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Subject	Institution	Year	Details			
TAMIL (Ph. D.)	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Pincode : 517502	1989	Thesis topic: <i>Akananuru Mudal Karu Uripporul Amaippu – Or Ayvu</i> (in Tamil). (The Structure of Place and Time, Native Elements and Phases of Love in Akananuru – A Study)			
TAMIL (M. Phil.)	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Pincode : 517502	1985	Subjects: Tamil Folklore Thesis topic: <i>Kaman Kadaippadal – Or Ayvu</i> (A Ballad on Kama – A Study) - (in Tamil).			
TAMIL (M. A.)	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Pincode : 517502	1983	Subjects: Tamil Language and Literature			
Career Profile						
Organisation / Institution	Designation	Duration	Role			
University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007.	Lecturer in Tamil	18.03.1987 to 28.02.1992	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature to P.G. students as well as to non-Tamil students.			
University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007.	Lecturer in Senior Scale (in Tamil)	01.03.1992 to 26.07.1998	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature to P.G. students as well as to non-Tamil students & A course in Comparative Indian Literature to P.G. students.			
University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007.	Associate Professor in Tamil	27.07.1998 to 25.11.2011	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature to P.G. students as well as to non-Tamil students & A course in Comparative Indian Literature to P.G. students.			
ICCR, Delhi – 110 002.	Visiting Professor of Tamil	25.11.2011 to 07.07.2013	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature and Culture of South India (Tamil Nadu) in Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland.			

University of Delhi, Delhi – 110 007.	Associate Professor in Tamil	08.07.2013 to Till Date	Teaching Tamil Language and Literature to P.G. students as well as to non-Tamil students & A course in Comparative Indian Literature to M.Phil. students.
Research Interests / Specialization			
* Ancient Tamil Literature * Bhakti Literature			
Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught) 28 Years (since 18th March 1987).			
<p><u>M. Phil. Comparative Indian Literature (Teaching since 2013):</u> Optional Paper: “Classical Tamil Literature: Poems of Love and War”.</p> <p><u>M. A. Comparative Indian Literature Course taught during the academic years 1994 - 2011:</u> “Study of a Literary Movement: Bhakti Movement”.</p> <p><u>M. A. Tamil Courses taught during the academic years 1987- 2011:</u> 1) <i>Sangam</i> Literature (Ancient Tamil Poetry), 2) Ethical Literature, 3) Intensive Study of a Classic (Epic: <i>Silappadigaram</i>), 4) Epics and Minor Poetry, 5) Bhakti Literature, 6) Modern Tamil poetry, 7) Folklore, 8) Tamil Non-fictional Prose.</p> <p><u>M. A. Tamil Courses (Teaching at present):</u> 1) <i>Grammar: Nannul</i>, 2) <i>Grammar: Tolkappiyam – Eluttu</i>, 3) <i>Grammar: Tolkappiyam – Col</i>, 4) <i>Grammar: Tolkappiyam – Porul</i>, 5) Art of Dissertation Writing.</p> <p><u>Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma Courses (Tamil) taught during the years 1987 - 2011.</u></p> <p><u>Beginner and Advanced Courses (Tamil), History of South Indian Literature (Tamil) and Culture of South India (Tamil Nadu) taught at Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland from 29th November, 2011 to 30th June 2013.</u></p>			
Honors & Awards			

Publications (LAST FIVE YEARS)			
Books / Monographs			
<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
2015	<i>Mind and Conduct: Behavioural Psychology in the Sangam Poetry</i>	Sun International Publishers, PG-105, Possangipur, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110058.	-----
In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals			
<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Journal</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
2013	<i>Birds and beasts: Codes/symbols in the scheme of Sangam love poems</i>	PANDANUS '13/2, Nature in Literature, Art, Myth and Ritual, Vol. 7, No.2, Charles University, Prague 2013.	-----
Articles: 5			
2010	“ <i>Eluttoli Peyarppil Kulappangal</i> ”, (in Tamil), (“Confusions in Transliterations”), in the 41 st Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Noorul Islam University, Kumaracoil, Kanniyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, during 15–16 May, 2010.		

2014 “*Sanga Agakkavidaigalil Talaivi-Tolayar Nadattai Ulaviyal*”, (in Tamil), (“Behavioural Psychology of heroines and their companions in Sangam love poems”), in the 45th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 17–18 May, 2014.

“*Panpattu Asaivil Tirukkuralil Cila Corkal: Karuttup Pulappadum Porul Marramum*”, (in Tamil), (“Cultural Mobility: Semantic shift in Tirukkural – Cognitive and Rhetorical Expressions”) in *Tirukkural Karuttup Pulappattil Aniyiyal*, R. Tamil Selvan *et al.* (Eds.), New Century Book House, Chennai, 2014, pp. 09-30.

“*Wandering Naked: Saiva Women Mystics in Search of Spiritual Empowerment*” in “*Tamil in Warsaw*”, Danutta Stasik and Jacek Wozniak (Eds.), Dom Wydawniczy ELIPSA, Warszawa, Poland, 2014, pp. 167-86.

2015 “*Tirukkuralil Nokkum Narramum*”, (in Tamil), (“The Sight of Love and Fragrance in Tirukkural”), in the 46th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 16–17 May, 2015.

Attended/Papers presented in the National Conferences/Seminars in India:

2010 Paper entitled “*Urakkam Mudal Turakkam Varai*” (in Tamil), (“From sleeping to heaven”), presented in the National Conference on “Tamil Didactic Literary Works: Duties and Rights” (“*Padinen Kilkanakku Nulgalil Kadamaigalum Urimaigalum*”), organized by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai and P.S.G.R. Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore, at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, during 11–13 February, 2010.

Paper entitled “*Eluttoli Peyarppil Kulappangal*”, (in Tamil), (“Confusions in Transliterations”), presented in the 41st Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Noorul Islam University, Kumaracoil, Kanniyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, during 15–16 May, 2010.

2013 Paper entitled “*Courtesans: From Fictions To Films*” presented in the National Seminar on “Courtesans in Indian literary Tradition” organized by Deptt. of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi in collaboration with National Book Trust, India and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi during 06–07 November, 2013.

2014 Paper entitled “*Panpattu Asaivil Tirukkuralil Cila Corkal*”, (in Tamil), (“Cultural Mobility: Semantic shift in Tirukkural – Cognitive and Rhetorical Expressions”) presented in the National Seminar on “Cognitive And Rhetorical Expressions in Thirukkural” organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, sponsored by Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, during 27–29 March, 2014.

2015 Paper entitled “*Subramaniya Bharati and Gurazada Apparao: Discourse on Language Issue*” presented in the national Seminar on “Subramaniya Bharati and His Contemporaries” organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, sponsored by Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, during 09-10 April, 2015.

Attended/Papers presented in the International Conferences in India:

2010 Paper entitled “*Translation in Variance: Tamil into English*” presented in the International Conference on “Expanding Territories: Comparative Literature in the 21st Century” organized by Deptt. of English & Comparative Literary Studies, Saurashtra University, Gujarat in collaboration with CLAI, Delhi, CIIL, Mysore & Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, at Rajkot, Gujarat, during 29-31 March, 2010.

2011 Paper entitled “*Standing Anxiously at the Threshold: Nandan and Cokhamela*” presented in the International Conference on “Comparative Literature: World Culture and Languages” organized by Deptt. of Hindi, Andhra University, co-sponsored by ICCR, UGC & Sahitya Akademi, at

Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh during 24–26 February, 2011.

Paper entitled "*Shedding the Femininity: Nudity of Karaikkal Ammaiyar, Akka Mahadevi and Lal Ded*" presented in the Tenth Biennial International Conference of CLAI on "Sociological Imagination in Comparative Perspective: Languages, Cultures and Literatures" organized by Deptt. of Comparative Literary Studies, Central University of Gujarat, co-sponsored by UGC, Sahitya Akademi, National Manuscripts Mission, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, and ICCR, New Delhi, at Gandhi Nagar, Ahmedabad during 03–06 March, 2011.

- 2014 Paper entitled "*Understanding the Tamil Post-Graduate Syllabus*" presented in the International Seminar on "History and Sociology of Bengali Studies and Special Sessions on History and Sociology of Indian Literary Studies" organized by Deptt. of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi during 10–11 January, 2014.

Paper entitled "*Sanga Agakkavidaigalil Talaivi-Tolliyar Nadattai Ulaviyal*", (in Tamil), ("Behavioural Psychology of heroines and their companions in Sangam love poems"), presented in the 45th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 17–18 May, 2014.

- 2015 Paper entitled "*From the Self-Respect Movement to Dravidian Political Parties of Tamil Nadu: Deviation and Degeneration*" presented in the XIIth CLAI Biennial International Conference 2015 on "Culture, Arts and Socio-Political Movements in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives" organized by CLAI in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, held at Rajasthan University, Jaipur during 01–04 March, 2015.

Paper entitled "*Tirukkuralil Nokkum Narramum*", (in Tamil), ("The Sight of Love and Fragrance in Tirukkural"), presented in the 46th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 16–17 May, 2015

Papers presented in the Seminars/Conferences in Abroad:

- 2012 Paper entitled "*The Goddess Comes Home: Boundaries of Cosmos, Gender and Caste in South Indian Bhakti*" presented in the Seminar organized by Pracownia Interdyscyplinarych Badan Eurazjatyckich IO UJ, Deptt. of Indology, Institute of Oriental Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland on 18th January, 2012.

Paper entitled "*Hand In Glove: Tamil Nadu Cine Stars and Their Political Ambitions*" presented in the DNI Conference organized by the Students of the Department of Indology, Institute of Oriental Studies, held at Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland on 27th April, 2012.

Paper entitled "*Saivam Karaikkalil-irundu Kashmirukku: Pen-Irai Anubudigal Valiye*", (in Tamil), ("The Journey of Saivism from Karaikkal to Kashmir through Women Mystics") presented in the World Tamil Conference on Tamil organized by Mouttamije Association, Franconville, France held at Drancy, Paris, France on 07th July, 2012.

- 2013 Paper entitled "*Wandering Naked: Saiva Women Mystics in search of Spiritual Empowerment*", presented on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of Tamil Studies held at the Chair of South Asian Studies, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland on 16th May, 2013.

Paper entitled "*Birds and Beasts: Codes/Symbols in the scheme of Cankam Love Poems*" presented in the PANDANUS '13, the International Seminar on Nature in Literature, Art, Myth and Ritual to honour the 150th birth anniversary of Moriz Wintermütz conducted by the Institute of South and Central Asia, Philosophical Faculty, Charles University held at Prague, Czech during 30th May – 01st June, 2013.

2015 Paper entitled “Deciphering the peculiar cultural significance of some terms in Tirukkural” presented in the 9th International Conference – Seminar on Tamil Studies, held at University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during 29th January – 01st February, 2015.

Total Publication Profile optional

Books

<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
1985	<i>Kaman Kadaippadal: Or Ayvu</i>	Ilakkumi Padippagam, 11, Big Street, Tiruttani – 631 209 Tamil Nadu	-----
2007	<i>Beyond Bhakti: Steps Ahead...</i>	B.R. Publishing Corporation, 425, Nimri Colony, Ashoak Vihar, Delhi - 110052	-----
2015	<i>Mind and Conduct: Behavioural Psychology in the Sangam Poetry</i>	Sun International Publishers, PG-105, Possangipur, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110058	-----

In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals

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1994 (Nov.)	<i>Tamil Voice Against Aryans: Bharatidasan</i>	Journal of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, <i>Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences</i> , Vol. I, Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla.	-----
2002	<i>Siddhas and Virasaiva Saranas: Souls searching for Ultimate Reality and Bliss,</i>	Dravidian Studies, (Quarterly Research Journal), Vol. I, No.3, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh.	-----
2006 (March)	<i>Same Word, Multiple Meanings: Cultural Connotations</i>	Journal of the Institute of Asian Studies (XXII No. 2) Chemmancherry, Chennai.	-----
2006 (Sept.)	<i>Standing Anxiously at the Threshold: Nandan and Cokhamela</i>	Journal of the Institute of Asian Studies (XXIV No. 1) Chemmancherry, Chennai.	-----
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- 1985 1. “Kaman Kadaip-padal – Or Arimugam”, (in Tamil), (“Kama Ballad: An introduction”), in the 17th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Chittoor, Kerala State, May, 1985.
- 1986 2. “Vallalar Vagutta Iraineri”, (in Tamil), (“The devotional path chalked out by Vallalar), *Saptagiri*, (Monthly Religious Magazine), Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, January, 1986.
3. “Purananuru Ayvugal – Or Arimugam”, (in Tamil), (“Research Studies on Purananuru: An introduction”), in the 18th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Erode, Tamil Nadu, June, 1986.

4. “*Camudayappini Nikkiya Canror*”, (in Tamil), (“The noble man who eradicated social evil”), *Tirukkovil* (Monthly Religious Magazine), Hindu Religious Endowment Board, Tamil Nadu Government, Madras, March, 1986.
- 1987 5. “*Vallalar Or Olivilakku*”, (in Tamil), (“Vallalar: A beacon light”), *Saptagiri* (Monthly Religious Magazine), Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, January, 1987.
6. “*Kalavil Kadaliyar Nencam*”, (in Tamil), (“Lovers’ mind in clandestine love”), in the 19th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, May, 1987.
7. “*Ettil Eludak Kilaviyin Iyalbugal*”, (in Tamil), (“The characteristics of Folklore”), in the Proceedings of All India Tamil Folklore Association’s 1st Conference, held at Tamil University, Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu, 30–31 May, 1987.
- 1988 8. “*Mullait Tinaiyil Nilam Unarttapperum Vidam*”, (in Tamil), (“The pattern of depicting the land in *Mullai* love theme”), in the 20th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, June 1988.
9. “*Tamilil Bhakti Iyakkam*”, (in Tamil), (“Bhakti Movement in Tamil”), *Saptagiri* (Monthly Religious Magazine), Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, November, 1988.
- 1991 10. “*Marudalippuk Kavinjar Bharatidasan*”, (in Tamil), (“Bharatidasan: The Dissident poet”), in *Role of Indian Poets to National Integration*, Himachal Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla and Bhasha Sangam, Allahabad, 11–12 July, 1991.
11. “*Depiction of Women in Bharatidasan’s Poems*”, in Proceedings of *Revolutionary Poets: Bharatidasan Centenary, Kazi Nazrul Islam and Dinkar Commemorative Issue*, Bhasha Sangam, Allahabad, 1991.
- 1993 12. “*Nandan: Marivarum Mugangal*” (in Tamil), (“The changing faces of Nandan”), in the 24th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, May, 1993.
- 1994 13. “*Ariyargal Narikkuttatinara?*” (in Tamil), (“Are Aryans Jackals?”), in the 25th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, May, 1994.
14. “*Tamil Voice against Aryans: Bharatidasan*”, in *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. I, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla, November, 1994.
- 1995 15. “*Karugum Mottukkal – Ciruvargal*” (in Tamil), (“Children: The withering crops”), in the 26th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Kandasami Kandar College, Velur, Selam. Tamil Nadu, May, 1995.
- 2000 16. “*Nandrikko Drogam?*”, (in Tamil), (“Is it fair to betray *Nanri* (Good deed)?”), in the 31st Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Sathakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, May, 2000.
17. “*Virundum Velanmaiym*”, (in Tamil), (“Feast and Benevolence”), in *Tamiliyal Katturaigal*, The Proceedings of the Conference organized by International Society for Tamil Cultural Studies, Madurai, held at Christian College, Kodaikkanal, Tamil Nadu, June, 2000.
- 2001 18. “*Siddharum Virasaivarum*” (in Tamil), (“Siddhas and Virasaivas”), in the 32nd Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, KSR Arts and Science College, Tiruchengodu, Tamil Nadu, May, 2001.

19. *"Kaman Kadai-p-Padal: A Folk Narrative"*, in *Indian Folklore*, B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi, 2001.
- 2002 20. *"Siddhas and Virasaiva Saranas: Souls searching for Ultimate Reality and Bliss"*, *Dravidian Studies (A Quarterly Research Journal)*, Vol. I, No.3, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, 2002.
21. *"Miral' – Dalit Ilakkiyak Kotpadu"*, (in Tamil), ("Violating: A principle of Dalit Literature"), in the 33rd Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Madras Christian College, Chennai, May, 2002.
- 2003 22. *"Didactic literature in Tamil – A genre for social cause"*, in *Major Genres and Trends in Dravidian Literature (Classical)*, Dravidian University, Kuppam–517425, Andhra Pradesh, March, 2003.
23. *"Kalandorum Tarkolai"*, (in Tamil), ("Suicide since ages"), in the 34th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Ponnaiah Ramajeyam Arts and Science College, Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu, May, 2003.
- 2004 24. *"Mother tongue and other tongues"*, in the 35th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, May 2004.
- 2005 25. *"Marivitta Nam Kalvi-c-culal"*, (in Tamil), ("The changed scenario of our Education Environment"), in the 36th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, May, 2005.
- 2006 26. *"Same Word, Multiple Meanings: Cultural Connotations"*, in the *Journal of the Institute of Asian Studies* (XXII No. 2), Chemmancherry, Chennai, March, 2006.
27. *"Standing Anxiously at the Threshold: Nandan and Cokhamela"*, in the *Journal of the Institute of Asian Studies* (XXIV No. 1), Chemmancherry, Chennai, September, 2006.
28. *"Should Dam be constructed?"*, in the 37th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, May, 2006.
- 2007 29. *"Tamil – Samskrita Panpattu Marabugal – Oru Parvai"*, (in Tamil) ("Cultural heritage of Tamils and Aryans: A view"), in the 38th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Alagappa University, Karaikkudi, Tamil Nadu, May, 2007.
30. *"Bharatiyar Eluttugalil Decamum Nadum"*, (in Tamil), ("Nation and Region in the writings of Bharatiyar"), in *Bharati 125 – Ayvuk Kalanjijyam* (Collection of Research papers presented in "BHARATI 125 International Conference" held at Pondicherry University, Pondicherry on September 21–23, 2007), Varshan Pirasuram, Chennai, 2007.
- 2008 31. *"From Word to Wisdom: Travel of Basaveshvara and Ramalingaswami"*, in *Ayvukkovai - The Proceedings of "The International Conference on the contribution of Bhakti Literature and Movements towards the World Culture"* sponsored by CIIL., Mysore & organised by the Deptt. of Tamil Studies, AVC College, Mannampandal, Tamil Nadu, 06–08 March, 2008.
32. *"Indraikkum Bharatiyar"*, (in Tamil), ("The relevance of Bharatiyar for even today"), in the 39th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Bharatiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, 17–18 May, 2008.
- 2009 33. *"Cidilam: Cinima Nadigargalukkut Tamilc Camugam Tarum Adita Mukkiyattuvam"*, (in Tamil), ("Extraordinary importance given to Cine stars by Tamil society: The dilapidated situation"), in the 40th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, 23–24 May, 2009.

- 2010 34. *“Eluttoli Peyarppil Kulappangal”*, (in Tamil), (“Confusions in Transliterations”), in the 41st Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s Conference, held at Noorul Islam University, Kumaracoil, Kanniyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, 15–16 May, 2010.
- 2014 35. *“Sanga Agakkavidaigalil Talaivi-Tolayar Nadattai Ulaviyal*, (in Tamil), (“Behavioural Psychology of heroines and their companions in Sangam love poems”), in the 45th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 17–18 May, 2014.
- 2014 36. *“Panpattu Acaivil Tirukkuralil Cila Corkal: Karuttup Pulappadam Porul Marramum”*, (in Tamil), (“Cultural Mobility: Semantic shift in Tirukkural – Cognitive and Rhetorical Expressions”) in *Tirukkural Karuttup Pulappattil Aniyiyal*, R. Tamil Selvan et al (Eds.), New Century Book House, Chennai, 2014, pp. 09-30.
- 2014 37. *“Wandering Naked: Saiva Women Mystics in Search of Spiritual Empowerment”* in *Tamil in Warsaw*, Danutta Stasik and Jacek Wozniak (Eds.), Dom Wydawniczy ELIPSA, Warszawa, Poland, 2014, pp. 167-86.
- 2015 38. *“Tirukkuralil Nokkum Narramum”*, (in Tamil), (“The Sight of Love and Fragrance in Tirukkural”), in the 46th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 16–17 May, 2015.

Conference Presentations

National Conferences:

- 1985 Paper entitled *“Kaman Kadaip-padal – Or Arimugam”*, (in Tamil), (“Kaman Ballad: An Introduction”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 17th Conference, held at Chittoor, Kerala State, May, 1985.
- 1986 Paper entitled *“Purananuru Ayvugal – Or Arimugam”*, (in Tamil), (“Research studies on *Purananuru*: An Introduction”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 18th Conference, held at Erode, Tamil Nadu, June, 1986.
- 1987 Paper entitled *“Kalavil Kadaliyar Nencam”*, (in Tamil), (“Lovers’ mind in clandestine love”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 19th Conference, held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, May, 1987.
- 1988 Paper entitled *“Mullait Tinaiyil Nilam Unarttapperum Vidam”*, (in Tamil), (“The pattern of depicting the land in *Mullai* love theme”), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers’ Association’s 20th Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, June, 1988.
- 1989 Paper entitled *“Western impact on the first Tamil Novel Pratapa Mudaliyar Carittiram”* presented in the National Conference on The Western Impact on the First Tamil Novel sponsored by U.G.C., organized by the Department of Tamil, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, 22-24 March, 1989.
- Paper entitled *“Pratapa Mudaliyar Carittiram and Rajasekara Carittiram - The first novels in Tamil and Telugu: A comparative study”* presented in the National Conference on The First Novels in Tamil and Telugu: A comparative study sponsored by U.G.C., organized by the Department of Tamil, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, on 29 March, 1989.
- 1990 Paper entitled *“Kama Ballad: A study”* presented in the National Conference on Folklore sponsored by U.G.C., organized by the Department of Malayalam, Calicut University, Calicut, Kerala State, on 08 February, 1990.
- 1991 Paper entitled *“The Dissident Poet – Bharatidasan”* presented in the All India Seminar organized in the memory of Pahari Gandhi Baba Kanshi Ram (Himachal), Bharathidasan (Tamil) &

- Premanand Almast (Dogari) by Himachal Academy of Arts, Culture, and Languages & Bhasha Sangam, Allahabad, held at Shimla, during 11-12 July, 1991.
- 1992 Paper entitled "*Reorganisation of Bhakti Movement in Tamil Nadu*" presented in the National Seminar on National Integration: Bhakti Movement sponsored by UGC., organized by the Department of Centre for Comparative Study, Telugu University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, during 27–29 February, 1992.
- 1993 Paper entitled "*Nandan: Marivarum Mugangal*" (in Tamil), ("The changing faces of Nandan"), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 24th Conference, held at Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, May, 1993.
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- 2001 Paper entitled "*Siddharum Virasaivarum*", (in Tamil), ("Siddhas and Virasaivas"), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 32nd Conference, held at KSR Arts and Science College, Tiruchengodu, Tamil Nadu, May, 2001.
- Paper entitled "*Mother tongue or other tongue?*", presented in the the National Seminar on Universal Literacy / Education in Mother Tongue: Problems and Prospects organised by Sarba Bharatiya Banga-Bhasi Samiti, held at Jawaharlal University, Delhi, during 24–25 August, 2001.
- 2002 Paper entitled "*Miral' – Dalit Ilakkiyak Kotpadu*", (in Tamil), ("Violating: A principle of Dalit Literature"), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 33rd Conference, held at Madras Christian College, Chennai, May, 2002.
- Paper entitled "*Didactic Literature in Tamil – A genre for social cause*", presented in the National Seminar on Dravidian Literacy Genres and Trends (Classical), held at Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, during 08–10 November, 2002.
- 2003 Paper entitled "*Kalandorum Tarkolai*", (in Tamil), ("Suicide since ages"), presented in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 34th Conference, held at Ponnaiah Ramajeyam Arts and Science College, Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu, May, 2003.
- 2004 Paper entitled "*Mother Tongue and other tongues*", presented in the 35th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, May, 2004.
- 2005 Paper entitled "*Marivitta Nam Kalvi-c-culal*", (in Tamil), ("The changed scenario of our Education Environment"), presented in the 36th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, May, 2005.
- 2006 Paper entitled "*Canga Ilakkiyattil Arakkotpadugal*" (in Tamil), ("Ethical Principles in Sangam poems"), presented in the National Seminar on "Sangam Literature and Theories", organized by

the Department of Tamil Studies, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, during 27-28 March, 2006.

Paper entitled "*Should Dam be constructed?*", presented in the 37th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, May, 2006.

- 2007 Paper entitled "*Tamil – Samskrita Panpattu Marabugal – Oru Parvai*", (in Tamil), ("Cultural heritage of Tamils and Aryans: A view") presented in the 38th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Alagappa University, Karaikkudi, Tamil Nadu, May, 2007.

Paper entitled "*Bharatiyar Eluttugalil Decamum Nadum*", (in Tamil), ("Nation and Region in the writings of Bharatiyar"), presented in "BHARATI 125 International Conference" held at Pondicherry University, Pondicherry on 21–23 September, 2007.

- 2008 Paper entitled "*From Word to Wisdom: Travel of Basaveshvara and Ramalingaswami*", presented in "The International Conference on the contribution of Bhakti Literature and Movements towards the World Culture" sponsored by CILL., Mysore & organized by the Deptt. of Tamil Studies, AVC College, Mannampandal, Tamil Nadu, 06–08 March, 2008.

Paper entitled "*Indraikkum Bharatiyar*", (in Tamil), ("The relevance of Bharatiyar for even today"), presented in the 39th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Bharatiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, 17–18 May, 2008.

Paper entitled "*Ramanujan: The Great Apostle of Visistadvaitam*" presented in the National Seminar on "The Philosophy of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva and Other Saint Poets of Medieval India", sponsored by Srimanta Sankaradeva Sangha, Assam, organized by the Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi, during 14–15 November, 2008.

- 2009 Paper entitled "*Cidilam: Cinima Nadigargalukku Tamil Camugam Tarum Adita Mukkiyattuvam*", (in Tamil), ("Extraordinary importance given to Cine stars by Tamil society: The deteriorated situation"), presented in the 40th Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, 23–24 May, 2009.

- 2009 Paper entitled "*Transcreation of Poetry: In the quest of rendering the right words*" presented in the 37th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguistics, organized by International School of Dravidian Linguistics, St. Xavier's College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, during 18–20 June, 2009.

Paper entitled "*Life before Death: Contexts and Conjunctions in Mamoni Raisom Goswami's Fictions*" presented in the National Seminar on Fictional World of Indira Goswami, organised by the Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi, during 12–14 November, 2009.

- 2010 Paper entitled "*Urakkam Mudal Turakkam Varai*", (in Tamil), ("From sleeping to heaven"), presented in the National Conference on Tamil Didactic Literary Works: Duties and Rights (*Padinen Kilkanakku Nulgalil Kadamaigalum Urimaigalum*), organised by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai and P.S.G.R. Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore, at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, during 11–13 February, 2010.

Paper entitled "*Eluttoli Peyarppil Kulappangal*", (in Tamil), ("Confusions in Transliterations"), presented in the 41st Proceedings of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's Conference, held at Noorul Islam University, Kumaracoil, Kanniyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, 15–16 May, 2010.

- 2013 Paper entitled "*Courtesans: From fictions to films*" presented in the National Seminar on "Courtesans in Indian literary Tradition" organized by Deptt. of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi in collaboration with National Book Trust, India and

Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi during 06–07 November, 2013.

- 2014 Paper entitled '*Panpattu Acaivil Tirukkuralil Cila Corkal: Karuttup Pulappadum Porul Marramum*, (in Tamil), ("Cultural Mobility: Semantic shift in Tirukkural – Cognitive and Rhetorical Expressions") presented in the National Seminar on "Cognitive And Rhetorical Expressions in Thirukkural" organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, sponsored by Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, during 27–29 March, 2014.
- 2015 Paper entitled "*Subramaniya Bharati and Gurazada Apparao: Discourse on Language Issue*", presented in the National Seminar on "Subramaniya Bharati and His Contemporaries" organized by Centre of Indian Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, sponsored by Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, during 9-10 April, 2015.

Attended/Papers presented in the International Conferences in India:

- 1991 Attended the Congress of Comparative Literature Association hosted by School of Letters, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala held during 1-3 January, 1991.
- 1993 Attended the Second Biennial Congress of the Comparative Literature Association of India held during 17-19 February, 1993.
- 1995 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Nandanar: Through ages*" in the VIIIth *International Tamil Conference* held at Tamil University, Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 1-5 January, 1995.
- 1999 Attended the IVth *Biennial International Congress on "Comparative Literature – Popular Literature: Challenging the Canons"*, organized by The Comparative Literature Association of India, held at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, New Delhi, during 29-31 March, 1999.
- 2000 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Valluvar Kanda Ulagu*" (in Tamil), ("The world envisaged by Valluvar"), in the *International Tirukkural Conference – Seminar*, held at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, during 7-9 January, 2000.
- 2007 Attended and paper entitled "*Bharatiyar Eluttugalil Decamum Nadum*" (in Tamil), ("Nation and region in the writings of Bharatiyar") presented in the *The International Conference "Bharati - 125"*, organized by the Deptt. of Tamil Studies, Pondicherry University, in collaboration with Vanavil Cultural Centre, Chennai, held at Pondicherry, during 21-23 September, 2007.
- 2008 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Travel of Basaveshvara and Ramalinga Swami*" in the *International Conference on the contribution of Bhakti Literature and Movements towards the World Culture* sponsored by CIIL., Mysore, organised by the Deptt. of Tamil Studies, AVC College, Mannampandal – 609 305 Tamil Nadu, during 06-08 March, 2008.
- 2010 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Translation in Variance: Tamil into English*" in the International Conference on "Expanding Territories: Comparative Literature in the 21st Century" organised by Deptt. of English & Comparative Literary Studies, Saurashtra University, Gujarat in collaboration with CLAI, Delhi, CIIL, Mysore & Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, at Rajkot , Gujarat, during 29-31 March, 2010.
- 2011 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Standing Anxiously at the Threshold: Nandan and Chokhamela*" in the International Conference on "Comparative Literature: World Culture and Languages" organized by Deptt. of Hindi, Andhra University, co-sponsored by ICCR, UGC & Sahitya Akademi, at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh during 24 - 26 February, 2011.

Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Shedding the Femininity: Nudity of Karaikkal Ammaiyyar, Akka Mahadevi and Lal Ded*" in the Tenth Biennial International Conference of CLAI on "Sociological Imagination in Comparative Perspective: Languages, Cultures and Literatures"

organized by Deptt. of Comparative Literary Studies, Central University of Gujarat, co-sponsored by UGC, Sahitya Akademi, National Manuscripts Mission, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, and ICCR, New Delhi, at Gandhi Nagar, Ahmedabad during 03- 06 March, 2011.

- 2014 Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Understanding the Tamil Post-Graduate Syllabus*" presented in the International Seminar on "History and Sociology of Bengali Studies and Special Sessions on History and Sociology of Indian Literary Studies" organized by Deptt. of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi during 10–11 January, 2014.

Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Sanga Agakkavidaigalil Talaivi-Toliyar Nadattai Ulaviyal*", (in Tamil), ("Behavioural Psychology of heroines and their companions in Sangam Akam poems"), in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 45th International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 17–18 May, 2014.

- 2015 Attended and presented paper entitled "*From the Self-Respect Movement to the Dravidian Political Parties of Tamil Nadu: Deviation and Degeneration*" in the XIIth CLAI Biennial International Conference 2015 on "Culture, Arts and Socio-Political Movements in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives" organized by CLAI in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, held at Rajasthan University, Jaipur during 01–04 March, 2015.

Attended and presented a paper entitled "*Tirukkuralil Nokkum Narramum*", (in Tamil), ("The Sight of Love and Fragrance in Tirukkural"), in the All India University Tamil Teachers' Association's 46th International Conference, held at Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, during 16–17 May, 2015.

Papers presented in the Seminars/Conferences in Abroad:

- 2012 Paper entitled "*The Goddess Comes Home: Boundaries of Cosmos, Gender and Caste in South Indian Bhakti*" presented in the Seminar organised by Pracownia Interdyscyplinarych Badan Eurazjatyckich IO UJ, Deptt. of Indology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland on 18 January, 2012.

Paper entitled "*Hand In Glove: Tamil Nadu Cine Stars and Their Political Ambitions*" presented in the DNI Conference organized by the Students of Indology Deptt., held at Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland on 27 April, 2012.

Paper entitled "*Saivam Karaikkalil-irundu Kashmirukku: Pen-Irai Anubudigal Valiye*", (in Tamil), ("The Journey of Saivism from Karaikkal to Kashmir through Women mystics"), presented in the World Tamil Conference on Tamil organised by Mouttamije Association, Franconville, France held at Drancy, Paris, France on 07 July, 2012.

- 2013 Paper entitled "*Wandering Naked: Saiva Women Mystics in search of Spiritual Empowerment*", presented on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of Tamil Studies held at the Chair of South Asian Studies, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland on 16 May, 2013.

Paper entitled "*Birds and Beasts: Codes/Symbols in the scheme of Cankam Love Poems*" presented in the PANDANUS '13, the International Seminar on Nature in Literature, Art, Myth and Ritual to honour the 150th birth anniversary of Moriz Wintermitz conducted by the Institute of South and Central Asia, Philosophical Faculty, Charles University held at Prague, Czech on 30 May - 01 June, 2013.

- 2015 Paper entitled "*eciphering the peculiar cultural significance of some terms in Tirukkural*" presented in the 9th International Conference – Seminar on Tamil Studies, held at University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during 29th January – 01st February 2015.

Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Served as a Member of Experts Committee for teaching Mother Tongue Courses, IGNOU, New Delhi-68. * Served as a Convener – Experts Committee for Tamil Language and Literature Course, CBSE New Delhi. * Served as a Member of Selection Committee for Tamil Teachers, DTEA, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi-3 <p>(a) <u>Curriculum Development:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Member of the Courses Committee for Under-Graduate (Tamil), Post-Graduate Courses (Tamil) and Moderation Committee (Tamil) since 1987. * Member of the Courses Committee for Comparative Indian Literature (Post-Graduate Courses) since 1997. <p>(b) <u>Cultural/Extra Curricular Activity:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * As the Convener conducted Raja Sir M. A. Muthaiah Chettiyar Endowment Lecture programme in the years 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011 and 2014. * Assisted the Committees of the Department in organizing several National Seminars and Raja Sir Muthaiah Chettiyar Endowment Lecture programme. <p>(c) <u>Administrative Assignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Served as the Secretary of the Department Teachers' Council from 1994 to 1997. * Served as the Superintendent in conducting M. A. Tamil Examinations. * Served as the Coordinator for the M.A. Comparative Indian Literature Course Programme. * Served as the Officiating Head of the Department of the Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies during the academic year 2014-15.
Professional Societies Memberships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Life Member of Comparative Literature Association of India, Delhi. * Life Member of Delhi Tamil Sangam, R.K. Puram, Delhi. * An Executive Member of All India University Tamil Teachers' Association, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations)
<p>Carried out the Literary Translation project "<i>Translation and publication of Cangam Literature (Akananuru - The Ancient Tamil Love Poems Four Hundred) into Hindi</i>" in collaboration with Mrs. V.N. Saraswathy, sponsored by the Department of Tamil Development, Government of Tamil Nadu in 2007 under the Classical Language Development Programme.</p>
Other Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Delivered a number of Literary Talks/Discourses in the programmes of ESD Division, All India Radio, Delhi and Delhi Tamil Sangam, Delhi. * Delivered a religious discourse entitled "<i>Vallalar Ulagirkor Olivilakku</i>", (in Tamil), ("Saint

Ramalingaswami, the Vallalar: A Beacon Light of the World”) in the socio-religious programme of Tiru Arutprakasa Vallalar’s 190th Birth Day Celebration held in Arulmigu Siddhi Vinayagar Alayam, La Courneuve, France on 06th October 2012.

(Link to listen the lecture: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zqysmjzjk>)

- * Delivered a literary discourse entitled “*Tamil Nam Uyirukku Ner*”, (in Tamil), (“Tamil: Our Soul”) in the Aruntamil Award Function of Association Culturelle Des Tamouls, Varueal, France on 22nd December 2012.

(Link to listen the lecture: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2ZqGnrID4w>)

- * Delivered a keynote address entitled “*Sangap Padalgalil Nadattai Ulaviyal*”, (in Tamil), (“Behavioural Psychology in Sangam Poems”), in the workshop on “Sangap Padalgalil Nadattai Ulaviyal” conducted by Centre of V.P.S. Tamil Research Studies, M.D.T. Hindu College, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu on 04th February 2014.