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| Educational Qualifications | | | | | | |
| Degree | Institution | | | | Year | |
| Ph.D. | University of Calicut | | | | 1987 | |
| M.Phil. . | Jawaharlal Nehru University | | | | 1978 | |
| PG | University of Calicut | | | | 1974 | |
| UG | National Council for Rural Higher Education | | | | | |
| Any other qualification | | | | | | |
| Career Profile | | | | | | |
| <p>Taught in different Government Colleges in Kerala between 1975 and 1982; joined the newly formed Mangalore University in 1982. Took retirement as Professor and Chariman of the Department of History in 2008 and joined the University of Delhi in 2009. Was a visiting professor at various institutions including Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris; Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris; Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.</p> | | | | | | |
| Administrative Assignments | | | | | | |
| Was Chairman, Department of History, Mangalore University, for two terms. | | | | | | |
| Areas of Interest / Specialization | | | | | | |
| Early and early medieval Indian history with focus on south India. Knows epigraphy and languages such as Sanskrit, Tamil and Kannada apart from Malayalam and English. | | | | | | |
| Subjects Taught | | | | | | |
| Early Indian History, Early and early medieval south Indian history. | | | | | | |
| Research Guidance | | | | | | |
| <p>List against each head (If applicable)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supervision of awarded Doctoral Thesis: five theses awarded degree 2. Supervision of Doctoral Thesis, under progress: two 3. Supervision of awarded M.Phil dissertations: six awarded degree 4. Supervision of M.Phil dissertations, under progress: none. | | | | | | |

Publications Profile

List against each head (If applicable) (as Illustrated with examples)

1. Books/Monographs (Authored/Edited):

1. *Brahman Settlements in Kerala: Historical Studies*, (Calicut, Sandhya Publications, 1978; revised and enlarged edition, CosmoBooks, Thrissur, 2013)
2. *The Political Structure of Early Medieval South India*, (New Delhi, Orient Longman, 1993; second revised edition, New Delhi, Orient Blackswan, 2012).
3. *Kerala Through the Ages*, (Trivandrum, Department of Public Relations, Government of Kerala, 1976) with M.G.S. Narayanan, *et al.*
4. *The Modernisation of Kerala: Historical Problems* (in Malayalam), (Calicut University, 1981) ed. with N.P. Chekkutty.
5. *Essays on Indian History and Culture: in Honour of Professor B. Sheik Ali*, (Delhi, Mittal Publications, 1991) ed. with H.V. Sreenivasa Murthy, *et al.*
6. *State and Society in Pre-modern South India*, ed., with R. Champakalakshmi and T.R.Venugopalan, Cosmo Books, Trichur, 2002).
7. *Advances in History: Essays in Memory of Professor M.P.Sridharan* (Calicut, 2003).
8. *The Early Medieval in South India* Oxford University Press, (New Delhi, 2009; First Paper back edition, 2010; sixth edition, 2014)
9. *The Mahishhatakam of Vancheswara Dikshitta*, text in Sanskrit, ed., with Commentary and Introduction in Malayalam, Kerala Council of Historical Research, Trivandrum, 2011.
10. *The Mahishhatakam of Vancheswara Dikshitta*, text in Sanskrit, ed., with Commentary and Introduction in English, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 2011.
11. *Dictionarium Latino-Hystorico-Mythologico, Samscredonico, Malabaricum* (A Latin-Malyalam-Latin Dictionary by Valentini Manfredi), edited (with the assistance of Antony Palatty), with an Introduction and notes, Kerala Council of Historical Research, Thiruvananthapuram, 2012.
12. *Sāhityavum Caritravum: Dharāṇayūṭe Sādhyataka!* (*Literature and History: Possibilities of Understanding* – in Malayalam), Mathrubhumi Books, Kozhikode, 2013.
13. *Tarisāppaḷippaṭṭayam* (in Malayalam; jointly with M.R.Raghava Varier), National Book Stall, Kottayam, 2013.
14. *Mahīlāḷimahāspadā: Maṇipravāḷattinte Sāmskārikaparīsaram* (in Malayalam) National Book Stall, Kottayam, 2014.
15. *Rantu Sandesannal* (in Malayalam), ed., with and Introduction and Notes, Kottayam, 2014.
16. *Irreverent History: Essays for M.G.S.Narayanan*, ed., with Donald R.Davis, Primus Books, Delhi, 2014.

Articles:

1. "The Role of Temples in Kerala Society", *Journal of Kerala Studies*, Vol.III, Part III, pp.181-194.
2. "The *Cattas* and *Bhattas*: A New Interpretation", *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, (hereinafter *PIHC*), Aligarh, 1975.
3. "The Socio-Political Background of Kulasekhara Alvar's Bhakti", *PIHC*, Bhubaneswar, 1977.
4. "Royalty and Divinity: Legitimation of Monarchical Power in South India", *PIHC*, Hyderabad, 1978.
5. "The Temple-base of the Bhakti Movement in South India", *PIHC*, Waltair, 1979. Reproduced in K.M. Shrimali, ed., *Essays on Indian Art, Religion and Society*, New Delhi, 1987.
6. "The Status of the Monarch: A Note on the Rituals Pertaining to Kingship in Early Medieval South India", *PIHC*, 1982.
7. "The *Sabha* and *Parishad* in Early Medieval South India: Correlation of Epigraphic and Dharmasastraic Evidence", *Tamil Civilisation*, Vol.III, Nos.2 & 3, June & September, 1985.
8. "The Progress of Epigraphical Studies in Kerala: the Past Two Decades", *Tamil Civilisation*, Vol.V, Nos.1 & 2, March & June, 1987.
9. "Labour Rent and Produce Rent: Reflections on the Nature of the Revenue System under the Colas", *PIHC*, Dharwad, 1988.
10. "The Role of the *Natu* in the Socio-Political Structure of South India", in A 5, above. Reproduced in D.N.Jha, ed., *The Feudal Order*, Delhi, 2000.
11. "Royalty in Early Medieval South India: the Image and the Reality", paper read in a Seminar on State in Pre-colonial South India, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1989.
12. "Landed Magnates as State Agents: the Gavudas in Karnataka under the Hoysalas", *PIHC*, Gorakhpur, 1989. Reproduced in Bhairabi Prasad Sahu, ed., *Land System in Early India*, Delhi, 1997
13. "Political Organisation of Early Medieval South India: An Appendix" in R.S. Sharma and K.M. Shrimali, eds., *A Comprehensive History of India*, Vol.IV, Delhi, 1991.
14. "The Nature and Significance of the Institution of *Velevali* in Karnataka in Historical Perspective", *PIHC*, Calcutta, 1990.
15. "Religious Symbols in Political Legitimation: the Case of Early Medieval South India", paper presented to the Seminar on "Religion and Social Consciousness", Department of History, University of Hyderabad, September 1991. Reproduced in *Social Scientist*, January-February, 1993.
16. "The Nature of Agrarian Corporations in South Canara under the Alupas and Hoysalas", *PIHC*, Delhi, 1991.
17. "The Structure of Land rights and Social Stratification in Early Medieval South India", in Vijay Kumar Thakur and Ashok Aounshuman, eds., *Peasants in Indian History-I: Theoretical Issues and Structural Enquiries*, Patna, 1995.
18. "The Nature of Agrarian Corporations and the Rise of Landlordism in Kerala", ICHR Seminar on Epigraphy, Mysore, 1989. Reproduced in K.A. Manikumar, ed., *Essays on History and Society: in Honour of Professor S. Kadirvel Tirunelveli*, 1996

19. "Epigraphy in the Historiography of Kerala" in K.K.N. Kurup, ed., *New Dimensions in South Indian Historiography: Essays in Honour of M.R. Raghava Varier*, Calicut, 1996.
20. "Reading Kosambi Once Again", in T.R. Venugopalan, ed., *History and Theory*, Thrissur, 1997.
21. "Terms and Institutions in South Indian Inscriptions: the Need for an Integrated Study", in M.S. Nagaraja Rao, ed., *Essays in Honour of Dr. K.V. Ramesh*, Mysore, forthcoming.
22. "Into the Medieval—and out of It: Early South India in Transition", Presidential Address to Section II, Medieval Indian History, *PIHC*, Bangalore, 1997.
23. "State in the Historiography of Early India", Presidential Address to Section V, Historiography, Proceedings of the Andhra Pradesh History Congress, Hyderabad, 1998.
24. "A Capital City as a Sacred Centre: An Essay in Sacred Geography" a paper read at the Indian History Congress, 59th Session, Punjabi University, Patiala, 1998.
25. "The Sannathi Inscriptions and the Questions They Raise", *PIHC*, 60th Session, University of Calicut, Calicut, 1999.
26. "Further Expansion of Agrarian Society: the Political Forms" in P.J.Chериан, ed., *Perspectives on Kerala History: the Second Millennium Vol. II, Part II of Kerala State Gazetteer*, Trivandrum, 1999.
27. "The Temple and the State" in R. Champakalakshmi, Kesavan Veluthat and T.R.Venugopalan, eds., *State and Society in Pre-modern South India*, Cosmo Books, Trichur, 2002)
28. "Religion in the Service of Politics", Sankara-Parvathi Endowment Lecture, Madras University, Chennai, 2000.
29. "Logan's *Malabar*: Text and Context" in P.J.Chериан, ed., *Logan's Malabar Manual*, Trivandrum, 2000.
30. "The Mauryan Presence in South India" in S. Rajagopal ed., *Kaveri: Studies in Epigraphy, Archaeology and History* (Professor Y. Subbarayalu Felicitation Volume, Chennai, 2001.
31. "The Historiographical Traditions of pre-modern Kerala", paper presented in a conference in the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociale, Paris, May 14, 2002.
32. "The Nambudiri Community: a History" in Bisco Puthur, ed., *St. Thomas Christian and Nambudiris; Jews and Sangam Literature: A Historical Appraisal*, Kochi, 2003.
33. "Patronage and Reciprocation: the Temple in Medieval South India", paper presented in a Seminar on Inde Medievale et Moderne: Textes et Contextes" at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris, May 7, 2002 reproduced in *Journal of South Indian History*, vol. I, Part. I, 2003.
34. "The *Keralotpatti* as History: A Note on the pre-colonial traditions of historical writing in India", in K.N.Ganesh, ed., *Culture and Modernity: Historical Explorations*, Calicut, University of Calicut, 2004.
35. "Identities and Affiliations: Kerala in India" paper presented in a conference in the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociale, Paris, April 22, 2003. Reproduced in Irfan Habib, ed., *India: Studies in the History of an Idea*, Delhi, 2005. pp. 82-97. pp. 117-125.
36. "From Tribe to Caste: The Koragas of South Canara", a paper presented at the Symposium on "Tribes, Forests and Social Formation in Indian History" at the Indian History Congress, Bhopal, 2001. Reproduced in B.Surendra Rao and K. Chinnappa Gowda, eds., *The Retrieved Acre: Nature and Culture of the World of the Tuluva*

(Mangalore University, 2003), pp. 11-26. Reproduced in B.B.Chaudhuri and Arun Bandopadhyay, eds., *Tribes, Forests and Social Formation in Indian History*, (Delhi, 2004), pp. 51-63.

37. "Mahodayapuram-Kotungallur: A Capital City as a Sacred Centre", in Jean-Luc Chevillard, ed., *South Indian Horizons: Felicitation Volume for François Gros*, Pondicherry, 2004, pp. 471-485.
38. "Storage and Retrieval of Information: Literacy and Communication in pre-modern Kerala", in Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Dipankar Sinha and Barnita Bagchi, eds., *Webs of History: Information, Communication and Technology from Early to Post-Colonial India*, Delhi, 2005, pp. 67-82.
39. "Medieval Kerala: State and Society" in J.S.Grewal, ed., *The State and Society in Medieval India*, (Vol. VII, Part I of *History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian Civilization*, Gen. Editor, D. P. Chattopadhyaya), Delhi, 2005.
40. "Foreword" to K. Chinnappa Gowda, *The Mask and the Message*, Mangalagangothri, 2005.
41. "Foreword" to Nagendra E. Rao, *Brahmanas of South India*, Delhi, 2005.
42. "History in the Construction of a Regional Identity: Kerala and The *K¹raë⁰lpatti*": in Radhika Seshan, ed., *Medieval India: Problems and Possibilities (Essays in Honour of Professor A.R.Kulkarni)*, New Delhi, 2006.
43. "Landlordism in Medieval Kerala: Its Origin and Development", paper presented at a Seminar on Inscriptions and the Agrarian History of India organized in connection with the birth centenary of D.C.Sircar, Asiatic Society, Kolkatta, November 16-17, 2007.
44. "Religious Symbols in Political Legitimation", in D.N.Jha and Eugenia Vanina, eds., *Mind over Matter*, New Delhi, Tulika, 2009.
45. "Landrights and Social Stratification" in Upinder Singh, ed., *Rethinking Early Medieval*, New Delhi, 2010, Oxford University Press.
46. "Kosambi on Sanskrit", ed. D.N.Jha, *The Many Careers of D.D.Kosambi*, New Delhi, 2011, LeftWord.
47. "Congealing of Castes: A Case from Medieval Kerala", in Shankar Goyal, ed., *Investigating Indian Society: Essays in Honour of Professor S.R.Goyal*, Jodhpur, 2013.
48. "Obituary: Professor R.S.Sharma", in *Indian Historical Review*, 39, 2, 2012.
49. "Making the Best of a Bad Bargain: the Brighter Side of Kaliyuga", in *Indian Historical Review*, 41, 2, 2014.
50. "Trade, Markets and Urbanism: Perceptions of Literature from Medieval Kerala", in *Studies in People's History*, 2, 1, 2015.
51. "Sastram, caritram, manavikata: samkalina samasyakal" (Science, History, Humanism: contemporary Issues" in K. Satchidanandan, ed., *India Fascisatthilekku?*" Kottayam, DC Books, 2016.

Besides, published a few articles and many book reviews in popular magazines like *Frontline* (English) and *Mathrubhumi* (Malayalam)

Conference Organization/ Presentations (in the last three years)

List against each head (If applicable)

1. *Organization of Conference:* Organised, jointly with B.P.Sahu, two day seminar on “History and Theory” in Memory of R.S.Sharma, sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research, University of Delhi, September, 2013.
2. *Participation as Paper/Poster Presenter:*
 - a) Indian History Congress, University of Delhi, Delhi, 2010. Presented a paper on “Kana-Janma Maryada: evolution of landlordism in medieval Kerala”
 - b) Indian History Congress, Panjabi University, Patiala, 2011. Presented a paper on “Composite Culture or Heretical Practices? Christians in Medieval Kerala”
 - c) Panjab History Congress, Panjabi University, Patiala, 2012. Chaired the session on Ancient History. Theme of Presidential Address: Regional History *sans* Regionalism”.
 - d) Gave the annual lecture at the Venkateswara College, New Delhi.
 - e) Gave a series of extension lectures at the Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, March, 2012.
 - f) Participated in a seminar on R.S.Sharma’s contribution to Indian History at the University of Calcutta, March, 2012.
 - g) Participated in a Workshop on the Kollam Plates in the British Museum, London, October 2-3, 2012.
 - h) General President, Andhra Pradesh History Congress, Avanigadda, January 6-7, 2013.
 - i) Gave the K.M.Ashraf Memorial Lecture, Kirori Mal College, Delhi, March, 2013.
 - j) Gave a Lecture on the “Cultural Milieu of Maṇipravāḷam Poetry” in Columbia University, New York, April 10, 2013.
 - k) Presented a paper in a Conference on Regional and Transregional in South Asia at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, April 12, 2013.
 - l) Participated in a workshop on the Kollam Plates at De Montfort University, Leicester, in June, 2013.
 - m) Presented a paper on “the congealing of castes” at a workshop on castes in Indian history at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, March, 2014.
 - n) Participated in a symposium on “Trade and markets in Indian History” sponsored by the Aligarh Historians’ Society and a read a paper on Markets and Urbanism in Medieval Kerala: a Literary Perspective”. at the Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, December, 2014.
 - o) Toured Germany and gave a series of lectures in the Universities o Kiel, Erfurt, Freiburg and Tubingen, April-May, 2015.
 - p) Presented a paper on “From Dissent to Norm to Tradition: the Dialectic of Religion in Indian History” in the Symposium on Dissent and Tradition in Religion”, Indian History Congress, University o Malda, Malda, December, 2015
 - q) Presented a paper on “collaboration, co-option and competition: the complex relationship between the temple and the state in medieval south India” in the panel on Religion and Politics in Indian History” sponsored by the Aligarh Historians’ Society, University o Malda, Malda, December, 2015

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

Completed a major research project funded by the Ford foundation on “Historical Atlas of South India in April 2008.

Awards and Distinctions

Association With Professional Bodies

1. *Editing*
2. *Reviewing*
3. *Advisory*
4. *Committees and Boards*

5. *Memberships: Life Member, Indian History Congress.*
6. *Office Bearer*

Other Activities

1. Associated with the State Council of Educational Research and Training in the capacity of Advisor in the preparation of text-books in Social Sciences for the IX and X classes.
2. Associated with the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in assessing Universities and Colleges in the country.