

Curriculum Vitae



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Educational qualification :

M.A. (English Literature), Kerala University, Trivandrum.

M.A. (Gandhian Philosophy), Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

Ph.D. (Gandhian Studies), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

Experience

- A. Teaching : Forty six years (at the graduate and post graduate levels)
- B. Research : have been guiding research at M. Phil., and Ph.D. levels.
- C. Academic : served in academic bodies like the Board Studies, Academic Council, and Advisory Committee of the National Service Scheme of various universities. Also served as adjudicator/ examiner in the Ph.D., and M.Phil., boards of various universities.

D. Administrative :

- (1) Principal, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery (a first grade post graduate college, accredited at FOUR STAR level by the UGC and affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam) from 2000 to 2002.
- (2) Direct, School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, from 2005 to 2007.
- (3) Programme Co-ordinator, S.A.P. DRS (Phase 1). [S.A.P. is University Grants Commission's Special Assistance Programme for supporting the research programme of the School.
- (4) Dean, Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon, Maharashtra, India, from 2013 to 2015.

Activist Profile

Founder President, Gandhi Yuva Mandalam, (Gandhi Youth Forum), Kerala

President, Mahatma Gandhi University Teachers Association

President, Kerala State Sarvodaya Mandalam (co-coordinating body of various Gandhian organizations in the state of Kerala)

Vice President, Sarvadharm Samabhava Samithi, Kerala.

Served in the All India Prohibition Council and Kerala State Prohibition.

Played an active role in the Marad and Kannur (Kerala) peace campaigns.

Presently,

Member, Governing Board, Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi

Member, Executive Committee, Sarva Seva Sangh

Hon. Director, Samanvaya Ecumenical Study and Dialogue Centre, Pampakkuda, Ernakulam Dist., Kerala India. <http://samanvayaecumenicalcentre.com>

Some important publications

Books (English)

- Mahatma Gandhi's Worldview (Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, 2000)
- Meditations on Mahatma Gandhi (ed.), (Concept, New Delhi, 2002)
- Exploring Hind Swaraj (ed), (Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, 2009)

Books in Malayalam Language

- *Ivan Illichinte Maranam* (Translation of Leo Tolstoy's The Death of Ivan Illych, SPCS, Kottayam)
- *Samakalika Samasyakal Gandhian Sameepanangal* (a collection of essays on contemporary issues, Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi Trivandrum with Current Books)
- *Sahithya Padhanangal* (Current Books, Kottayam)
- *Mahatma Gandhiyude Prapanchaveekshanam* (Current Books, Kottayam)
- *Gandhi Darshan Grandhavli* (Editor) , (Gandhi Peace Foundation Kochi Centre)

Research Papers and Articles

Have published research papers and general study articles in journals like **Gandhi Marg, Man and Development, Jeevadhara, Thammass at Review** etc. Three other edited books and a dozen tracts in Malayalam on various themes related to Sarvodaya have also been published.

Some important Memorial Lectures

Delivered several important lectures including memorial lectures like the first Ravindra Varma Memorial Lecture (Institute of Gandhian Studies, Wardha), Kamalnayan Bajaj Memorial Lecture (Gujarat Vidyapith Ahmedabad), K. Kelappan Memorial Lecture (Gandhi Bhavan, Trivandrum), Prof. M. P. Manmathan Memorial Lecture (Gandhi Bhavan, Ernakulam), T.V. Ananthan

Memorial Lecture (Mahatma Mandiram, Kannur, Kerala) I have been the plenary speaker at the American Peace and Justice Studies Association annual conference held at Manhattan College, New York, U.S.A. in 2006. I have also been an invited plenary speaker in Asia Pacific Peace Research Association conference held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2012.

Lecture tours and visits abroad

Visited the U.S., in 1986, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2015. During these visits I have delivered lectures in Universities like California University at Berkeley, George Washington University (Washington D.C.), Georgetown University (Washington D.C.), Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA), South Dakota State University (Brookings, SD), University of South Dakota (SD), Sinte Gleska University(SD), Metropolitan State University (St. Pauls,Minneapolis), Colleges like College of the Holy Cross, Assumption College, (Worcester, MA), Goucher College, (Baltimore, MD), Warren Wilson College,(NC) Wartberg College(IW),Mt.Marty College (SD),and several peace communities and have conducted training and orientation programmes with several Non-Profit, Non-Governmental Organizations. The 2001 visit was a book -signing tour in which my book *Mahatma Gandhi's World-view*, (G.P.F, New Delhi) was introduced and discussed.

In 2015 I participated in the *Satyagraha Institute* organised by Creative Nonviolent Centre and held at Rapid City, South Dakota, from August 3rd to 18th., as the lead faculty. Visit www.satyagrahainstitute.org for details. Visited Mexico thrice for Gandhian work. The first visit was in 2007 and at the invitation of the Federal government of Mexico and the Adelaide Lafon Foundation (a non-profit, charitable organization doing community health and rural development work on Gandhian lines) and conducted workshops and training programmes for government officers and NGO officials. Also delivered lectures in different Universities and public institutes there. I delivered three public lectures, two on

Gandhi and one on the Orthodox (St.Thomas) Christian traditions of Kerala in the International Intercultural Forum, Monterrey 2007.

In July, 2011 visited Mexico at the invitation of Universities like National University of Mexico (UNAM) and NGOs like Oraworld Mandala, Uno Paz etc., delivered lectures and did workshops for peace activists.

During this visit I had the privilege to be the Chief Guest and Witness to a major nonviolent event in Monterrey, (Nuevo Leon state) where more than 400 young people who were members of drug cartels pledged to give up violence and accept peace and nonviolence.

In 2015 visit I delivered lectures in universities in Monterrey, San Luis Potosí, and Mexico City. I also visited Tosepan, Puebla and did a workshop for the leaders of the Farmers' Cooperatives.[Details can be seen at the web-site of Oraworld Mandala]

Besides these, I have also visited the U.K., Indonesia, and Singapore and participated in important seminars, delivered lectures and conducted workshops on the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, Nonviolence, Development Alternatives and Conflict Resolution.