustainable Development Paradigm” organised by M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation at Chennai from 8th to 10th August, 2005.
- 2004 : Presented a paper on “Women Governance at Grassroots and Social Development” in the International Conference organized by PRIA at Hyderabad from 19th to 21st February, 2004.
- 2000 : Participated in the International Conference on Democratic Decentralization in Thiruvananthapuram from 23 to 28th May, 2000 organised by the State Planning Board.
- 2000 : Delivered a special lecture on "Role of New Panchayati Raj System in Land Resource Management" in the plenary session of the International Conference organised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Rural Development in New Delhi on 11th Nov, 2000.
- 1998 : Presented a paper entitled “Marching towards the Next Millennium: A Grass roots perspective” in the Global Meet organised by World Academy of Art and Science in Vancouver, Canada from 3rd to 7th Nov.1998.
- 1996 : Presented a paper entitled “Populism and Sustainable Ethnicity in India and Canada: A Comparative Analysis” in the XII International Conference on Canadian Studies in Kerala University, Trivandrum from 4th to 7th Jan.'96
- 1994 : Presented a paper entitled “Ebb and Flow of Ethnic movement in India and Canada” in the X Canadian International Conference held in Goa University, Goa from 10th to 13th May 1994.
- 1992 : Presented a paper entitled “Linguistic Conflict, Ethnic Assertiveness and Political Mobilization in Canada and India” in the Eighth International Seminar on Canadian Studies in the Department of English, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad from 6th to 9th Jan., 1992.
- 1991 : Presented a paper entitled “Ethnic Violence and State Terrorism in Sri Lanka”, in 15th International Political Science Association’s World Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 21-25, 1991.
- 1991 : Presented a paper entitled “Mixed Identity, Divided Loyalty and National Integration: Quebec in Canada and Tamil Nadu in India - A Comparison”, in 7th International Seminar on Canadian Studies from 5th to 8th January,1991 at Trichy, Tamil Nadu, India.
- 1990 : Presented a paper entitled “Role of French Canadian women in Canadian National Integration” in the 6th International Seminar on Canadian Studies in the Department of Sociology, Poona University from 12th to 15th March, 1990.

- 1990 : Presented a paper with Professor V.Subramaniam (Canada) entitled “The Language Ethnicity Relation in Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka: A Comparison” in the XII World Congress of Sociology at Madrid, Spain from 9th to 13th July, 1990.
- 1989 : Presented a paper entitled “Cultural Diversity Uneven Development and Consociational Democracy: Integrative Process of Quebec in Canada and Tamil Nadu in India”, in V International Seminar on Canadian Studies, M.S. University, Baroda from 13th to 16th March, 1989.

NATIONAL

- 2012 : Delivered Valedictory Address in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Empowerment of Women through Political Rights in Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikkanal on 6th July, 2012.
- 2011 : Participated in the National Workshop to finalize the curriculum on Panchayati Raj Programme in New Delhi from 31st to 2nd November, 2011 organized by Vishwa Yuva Kendra.
- 2011 : Participated as a Resource Person to prepare a training module for panchayat functionaries organized by Vishwa Yuva Kendra in New Delhi from 13th to 15th February, 2011.
- 2011 : Participated in the National Workshop on “Preparing Training Modules for Transformative Leadership for Panchayat Leaders organized by Viswa Yuvak Kendra on 31st Oct to 1st Nov 2011 in New Delhi.
- 2011 : Presented a paper on “Producing Quality Research Articles for Social Science Journals in the writers Workshop organized by Loyola College, Chennai on 3rd Dec 2011.
- 2011 : Delivered a lecture on “Decentralization of Powers from Management Perspective” to the PhD Scholars on 10th Nov 2011 in Indian Institute of Business Management, Bangalore.
- 2011 : Delivered a lecture on “Resource Mobilization for Social Science Research Projects” in the Refresher Course organized by the Madurai Kamraj University on 16th Nov 2011.
- 2011 : Delivered inaugural address in the National Workshop on “Role of Panchayats in MNREGA in Tamil Nadu” on 19th Dec 2011 organized by Bharathidasan University, Trichy.
- 2011 : Delivered Valedictory address in the National Seminar on “Rural Marketing and Rural Consumerism” in Gandhigram Rural Institute on 18th Dec 2011 organized by the Department of Rural Industries and Management of Gandhigram Rural Institute.
- 2011 : Delivered a Keynote address in the Human Rights Day Seminar in Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 12th Dec 2011.
- 2010 : Participated in the National conference on “National Rural Livelihood mission and the role of Panchayats” in Kochi from 16th to 18th December, organized by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- 2010 : Participated in the National consultation on 12th Five year plan approach paper preparation in New Delhi on 6th December, 2010 organized by the UNDP.
- 2010 : Presented a paper on “Innovative practices in local governance and local development” in the National Colloquium on innovative approaches and practices in local governance in Chennai on 26th and 27th November, 2010 organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development.
- 2010 : Participated in the National consultation on “creating Institute of Excellence for Panchayati Raj Institutions” on 5th October, 2010 at New Delhi organized by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- 2010 : Participated in the National workshop on “Strengthening women leadership in Local governments through federations” in New Delhi from 7th to 9th September, 2010 organized by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

- 2010 : Participated and presented a paper on perspectives in “Decentralized Governance in Health Service Delivery” in the National Round Table Organized by the Gujarat Institute of Development Research in Ahmadabad on 31st July, 2010
- 2010 : Presented a paper on the “Role of Governance in Peace Building” in the Sangaman Leadership Summit in Coimbatore on 19th April, 2010 organized by Shanthi Ashram and UNIFEM.
- 2010 : Presented a paper on “Extending the Extendable from the Universities to the Students” to the newly recruited teachers of Madurai Kamaraj University on 24th April, 2010.
- 2010 : Presented a paper on “Panchayats Communities and Communal Harmony” in the National Seminar at Chennai on 27th and 28th April, 2010 organised by the Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai.
- 2010 : Participated in the Round Table on “Public Private Panchayat Partnership” at New Delhi on 29th April, 2010 organized by FAO, New Delhi.
- 2010 : Delivered Keynote Address in the National Workshop on “Negotiating the Politics of Presence: Rural Local Governance and Gendered Citizenship in Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Trissur, Kerala on 3rd May, 2010.
- 2010 : Presented a paper on “Financial Devolution for Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu” in the National Workshop on Financial Devolution organized by Fourth State Finance Commission on 14th and 15th May, 2010 in Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2010 : Presented a paper on “Make the Citizens informed about Development Finance and Service Delivery: Simplify Governance and Administration” in the National Workshop on “Institutionalizing Social Accountability Practices” in Indian Institute of Management, Ahemadabad on 7th and 8th June, 2010 sponsored by the Ford Foundation.
- 2010 : Presented a paper on “Elite Capture in Rural Local Governance in Tamil Nadu” in the National Round Table organized by the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore on 28th June, 2010.
- 2010 : Participated in National Level consultation on “Local Governance – Issues and Challenges in India” held at New Delhi on 12th and 13th January, 2010, organized by PRIA, New Delhi.
- 2009 : Presented a paper on “Ensuring Accountability and Transparency in Development Activities at Grassroots” in Solution Exchange Annual Forum 2009 organized by UNDP at Luknow from 22nd to 24th October, 2009.
- 2009 : Presented a paper on “Role of Panchayats in Implementing Programmes and Schemes of the Centre and State Governments” in the Madurai Symposium Organized by Institute of Rural Management Anand on 16th September, 2009 at Madurai.
- 2009 : Presented a paper on “Status of Dalit Gram Panchayat Leaders in Tamil Nadu” in the National Seminar on Social Mobility and in South India” Organized by Pondicherry University on 24th and 25th September, 2009.
- 2009 : Participated in UNDP workshop on “Performance Indicators for States on Devolution of Powers”, in New Delhi on 13th and 14th July, 2009.
- 2009 : Participated in the National Workshop on “Performance Indicators for States on Devolution” in New Delhi on 13th and 14th July, 2009 organized 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 73rd Amendment on the Marginalized Communities” Organized by the Regional Centre for Social Development in Hyderabad on 25th and 26th March, 2009.
- 2009 : Participated in the National Workshop on “Status of EWR in Local Bodies in India” in New Delhi on 2nd and 3rd 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 19th 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 26th February, 2009.
- 2009 : Delivered inaugural address in the Gram Panchayat Leaders Association’s Meet at Villuppuram on 28th 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 22nd and 23rd 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 28th 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 27th 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 4th and 5th October, 2008.
- 2008 : Presented a paper “Role of Panchayats in Climate Change Management” organized by M.S. Swaminathan Foundation at Chennai on 19th, 20th and 21st 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 16th and 17th 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 1st to 3rd 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 11th 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 29th and 30th 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 13th to 14th October 2007.
- 2007 : Presented a paper on “Role of Panchayats in Ground Water Management in National Ground Water Congress” held at New Delhi on 11th 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 28th to 30th 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 16th to 17th 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 16th 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 8th and 9th December, 2006.
- 2006 : Presented a paper entitled “Role of Panchayat in Disaster Mitigation and Reconstruction” in the First Disaster Management Congress on 29th November, 2006 at New Delhi organised by National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi.
- 2006 : Delivered a Lecture on “Nehru and Democratization” in the National Seminar on Nehru and Contemporary World in Madurai Kamaraj University on 19th 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 16th November 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Lecture on “Role of Panchayats and Community Organisations in Water Management at Grassroots” NIRD Foundation Day Seminar on 10th and 11th November 2006 at Hyderabad.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote Address in the National Seminar on “Panchayati Raj Institutions After 73rd Constitutional Amendment: A New Deal for Rural India” at Tirupathi organised by AGRASRI from 19th to 20th August, 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote Address on Local Self Government and SHG Women in a National Seminar organised by Alagappa University on 27th 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 28th and 29th 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 1st and 2nd 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 24th to 26th 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 22nd and 23rd May, 2006.
- 2006 : Participated in Interdisciplinary Dialogue on “Mission 2007: Hunger Free India” Organised by Dr.M.S. Swaminathan Foundation from 20th to 22nd 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 5th and 6th 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 24th 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, 23rd and 24th February, 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote Address in the National Seminar on “Women Empowerment: Experience of SHG” in the Presidency College, Chennai on 27th 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 9th and 10th 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 1st December 2005.
- 2005 : Participated in the National Workshop on “Strengthening the Role of Women in Grassroots Democracy”, held at Delhi on 19th 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 16th to 18th December 2005.
- 2005 : Presented a paper on “Role of Elected Women Representatives in Grassroots Governance” in Round Table of Media Leaders at Chennai on 9th December 2005 organized by the Hunger Project, New Delhi.
- 2005 : Participated in National Technical Workshop on “District Human Development Report” – on 15th and 16th 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 22nd and 23rd 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 30th September 2005.
- 2005 : Participated in National Consultation Meeting of National Farmers Commission in New Delhi on 19th 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 13th 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 11th and 12th 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 12th and 13th 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 18th and 19th April 2005.
- 2005 : Participated as a Resource Person in the discussion on the “Role of Panchayats in Tsunami Affected Areas” organised at Chennai on 29th 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 17th 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 17th and 18th 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 31st December.
- 2004 : Presented a paper entitled “Emerging Alternative Governance at Grassroots” in the symposium organized by IRMA, Anand on 14th, 15th and 16th December 2004.
- 2004 : Participated in the Round Table on Capacity Building of Local Body Leaders at Jaipur on 17th and 18th 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 27th through 29th 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 21st to 22nd September, 2004.
- 2004 : Participated in Vice-Chancellors Conference on E-Learning and E-Content development at Goa from 24th to 26th 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 25th 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 12th and 13th 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 23rd to 24th 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 16th and 17th February, 2004.
- 2004 : Presented a theme paper entitled “Globalization and Decentralization: Synergization or Polarization” in The Ford Foundation at New Delhi on 26th 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 7th 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 10th 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 27th and 28th January, 2002.
- 2002 : Participated in the National Seminar on "Governance where people matter" organised by PRIA at New Delhi on 5th and 6th 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 27th February to 1st March, 2002.
- 2002 : Participated as a resource person in the National Workshop on "Reviewing the Recommendations of the Review Panel on 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution of India in Goa from 11th to 12th 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 22nd to 23rd 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 26th and 27th 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 4th to 5th 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 7th to 8th 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 15th to 17th January, 2001.
- 2001 : Participated in the National Workshop on "Strengthening Panchayati Raj System - A Training Intervention", held at New Delhi from 8th to 9th February, 2001 organised by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.
- 2001 : Participated in the National Council Meeting of The Hunger Project at New Delhi on 28th 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 finalize training module to conduct Capacity Building Exercises for Local Body Leaders and Functionaries, on 18th and 19th 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 15th to 16th 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 1st to 2nd 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 29th to 31st 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 3rd and 4th 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 5th to 8th 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 22nd and 23rd 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 3rd to 5th 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 6th 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 4th to 5th 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 18th and 19th 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 6th 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 25th to 27th 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 28th to 29th 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 24th to 25th November, 1999.
- 1999 : Participated in the Hunger Project National Workshop on Panchayati Raj from 20th to 21st November, 1999 in Bangalore organised by the Hunger Project, USA.
- 1999 : Participated in the National Workshop on Bio-villages and Panchayats in Pondicherry from 29th November to 1st 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 27th to 29th 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 25th to 26th 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 16th to 17th 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 20th to 21st 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 2nd 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 3rd to 4th 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 8th 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 27th to 29th January, 1997 in M.S.S.R. Foundation, Madras.
- 1997 : Participated in the National Conference on “Panchayats: Powers, Personnel and Finance” in Trivandrum from 3rd to 4th 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 21st 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 17th to 18th September, 1997.
- 1997 : Participated in National Symposium on Welfare State in a Liberalized Economy from 26th to 27th 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 19th to 20th 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 22nd to 23rd 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 14th to 15th 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 6th to 8th 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 9th to 10th 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 22nd to 25th 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 15th to 17th November, 1995
- 1995 : Participated in National Symposium on “Rejuvenating Grassroots Democracy and Federalism” on 6th and 7th 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 27th to 29th 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 deterrent 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 17th to 18th 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 3rd 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 28th to 29th 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 “Poly ethnicity in India and Canada: A Research Design for Comparative Analysis” in the National Seminar on “Religion and Literature in Canada and India” from 26th to 28th April, 1993 at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.
- 1992 : Attended a workshop on "Agenda for Future" at the Institute for Social and Economic Change in Bangalore on 22nd May, 1992.
- 1992 : Presented a paper entitled “Value crisis and Mahatma Gandhi: A New credo for Human Unisom” in XVth Annual Conference of Indian Society of Gandhian Studies from 27th - 29th, 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 Unisom: 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 11th to 13th 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 1st to 3rd 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 19th to 22nd 1989.
- 1989 : Presented a paper entitled “Role orientations of the members of 8th Legislative Assembly of Tamil Nadu”, in the National Seminar on “Legislative Behaviour in India”, in the Department of Political Science, Nagpur University, from 24th to 26th March, 1989.
- 1989 : Presented a paper entitled “Ethnicity and Development: A New Formulation”, in the 46th All India Political Science Conference held at Pune from 3rd to 5th Nov., 1989.
- 1988 : Presented a paper entitled “Ethno methodology: An Appraisal”, in XXII Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies at Patna University, Rajgir from August 22nd to 26th 1988.
- 1988 : Participated in a Symposium on “Indian and U.S. Constitutions: problems and prospects”, jointly organised by Annamalai University and USEFI at Annamalinagar, Tamil Nadu, from August 22nd to 26th, 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 2nd to 4th March, 1987.
- 1987 : Presented a paper entitled “Ethnic Leader and Social Change: A Study in Micromodelling”, in 45th All India Political Science Conference from 22nd to 24th 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 24th to 26th April, 1986.

- 1985 : Attended the “Appreciation Course in Parliamentary Processes”, from 22nd to 25th 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 44th Annual Conference of the Indian Political Science Association from 26th to 28th December, 1985 at IIT Madras.
- 1984 : Attended the USEFI workshop on “American History and Politics”, from May 21st to June 2nd 1984, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar.
- 1982 : Attended the UGC Summer Institute in “Research Methodology in Political Science”, from May 20th to June 17th 1982 in the Department of Political Science, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar.
- 1981 : Attended the UGC Summer Institute in “Social Science Research Methodology”, from July 20th to 25th 1981, in the Department of Sociology, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar.

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- 2012 : Participated as Jury in Peoples Tribunal for Legal Redressal on “Voices of Dalit Victim – Land Rights Violation” in Madurai on 30th June, 2012 organized by Evidence.
- 2012 : Delivered Inaugural Address in the Kanyakumar District Panchayat Leaders Association Convention in Nagarcoil on 19th March, 2012.
- 2012 : Delivered an address to the Engineering College students of Kumaraguru College of Technology in an orientation programme on “Gandhian Framework for Governance” on 12th June, 2012 at Vedaranyam Kasthurba Gandhi Kanya Kurukulam.
- 2012 : Delivered Valedictory Address in the Regional Seminar on “Local Bodies in India” organised by left oriented Panchayat leaders organization at Kutralam on 2nd of June, 2012.
- 2012 : Delivered a keynote address in the Workshop on “Inclusion of Dalits in Governance in Local Bodies” organised by Dalit Federation in Thirunelveli on 28th April, 2012.
- 2012 : Delivered Valedictory Address in National Science Day Celebration in Salem Periyar University on 28th February, 2012.
- 2012 : Participated in the Regional Round Table on “Civil Society at Cross Roads” in Madurai, on 17th February, 2012 organized by PRIA, New Delhi.
- 2012 : Delivered a Special Lecture on “Relevance of Gandhi To-day in Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore on 10th February, 2012.
- 2012 : Delivered a Special Lecture on the “Art of Text Book Writing” in the UGC sponsored Workshop on Writing Books in Islamiah College, Vaniyambadi on 19th February, 2012.
- 2010 : Presented a theme paper in the Regional workshop on “the role of Agriculture University in Micro level planning” in Coimbatore on 16th September, 2010 organized by Agriculture University, Coimbatore.
- 2010 : Participated in the Regional meeting of the solution Exchange community of the UNDP at Gandhigram on 7th October, 2010.
- 2010 : Presented a paper on “Writing thematic articles for publication in National Journals” in the Regional workshop for young writers and research scholars on 24th September, 2010 organized by Loyola College, Chennai.
- 2010 : Presented a paper on “Democratic Culture in Indian Democracy” in the R. Venkataraman centenary celebration held at Gandhigram on 4th October, 2010.

- 2010 : Presented a paper on “Rural Development Scenario in Tamil Nadu” in the Regional Seminar on Tamil Nadu in 2015 at Chennai on 29th June, 2010 organized by the Tamil Nadu Foundation Incorporated USA.
- 2010 : Delivered a lecture on “Understanding Democracy” in the Workshop on “Inclusive Democracy Secularism and Communal Harmony” in Gandhigram Rural University from 4th to 8th Jan, 2010 organized by the Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai.
- 2009 : Participated in a panel discussion on Higher Education 2020” and made a presentation on “Rural Higher Education in India in the Context of Globalisation” in Arul Anandar College, Madurai on 12th Dec., 2009.
- 2009 : Delivered a Key note address on the contribution of Elinor Astrom in the workshop organized by the Department of Political Science, Gandhigram Rural University on 4th Dec., 2009.
- 2009 : Delivered a lecture on “Governance Structure in India with a focus on Local Governance” to the Japanese Team in Gandhigram Rural University on 29th 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 29th July, 2009.
- 2009 : Delivered a special lecture on “Indian Political System” in the UNDP programme organized by Centre for Women Studies, Bharathidasan University on 24th 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 24th, 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 10th and 11th 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 11th 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 30th and 31st 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 24th February, 2007.
- 2006 : Delivered a Keynote address in the Local Body Leaders Conference on 24th 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 15th November 2006.
- 2006 : Delivered a Lecture on “Bala Sabhas and Grama Sabhas” in the UNICEF Project Seminar at Coimbatore on 4th 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 17th 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 19th 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 30th 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 7th January, 2006.
- 2005 : Delivered a Valedictory address in the Regional Workshop on Youth and Hunger, organised by Shanti Ashram at Coimbatore on 27th 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 31st 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 5th 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 22nd 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 30th 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 24th 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 24th 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 9th 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 23rd and 24th 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 finalize the modalities of the work at Chennai on 27th April, 2000.
- 2000 : Participated in the seminar organised by State Planning Commission to finalize 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 30th to 31st January 1997.
- 1997 : Delivered valedictory address in the Training Programme organised by the Tamil University to village panchayati leaders on 10th 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 19th to 21st 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 2nd 1996 at Madras.
- 1996 : Delivered a special Lecture on New Panchayati Raj System and Poverty alleviation" in Bharathidasan University, Trichy on 24th 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 25th 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 5th July, 2008.
- 2007 : Delivered Kalvivallal Kalasalingam Endowment Lecture on “Constitutional Law Vs Community Law” in Madurai Kamaraj University on 7th September, 2007.
- 2006 : Delivered Dr.V.C. Kulandaisamy Educational and Research Foundation Day Special Lecture on 1st July, 2006 at Karur.
- 2005 : Delivered Nehru Memorial Lecture on “The Paradox of Indian Democracy” in Bharathidasan University on 26th September 2005.
- 2005 : Delivered Sardar Vedarathinam Endowment Lecture on “The Role of Gandhian Institutions in Empowering Women” in Kasthurba Kanya Gurukulam at Vedaranyam on 24th August 2005.
- 2005 : Delivered Dr.S.Bhaskaran’s Endowment Lecture on “Participatory Democracy in Indian Political System” in Annamalai University on 22nd February, 2005.
- 2003 : Delivered Rathnasamy Samiammal Endowment Lecture on “Empowerment of Women” in Avinashilingam Deemed University Coimbatore on 9th 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 24th to 26th 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

- 2012 : Organized a National Seminar on “The Role of Panchayats in MGNREGA” in Gandhigram Rural Institute on 24th and 25th February, 2012.
- 2011 : Organized a National Seminar on “Status of Dalits and Dalit Leaders in Rural Local Governance in Gandhigram Rural Insitute on 12th and 13th March, 2012.
- 2010 : Organized a two day National Seminar on “Globalization, Decentralization and Gender” at Chennai on 18th & 19th October, 2010 supported by the Ford Foundation.
- 2010 : Organized a National Seminar on “Critical Mass to Critical Action” on 13th & 14th March, 2010 in Gandhigram Rural Institute –Deemed University, Gandhigram sponsored by UGC-Special Assistance Programme.
- 2009 : Organized a National Validation workshop on the studies conducted on the Life and Livelihood of the poor in Tamil Nadu” on 7th and 8th Nov., 2009 in Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai Sponsored by the Ford Foundation.
- 2008 : Organized a Regional Workshop jointly with IRMA, Anand at Chennai on 14th and 15th 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 : Organized 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 27th and 28th December, 2007, sponsored by Action Aid India.
- 2006 : Organised a National Workshop on “Role Panchayats in Disaster Mitigation and Management” at Chennai on 25th November, 2006 sponsored by All India Institute of Disaster Mitigation, Ahmadabad.

- 2006 : Organised a National Workshop on “Globalization and Decentralization” at Chennai from 7th to 9th August, 2006 sponsored by The Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
- 2005 : Organized the XXVIII Indian Social Science Congress on “The Crisis of Modern Civilization” from 16th to 20th 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 22nd and 23rd 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: Retrospect 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 11th to 20th September, 2000 sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.
- 1999 : Organised a Refresher Course on New Panchayati Raj System for College Teachers from 6th to 26th 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 28th to 29th September, 1999.
- 1997 : Organised a UGC sponsored National Seminar on “Redefining Individual Governance Society” in Gandhigram from 3rd to 5th October, 1997.
- 1996 : Organised a Refresher Course on New Panchayati Raj System to college teachers from 15th Nov to 5th 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

- 2012 : Organised a two day Workshop to test the “New Module for Leadership Training” in Gandhigram on 10th and 11th April, 2012 sponsored by Madras Management Association, Chennai.
- 2010 : Organized one day regional workshop on “Evolving Disaster preparedness and Management policy for Tamil Nadu” in Gandhigram on 30th July, 2010
- 2010 : Organized a Regional Media Workshop on the “Role of Local Bodies in Disaster Preparedness and Management” at Cuddalore on 20th July, 2010 sponsored by Action Aid International.
- 2010 : Organized a Regional Media Workshop on “Role of Local Bodies in Disaster Preparedness Plan” in Nagapattinam on 24th July, 2010 sponsored by Action Aid International.
- 2009 : Organized a Validation and Dissemination workshop on the study conducted and training manual evolved on “Disaster Preparedness and Management” in Gandhigram on 14th Nov., 2009 supported by the Action Aid India International, Chennai.
- 2009 : Organized a Training of Trainers programme for the NGO leaders on “Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Management” from 17th to 19th September, 2009 in Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University sponsored by the Action Aid India International, Chennai.

- 2009 : Organized a Validation Workshop on Dindigul District Human Development Report on behalf of the State Planning Commission and UNDP on 27th January, 2009.
- 2009 : Organized a Validation Workshop on Nagapattinam District Human Development on behalf of the State Planning Commission and UNDP on 12th February, 2009.
- 2008 : Organized a training workshop for the Coordinators of Citizens Centre from 4th to 6th January, 2008 sponsored by The Ford Foundation through Catalyst Trust.
- 2008 : Organized a training workshop to Panchayat leaders emerging as models in Governance, Administration and Development in Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram from 29th to 31st January, 2008.
- 2007 : An experience sharing session was organised to Sri Lankan delegation of lawyers on “Local Governance in India” at Gandhigram on 19th October, 2007.
- 2007 : An experience sharing session was organised to Bangladesh Development Managers on “Local Governance in India” at Gandhigram on 29th 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 24th and 26th 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 20th to 24th 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 5th June, 2006.
- 2006 : Organised a Visioning Workshop on the Methodology of Preparing District Human Development Report at Nagapattinam on 24th 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 22nd and 23rd 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 21st 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 4th August 2005 sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2005 : Organised Dissemination Workshop on “Micro Plan” for Gram Panchayat Presidents of Tuticorin District on 3rd and 4th 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 24th August to 2nd 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 18th March 2005.
- 2005 : Organized a Mela of Women Leaders of Grassroots Institutions at Gandhigram on 15th May 2005, sponsored by Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation.
- 2005 : Organized one day Refresher Course on “Panchayat Management” for Women Gram Panchayat Leaders at Cuddalore on 2nd June 2005.

- 2004 : Organized a Workshop on Micro Level Planning at Grassroots at Pudukkottai on 11th 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 1st to 3rd September, 2004.
- 2004 : Organized a Media Workshop at Trichy for media representatives on Women Governance and Women Leaders on 31st July 2004, sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2004 : Organized a media Workshop for media reporters on Women Leadership and Women Governance at Salem on 21st May 2004, sponsored by The Hunger Project.
- 2004 : Organized a Regional Workshop for Elected Women Representatives of Salem Region at Salem on 20th May 2004, sponsored by SSF, Bangalore.
- 2004 : Organized a TOT to develop master trainers among the Women Leaders of Panchayats at Gandhigram from 14th to 16th 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 6th May, 2004.
- 2004 : Organised a Writers Workshop on Women in Panchayati Raj at Gandhigram on 1st and 2nd June, 2004.
- 2004 : Organised a Media Workshop on Women in Panchayati Raj at Salem on 21st May, 2004.
- 2004 : Organised a Regional Workshop for Networking Elected Women Representatives at Salem on 20th May, 2004.
- 2003 : Organised a three day workshop on “Decentralization and Child Care” for the CRY Staff from 21st to 23rd 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 2nd to 4th December, 2003 sponsored by FEDCOT, Chennai.
- 2003 : Organised a Regional Workshop of Elected Women Representatives of Local bodies at Thiruvavur on 27th 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 a NGOs meet to create Peoples Forum and People Information Centre in Village Panchayats on 24th September, 2000 sponsored by Catalyst Trust, Chennai.
- 1996 : Organised a workshop to evolve a manual for Leadership Training in New Panchayati Raj System from 20th to 22nd 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 RMTC (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**, 29th February, 2004.
- 2003 : Interview to the **Down to Earth**, 15th August, 2003.
- 2001 : Interview to the **Frontline**, 26th October, 2001, p.34.
- 2001 : Interview to the **Frontline**, 23rd November, 2001, p.38.

- 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

Disaster Preparedness and Management Trainers Manual Gandhigram: Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Panchayati Raj Studies, 2009.

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 25th April to 10th 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 Democratizing the Society and Empowering People especially Women in JAYA TV.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Organizing 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 8000 Gram Panchayat leaders have been trained. Duration of the training programme is five days per batch.

Organizing leadership training programmes to elected women and Dalit representatives. Nearly 5000 Gram Panchayat leaders are trained by adopting leadership module. Duration of the programme is five days.

Helping Civil Society Organisations to conduct training programme to Gram Panchayat leaders on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction by evolving training modules.

Helping Civil Society Organisations to evolve micro plan for Gram Panchayats by evolving guidelines.

Worked with 73 Gram Panchayats to evolve micro plan with active participation of people in Tamil Nadu.

Worked with 17 Gram Panchayats to evolve micro plan in Tsunami affected Gram Panchayats to manage disaster.

Periodically organizing media workshop on Local Governance to media representatives.

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-governance.

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, G.Venkatachalapathy, A.K.Venkatasubramaniam, and T.V. Rama Subbaiyar with the liberal donations of philanthropists and activist NGO's.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Member in Solution Exchange Committee of UNDP

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 for a period of three years

Member, Board of Studies of Political Science, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli for a period of three years

Member, Board of Studies of Political Science, Salem University for a period of three years

Member, Board of Studies of Political Science, Alagappa University for a period of three years

Member, Board of Studies of Public Affairs, University of Madras, Chennai for a period of three years

Member, Board of Studies of Political Science, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore for a period of three years

Member, Board of Studies in Public Administration, University of Kerala for three years

Member, Board of Studies in Political Science and International Relations, Pondicherry Central University for three years

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

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 Annackiam College for Women in Periakulam

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

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

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