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Visiting Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad
- Positions held earlier** **Dean – School of Liberal Arts and Professor of Anthropology**
SRM University
Andhra Pradesh, India
- Founding Dean – Administration and Regulatory Affairs and Professor of Anthropology**
Krea University
Sri City
Andhra Pradesh, India
- Professor of Applied Social Sciences**
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CKP Centre for Emerging India
Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA)
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- Professor of Eminence**
Department of Sociology/Social Work
Tezpur Central University
Tezpur, Assam, India
- Professor and Head**
Department of Social Work
Tezpur Central University
Tezpur, Assam, India
- Adjunct Professor**
Indian Institute of Dalit Studies
Delhi, India
- Chairperson (Dean)**
School of Social Sciences
University of Madras, India
- Professor and Head**
Department of Anthropology
University of Madras, India

Education

Adjunct Professor

Centre for Ocean and Coastal Studies
University of Madras, India

Ph.D. in Anthropology
(University of Madras)

M.A. in Anthropology
(Karnatak University)

B.Sc. (Zoology/Chemistry)
(R.L. Science Institute, Belgaum)

AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 2012 | Visiting Professor
Maulana Azad National Urdu University,
Hyderabad |
| 2009 | Visiting Scholar
Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla |
| 2006 | Visiting Professor
Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, France |
| 2002 | UGC Visiting Fellow
Department of Anthropology
Sri Venkateshwara University
Tirupati |
| 2001 | Visiting Professor
University of Paris X, Nanterre, France |
| 2001 | UGC Delegate
Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme
Paris, France |
| 1996-97 | Rockefeller Resident Fellow
Rockefeller Residency Institute
Center for International Studies
Duke University
Durham, NC., USA |

- 1995-96 ***Human Rights Fellow***
Kennedy School of Government
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass., USA
- 1992-93 ***Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow***
Academic Visitor
Department of Anthropology
London School of Economics
London, U.K.
- And*
- Honorary Visiting Research Fellow***
Department of Social and Economic Studies
University of Bradford
Bradford, U.K.
- 1973-77 ***ICSSR Doctoral Fellow***
Department of Sociology
Delhi School of Economics
Delhi University
Delhi

INVITED LECTURES / SEMINARS AT UNIVERSITIES OVERSEAS

- 2019 *The New School*
New York City, USA
- 2017 *The Netherlands*
Institute of Social Studies, The Hague
- 2015 *Canada*
York University
- 2006 *France*
Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris
- 2003 *Egypt*
Cairo University, Cairo
- 2001 *France*
CNRS-REGARDS, Bordeaux
University of Paris X, Nanterre
- 1998 *France*
CNRS-REGARDS, Bordeaux

1997 *USA*
Duke University
University of North Carolina
North Carolina State University

1996 *USA*
Harvard University
American University, Washington, D.C.
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

1995 *Norway*
University of Oslo

1994 *France*
Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris

1993 *England*
University of Bradford
University of Edinburgh
London School of Economics

1993 *France*
Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris

1987 *Malaysia*

1985 *USA*
Slippery Rock University
University of Pittsburgh

1983 *West Germany*
University of Gottingen
University of Frankfurt
University of Heidelberg

1983 *USA*
Columbia University
New York University
Slippery Rock University
Chicago University

1983 *England*
School of Oriental and African Studies

CONSULTANCY

- Consultant to the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, U.K., for Climate Change
- Consultant to National Aids Control Organisation (NACO), New Delhi, and USAIDS, on HIV/AIDS and Mobility and Migration
- Consultant to the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, U.K., for the Project on Governance
- Consultant to the Centre for Environmental Education, Ahmedabad, for the Project on Coorg (Karnataka)
- Consultant to the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) for its Women in Agriculture Projects in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka (also for Youth) and Orissa
- Consultant to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, for the Project on Population/Health in Bihar

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (Academic)

- Member, General Body, Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India (2019 onwards)
- Member, Governing Council, Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation, Government of Kerala, Kozhikode, Kerala (2019 onwards)
- Member, Board of Studies, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry (2019 onwards)
- Member, Xavier Board for Higher Education in India (2018 onwards)
- Member, Board of Studies in Sociology, Loyola College, Chennai (2018 onwards)
- Member, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Peer Team (2016 onwards)
- Member, Planning Board, Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry (2014 onwards)
- Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Tezpur University, Assam (2014 - 2017)
- Member, Academic Council, Tezpur University, Assam (2013 - 2017)
- Member, (Visitor's Nominee), Academic Council, Central University of Kashmir, Srinagar (2010-2013)

- Member (Visitor's Nominee), Board of Management, Tezpur Central University, Assam (2009 to 2012)
- Member of the Committee of Studies, Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi (2009 onwards)
- Convener, Discrimination Redress Committee, University of Madras (2008-2009)
- Member, Research Board, University of Madras (2008-2011)
- Expert, Tenure Track, York University, Canada, 2008-2009)
- Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad (2007 onwards)
- Member, Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi (2005-2008)
- Chancellor's Nominee, Selection Committee for all post except the Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram (2009-2012)
- Visitor's Nominee, Selection Committee for Social Sciences, Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry (2007-2010)
- Coordinator, UGC NET Examination, University of Madras (2007-2008)
- Member, Advisory Committee, Southern Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Hyderabad
- Expert, Faculty Selection Committee, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi
- Expert, Faculty Selection Committee, Karnatak University, Dharwad
- Member, Monitoring Committee, French Institutes in India (1998-2004)
- Mudra Institute of Communication, Ahmedabad (MICA), Panel for Group Discussion and Interviews. Also, for Faculty selection (1994-2003)
- Member, National Advisory Committee, Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- Indian Science Congress Association
- Indian History Congress Association
- South Asian Social Science Association
- Society for International Development
- Associate Editor, *South Asian Social Scientist*
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Human Ecology*
- Advisory Committee, Satya Nilayam, *Chennai Journal of Intercultural Philosophy*

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (Government of Tamil Nadu)

- Member, Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission Working Group on Minorities and Backward Classes (2011)

- Member, Governing Council, Tribal Research Centre, Udhagamandalam (Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department) (2005 to 2011)
- Member, State Level Scrutiny Committee for the Verification of the Scheduled Tribes Community Certificates (Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department) (2005 to 2011)
- Member, State Level Scrutiny Committee for the Verification of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minority Community Certificates (Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department) (2005 to 2011)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (Government of Kerala)

- Member, Governing Council, Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation, Government of Kerala, Kozhikode, Kerala (2019 onwards)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (Government of India)

- Member, General Body, Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India (2019 Onwards)
- Member, Expert Group on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India (2008)
- Member, Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (2005-2008)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (Non-Governmental)

- Member, International Tsunami Response Team
- Trustee, Roja Muthiah Research Library Trust, Chennai

SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS (GRANTS)

Completed:

- Consultant to the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, U.K, for the Project on Climate Change Mitigation (2007)
- “Use of Folk Media for Information and Dissemination of Developmental Communication” UGC, New Delhi (February 2002 – February 2004)

- "Palar Valley Project", Management of Social Transformations (MOST), UNESCO, Paris, in collaboration with the French Institute, Pondicherry (1997-2003)
- "Grassroots Anti-Corruption Initiatives and the Right to Information Movement in India" - A Study of Anti-Corruption and Right to Information Initiatives in Tamil Nadu, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, England (1999-2002)
- "Spaces, Territories and Identities in South Africa and India: A Comparative Study" (Indo-French-South African Project), University of Paris X, Nanterre, France (September 1999 – November 2001)
- "Biodiversity Conservation in Kodagu District (Karnataka): Impact of coffee plantations and comparison with Forest Ecosystems", UNESCO-Mac Arthur Foundation, with JNU, New Delhi and French Institute, Pondicherry (September 1997- December 1999)
- "Homelands and Transnational migration among South Asians", financed by South Asia Triangle Consortium and Rockefeller Residency Institute, Duke University, Durham, NC. USA. (July 1996 - June 1997)
- "Forest, Land Rights and Ancestral (Lineage) Land among Coorgs in South India", financed by Pacific Basin Research Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA., USA (January 1995 - June 1996)
- "National Forest Policy (1988) and People's Participation in Joint Forest Management in India", financed by Pacific Basin Research Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA., USA (April 1995 - June 1996)
- "Tea Plantation Labour in Tamil Nadu", financed by Freidrich Ebert Stiftung, New Delhi (June 1994 – June 1995)
- "Ethnicity and the Preservation of Tradition: An Intergenerational Study of Urdu-speaking South Asians in England", financed by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, London (October 1992 - July 1993)
- "Ecological Change and Society in the Central Western Ghats-- Study of Sacred Forests in Karnataka", Indo-French Project in collaboration with the French Institute, Pondicherry, and The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi (September 1991 - June 1995)

- “To Migrate or to Stay? A Study in Rural Change, Mobility and Retention of Village Population in India: The case of a few rural systems in South Karnataka”, Indo - French Project in collaboration with the French Institute, Pondicherry (August 1989 - July 1991)
- “Study of Migrant Labour in Karnataka”, for the National Commission on Rural Labour; financed by the Ministry of Labour, Government of India (May 1989 - April 1990)
- “Study of Religious and Linguistic Minorities in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka”, for The People of India National Project; financed by the Anthropological Survey of India (May 1987 - July 1988)
- “An Anthropological Study of the Conversion of Harijans to Islam in Tamil Nadu”, financed by the Indian Council for Social Science Research (May 1986 - April 1988)
- “Religious Conversions in Tirunelveli District”, financed by the Department of Anthropology, University of Madras (January - March 1984)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

INDIAN STATES: Karnataka; Tamil Nadu; Orissa; Bihar, Andaman Islands
 ENGLAND: Bradford, West Yorkshire
 FRANCE: Paris
 USA: Boston, MA. and Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Durham, NC
 THAILAND: Phattalung and Trang Provinces
 SRI LANKA: Plantations in the Kandy area

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Family Studies; Religious and Linguistic Minorities; Religious Conversions; Ethnicity; Indians Overseas; Biodiversity; Ecology; Resource Management and Environment; Migration/Urbanisation/HIV/AIDS; Governance/Corruption

PUBLICATIONS

Books / Monographs

- *Migration Dynamics: Networking, Ethnicity, Identity, and Schism*: Monograph No. 100: Centre for Multidisciplinary Development Research, Dharwad: 2018 (http://cmdr.ac.in/editor_v51/assets/Mono-100.pdf)
- *Report of the Expert Group on Diversity Index* (jointly with other Members), Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi: 2008

<http://minorityaffairs.gov.in/reports/report-expert-group-diversity-index-complete-report-1>

- *Communication for Development in the Digital Era* (Edited with J. Josephine and K. S. Raghavan), Chennai: ICCD, 2002
- *Sacred Groves in Kodagu District of Karnataka (South India): A Socio-Historical Study*, Pondy Papers in Social Sciences No. 21, Pondicherry: French Institute, 2001 (Second Revised Edition)
- *Tea Plantation Labour in India* (with S.K. Bhowmik and V. Xaxa); New Delhi: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 1996
- *Sacred Groves in Kodagu District of Karnataka (South India): A Socio-Historical Study*, Pondy Papers in Social Sciences No. 21, Pondicherry: French Institute, 1996
- *Women and Youth Training and Extension Project (WYTEP) in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu Women in Agriculture Project (TANWA) and Training and Extension for Women in Agriculture Project (TEWA) in Orissa: Evaluation Report* (jointly with others), Copenhagen, DANIDA, 1992
- *The Uprooted: Development, Displacement and Resettlement* (Ed. with V. Sudarsen); New Delhi: Gian Publishers, 1990

Articles (The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy)

- “A Winter of Anguish: On Ayodhya From Bradford” The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy: 9 December 2017
<http://www.thehinducentre.com/the-arena/current-issues/article9980947.ece>
- “Towards Genuine Pluralism” The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy: 13 November 2017
<http://www.thehinducentre.com/the-arena/current-issues/article9955057.ece>
- “Entrepreneurship in India: Is There a Level Playing Field?” (with A. Xavier Raj): The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy: 21 September 2017
<http://www.thehinducentre.com/the-arena/current-issues/article9865753.ece>

Articles in Journals

- “Higher Judiciary Needs to Take More Suo Motu Action”, *The India Forum*, 24 June 2022

<https://www.theindiaforum.in/article/higher-judiciary-needs-take-more-suo-motu-action>

- “Bharat Ki Nasal Samasya:....” *Samajik Vimarsh*, Volume 2, No. 1, Sage, 2019
- “The Closed Nature of Indian Universities” *The India Forum*, 1 November 2019 -- <https://www.theindiaforum.in/article/closed-nature-indian-universities>
- “India’s Race Problem: Ignorance and Denial” (with Hira Singh) *Social Scientist*, Volume No. 45 / Nos. 9-10 / September-October 2017
- “Spatial Segregation, Discrimination, and allied Dynamics in Internal and International Migrations”, *Kerala Sociologist*, 45 (1), June 2017
- “Lineage Ownership to Individual Rights: Social History of *Jamma* Land Tenure in Kodagu” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 51, No. 26-27, June 25, 2016
- “Missed Calls? People, Communication and Governance”, *Anthropology Today*, Vol. 1, No. 2, 2016
- “Meat of the Matter” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol LI No. 3, January 16, 2016
- “The Xenophobia of Patriots” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol XLIX No. 40, October 4, 2014
- “Conditioned Lives?” *Economic and Political Weekly* Special Issue on Symposium on the Sachar Committee Report, Vol XLII No. 10, March 10-16, 2007
- “South Asian Identity as *Islamic* Identity in England” *Islam and Muslim Societies: A Social Science Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2005 (pp. 61-85)
- “A Decade of Right to Information and Governance: Journey on a Potholed Road?” *SNC Journal of Intercultural Philosophy*, Vol. 8, August 2005 (pp. 117-122)
- “Minorities: In terms of Degree or Kind?” *SNC Journal of Intercultural Philosophy*, Vol. 4, August 2003 (pp. 113-118)
- “The Variable Development of Indian States: Changes in Socio-cultural, Political and Economic Spaces” (with L. Sabaratnam) *The Indian Geographical Journal*, Vol. 74 (No. 1), June 1999 (pp. 44-51)

- “The Transformation of the Coorg (Kodava) Family through the ages” *PILC Journal of Dravidic Studies*, Pondicherry, Vol. 1 (No. 1), 1991 (pp.69-76)
- “Religious Conversions in Tamil Nadu: Can these be viewed as Protest Movements?” *Indian Anthropologist*, Delhi, Vol. 20 (Nos. 1 & 2), 1990 (pp.39-48)
- “Anthropomorphism”. *The Encyclopedia of Social Sciences*, Tamil University, Tanjore, Vol. 9, 1990
- “The Islamization of Africa: The case of the Tumbuka of Zambia”—Comment *Journal Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs*, London, Vol. 11 (No. 1), January 1990 (pp.199-200)
- “Religious Conversions in Tamil Nadu (India)” *Journal Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs*, London, Vol. 10 (No. 2), July 1989 (pp.343-350)
- “The Classification of Kin” *The Encyclopedia of Social Sciences*, Tamil University, Tanjore, Vol. 5, 1987
- “Conversion and Protective Discrimination” *The Bulletin of The Henry Martin Institute of Islamic Studies*, Hyderabad, December, 1984 (pp.26-34)
- “Why the Harijan convert to Islam views reservations with reservation” *South Asia Research*, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, Vol.4 (No. 2), Nov.1984 (pp.153-167)
- “Race and Racism: An objective appraisal of myths and vested interests” (with V. Sudarsen) *The Journal of Madras University*, Vol. LVI, Jan. 1984 (pp.1-8)
- “Socio-cultural History of Coorg: with particular reference to Tipu Sultan's reign” *The Journal of Madras University*, Vol.LV (No. I) Jan. 1983 (pp.1-7)

Chapters in Books (English and French)

- “Elementary Education and Primary Health Care: Major concerns in the North-East Region” in *Social Innovations for Social Impact in North East*, Kazi, S.S. (ed), Guwahati, North East Development Foundation, 2015 (pp 26-29)
- “Indian Model of Managing Diaspora (Non-Resident Indians)” in *Potentials and Prospects of Pakistani Diaspora*, Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Pakistan, and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany, 2014 (pp. 160-173)

- "Identity, Space and Territory in India: An Anthropological Perspective" in P. Gervais-Lambony, F. Landy, S. Oldfield (ed), *Reconfiguring Identities and Building Territories / India and South Africa*, New Delhi, Manohar, 2005 (pp. 73-83)
- "Language, Ethnicity and Identity among the Muslims of the Palar Valley"; in *Industrialisation and Socio-Cultural change in the Tannery Belt (Tamil Nadu)*, Pondy Papers in Social Sciences, French institute, Pondicherry, 2004 (pp. 19-29)
- "Identite, espace et territoire en Inde: une perspective anthropologique" in P. Gervais-Lambony, F. Landy, S. Oldfield (ed), *Espaces arc-en-ciel. Identites et territoires en Afrique du Sud et en Inde*, Paris, Karthala, 2003 (pp. 69-84)
- "Information Society: Technological, Socio-Cultural and Economic Dynamics" in *Information Management: Trends and Issues / Ramesh Babu et al (eds.)*, New Delhi, Research Co., 2003 (pp. 107-110)
- "Kodava" in *People of India: Karnataka Volume XXVI, Part Two*, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); New Delhi, Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2003 (pp. 751-759)
- "Les bois sacres dans le district de Kodagu (Karnataka): étude socio-historique" in: *L'homme: et la foret en Inde du Sud: Modes de gestion et symbolisme de la foret dans les Ghats occidentaux / J. Pouchepadass and J.-Ph. Puyravaud (eds.)*, Paris: Institut Francaise De Pondicherry - Editions Karthala, 2002 (341-382)
- "The Diaspora Bandwagon: Are Indians Part of the Journey?" In *Indian Society: Continuity, Change and Development / Reddy P.S. and V. Gangadhar (eds)*; New Delhi: Commonwealth, 2002 (pp. 102-111)
- "Anglo Indians" (with Zubeeda, B.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu Volume LX, Part One*, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 126-132)
- "Ansari" (with Razia, S) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu Volume LX, Part One*, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 133-139)
- "Bohra" (with Subhadra, S.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu Volume LX, Part One*, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 241-244)

- “Dayare” (with Razia, S.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part One, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 370-374)
- “Jain” (with Zubeeda, B) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part One, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 492-496)
- “Jew” (with Subhadra, S.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part One, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 507-510)
- “Khoja” (with Zubeeda, B.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part Two, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 709-713)
- “Marwari” (with Zubeeda, B.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part Two, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 1014-1019)
- “Mukkuvan” (with Subhadra, S.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part Two, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp.1038-1041)
- “Nawaiyat” (with Razia, S) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part Two, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 1093-1098)
- “Parsi” (with Subhadra, S.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part Two, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 1196-1199)
- “Pathan” (with Subhadra, S.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part Two, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 1204-1208)
- “Rawther” (with Razia, S) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part Three, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 1259-1263)
- “Sheikh” (with Zubeeda, B.) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part Three, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 1328-1334)

- “Syed” (with Razia, S) in *People of India: Tamil Nadu* Volume LX, Part Three, Singh, K.S. (General Editor); Chennai: Anthropological Survey of India and Affiliated East West Press, 2001 (pp. 1419-1426)
- “*Devarakadus* (Sacred Groves) and Encroachments” In: *Mountain Biodiversity, Land Use Dynamics, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge* /Ramakrishnan, P.S. et.al (ed.); New Delhi: Oxford and IBH, 2000 (pp.98-106)
- “*Devarakadus* (Sacred Groves) and *Devarajagas* (Sacred Lands) of Kodagu: Control and Management” (with M. Thanuja) In: *Mountain Biodiversity, Land Use Dynamics, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge* /Ramakrishnan, P.S. et.al (ed.); New Delhi: Oxford and IBH, 2000 (pp.106-119)
- “Sacred Groves in Karnataka” In: *The Social Construction of Indian Forests* / Roger Jeffery (ed.); Centre for South Asian Studies, Edinburgh and Manohar, New Delhi, 1998 (pp. 39-54)
- “Moorings and Mobility in an Indian Context: An Anthropological Perspective” In: *Peasant Moorings: Village ties and Mobility Rationales in South India* / Jean-Luc Racine (ed.); New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1997(pp.79-95)
- “Ancreges et mobilite dans un contexte indien: une perspective anthropologique” In: *Les Attaches de L'Homme* /Jean-Luc Racine (ed.); Paris: Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 1994 (pp.61-76)
- “Development or Ethnocide?: with particular reference to the Andaman Archipelago” In: *Challenges of Development* / Suryanarayan, V. and V. Sudarsen (eds.); Delhi: Konarak Publishers, 1994 (pp.91-96)
- “Tribal Societies and Development: Beneficiaries or Victims?” In: *Relevance of Anthropology: The Indian Scenario* / Halbar, B.G. and C.G.H. Khan (eds.); Jaipur: Rawat Brothers, 1990 (pp.329-339)
- “Introduction” (with V. Sudarsen) In: *The Uprooted: Development, Displacement and Resettlement* / Kalam, M.A. and V. Sudarsen (eds.); New Delhi: Gian Publishers, 1990 (pp.1-5)
- “Rehabilitation and Relocation: Theory and Practice” (with V. Sudarsen) In: *The Uprooted: Development, Displacement and Resettlement* / Kalam, M.A. and V. Sudarsen (eds.); New Delhi: Gian Publishers, 1990 (pp.155-161)

- “Okka of the Coorgs - Lineage or Joint Family?” In: *Religion and Society in South India* / Reddy, G.P. et. al., (eds.); New Delhi: B.R. Publishers, 1987 (pp.195-219)

Review Article

- “Inside Tribal Society: A Survey of Research”; review of *Tribal Development In India: Problems and Prospects* / Buddhadeb Chaudhry (ed.); In: *State and Society*, Second Quarter, 1983 (pp.91-96)

Book Reviews

- *Leveling Crowds: Ethnonationalist Conflicts and Collective Violence in South Asia* / Stanley J. Tambiah; In: *Review of Development and Change*, Vol. III (No. 2) July-December 1998 (pp.353-358)
- *Lamani Economy and Society in Change* / B.G. Halbar; In: *South Asian Social Scientist*, Vol. IV (No. 1), Jan. - June, 1988 (pp.71-74)
- *From Mobilization to Institutionalization; the dynamics of agrarian movement in twentieth century Kerala* / T.K. Oommen; In: *South Asian Social Scientist*, Vol. II (Nos. 1 & 2), Jan.- Dec., 1986 (pp.11-112)
- “Failed Movements”; review of *Peasant movements in colonial India: North Bihar 1917 – 1942* / Stephen Henningham; In: *The Indian Express Magazine*, April 29, 1984
- *Social Stratification* / James Littlejohn; In: *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 23 (No. 2), September 1974 (pp.274-276)

Syndicated / Popular Articles

- “Shaky foundations of India’s educational structures”, Opinion/Deccan Herald, 22 January 2024
- “UGC’s flexible curriculum is a positive development”, Opinion/Deccan Herald, 21 November 2023
- “The social challenge to hosting 2036 Olympic Games”, Opinion/Deccan Herald, 23 October 2023
- “Rahul Gandhi-Lalu Prasad cooking video: Why right-wing trolls are riled by ‘Janeudhari Brahmin’ eating meat”, Opinion/The Indian Express, 8 September 2023

- “Migrant or native, we are all out of Africa”, Opinion/Deccan Herald, 11 August 2023
- “Uniform Civil Code | What kind of uniformity, whose code?”
Opinion/Deccan Herald, 19 July 2023
- “What might be leading to the rise of conflict in man-woman relationship”,
Opinion/MoneyControl, News18 portal, 14 June 2023
- “Wrestlers’ Protest | Seeking political answers instead of legal recourse”,
Opinion/Deccan Herald, 8 June 2023
- “Colonial exploitation included heritage theft, and that continues to this
day” -- Opinion/MoneyControl, News18 portal, 22 May 2023
- “Caste census: India’s affirmative action policy is based on 90+ years old
data” -- Opinion/MoneyControl, News18 portal, 25 April 2023
- “Citizenship renouncers are the new colonials. Call them ‘Desi’ colonials” -
- Opinion/MoneyControl, News18 portal, 2 April 2023
- “Foreign Universities in India: What difference can they make?
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**WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, CONFERENCES ORGANISED
(In India and Abroad)**

1. Conclave – *Idea of India – Gandhi 150*, jointly organised by Sewagram Collective, C.K. Prahalad Centre of Emerging India, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, and Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai, 18-19 August 2018
2. Workshop on “Minority Issues”, Mohamed Sathak Trust, Chennai, 12 January 2008
3. State-attempted Reforms, Peoples’ Movements and Socio-economic Changes” ICSSR / MHRD Sponsored International Seminar to commemorate 150 years of India’s First War of Independence, Mercara, Coorg, 8 to 11 May 2007
4. “Practice of Anthropology: New Challenges”, National Seminar in the Diamond Jubilee Seminar Series of the Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, 9-10 March 2006
5. Ford Foundation Sponsored International Workshop on “Regionality, Identity and Writing History” in collaboration with RMRLT, Chennai, 8 and 9 December 2005.
6. International Workshop on “Social Sciences and Fieldwork Logistics”, Chennai, 26 and 27 February 2004. International Participation.
7. International Conference on “Communication for Development in the Digital Era”, University of Madras, Chennai, Organised jointly with the Departments of Library and Information Science and Journalism and Communication, 6-8 February, 2002. International Participation.
8. Workshop on “Folk Media for Communication and Dissemination of Developmental Information”, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, April 27, 2001. Local Participation.
9. Jointly Organised a panel on “Identity Construction and Resistance in the South Asian Diaspora”. The 14th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Williamsburg, USA, July 26 to August 1, 1998. International Participation.

10. Jointly Organised “Rockefeller Foundation International Workshop on Migrations and Homelands, Real and Imagined: Constructing South Asian Muslim Identities”, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, USA, May 22-25, 1997. International Participation.
11. Jointly Organised National Seminar on “Forest, Land, and Tribal Communities: Rights and Realities”, Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, Madras, March 22 - 24, 1995. National Participation.
12. Jointly Organised National Seminar on “Developmental Process and the Problems of Rehabilitation and Relocation of the Uprooted”, Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, Madras, March 13-14, 1989. National Participation

**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES,
SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**
Invited Lectures and Keynote Addresses (In India and Abroad)
(Select List since February 2000)

1. “Ethnic Diversity and Social Relations in Sri Lanka” Lecture delivered at the Chennai Centre for China Studies, Chennai, 12 August 2024
2. “Enculturation, Socialisation and Education” Special Lecture for the Indian Sociological Society, 27 April, 2024
3. National Education Day Invited Lecture on “Education Dynamics in India”, Ajmal Foundation, Hojai, Assam, 11 November 2023
4. "Fieldwork: the essence of Social Sciences", Valedictory Address for Refresher Course of Sociology and Social Work, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad, 16 September, 2023).
5. Invited talk on “Diversity versus Pluralism in G-20 Nations....” at the Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, 21 June 2023
6. Invited Lecture on “Review of Literature” for PhD. scholars at CESS, Hyderabad, 13 June 2023
7. “Who cares for our examinations, marks and grades?” Invited Lecture (online), Training and Learning Centre, Tezpur Central University, 1 March 2023

8. "Family, the kinship nucleus, through the ages" – Prof. K. Ishwaran Memorial Lecture delivered at the Kuvempu University, Shimoga, Karnataka, on 9 November 2022
9. Invited Lecture (virtual) "Higher Education in India: Problems and Pitfalls", Rabindranath Tagore University, Hojai, Assam, 11 September 2021
10. Invited Lecture (virtual) "Labour: Different Sectors, Characteristics and Types of Organisation", School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi, 4 February 2021
11. Invited Lecture "Labour: Inherent Heterogeneity and the need for Disaggregation", IIT Madras, Chennai, 28 February 2020
12. Governing Council Meeting of the Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation (Calicut), with the Minister for SCs, STs, and BCs, Government of Kerala, Trivandrum, 22 January 2020
13. Invited Lecture "Growth of Anthropology and the Significance of Fieldwork: Combating Challenges For Development", IFMR LEAD Goa Staff Summit, 9-11 December 2019
14. Presented Paper "Caste and Hinduism: The Twin Myths" (with Hira Singh) at the Fifth International Conference on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, The New School, New York City, USA, 24 October 2019
15. Chaired Session on **Migrant Workers: Rights, Policy and Practice** at the 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden University, The Netherlands, 19 July 2019
16. Presented Paper "Migrations, State and Citizenship: The complicated scenario in Assam" in the Session **South Asia in Flux: Development, Displacement and Migration** at the 11th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden University, The Netherlands, 17 July 2019
17. Invited Lecture on "**International Migrations**", Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 8 April, 2019
18. Presented the Paper "Social Media Communication and the Decline of Caste/Class Domination" at the National Conference on **Caste and Communication**, organised by the Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 27-28 March 2019

19. Participated in Panel Discussion on *Academic and Administrative Audit*, at the **National Workshop Cum Training on Academic and Administrative Audit**, Christ University, Bangalore, Organised by the Xavier Board on Higher Education, 24 March 2019
20. Presented the Paper “Deprivation and Denial of access to the Commons: Increased marginalisation of underprivileged communities” at the International Workshop on **Spatial and Environmental Justice**, French Institute, Pondicherry, 19-22 March 2019
21. Keynote Address “Ibn Khaldun: The Life, Scholarship, and Work of a Pioneer”, at the **National Symposium/Seminar on Sociology of knowledge: A perspective from Ibn Khaldun**, Department of Sociology, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, 14-15 March 2019
22. Valedictory Address “Human Rights and Pluralism: Indian Scenario”, Basic Training Programme on Human Rights, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry, 4 March 2019
23. Symposium on Web Science, Robert Bosch Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, IIT Madras, Chennai 25-26 February 2019
24. Invited Lecture “Education and Health: Areas of Concern in Social Science Research in India” Human Resource Development Centre, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, 22 February 2019
25. Invited Lecture “Significance of Fieldwork: Priority for Empirical Research for Policy Planning” Human Resource Development Centre, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, 21 February 2019
26. Invited Talk “Fieldwork Ethics, Informed Consent, and Presentation of Data” at Symposium on 'Ethical Practices in Humanities and Social Sciences Research' IIT Kanpur, 16 February 2019
27. Chairperson, Valedictory Function, National Workshop on Management of University Administration, Sponsored by the Association of Indian Universities at Tezpur University, Assam, 6-8 February 2019
28. Chairperson, Interactive Session, National Workshop on Management of University Administration, Sponsored by the Association of Indian Universities at Tezpur University, Assam, 6-8 February 2019
29. Moderator, Round Table on “Future of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences”, Loyola College, Chennai, 23 November 2018

30. Invited Talk “India moving towards Sustainable and Inclusive Development – Ensuring No One Is Left Behind”, CII Regional Colloquium on Sustainable Development, organised by Confederation of Indian Industry, Hotel Hilton, Chennai, 22 November, 2018
31. Delegate “Good to Great” Internal Quality Assurance Cell Workshop, M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai, 25 October 2018
32. Board of Studies Meeting, Department of Sociology, Loyola College, Chennai, 25 September 2018
33. Member, Xavier Board of Higher Education in India Team for Academic and Administrative Audit, St. Philomena’s College, Mysore, 17-19 September 2018
34. Invited Talk “Academics and Happiness: The Indian Context”, Centre for Happiness, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur, 11 September, 2018
35. Invited Talk “Merit, Competency and Competition” Departments of Management Studies and Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur, 11 September, 2018
36. Invited Talk “Migration Dynamics: Networking, Ethnicity, Identity, and Schism” Centre for Multidisciplinary Development Research, Dharwad, 5 September 2018
37. Conclave – *Idea of India – Gandhi 150*, jointly organised by Sewagram Collective, C.K. Prahalad Centre of Emerging India @ LIBA, and Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai, 18-19 August 2018
38. Inaugural Address “From the Wheel to Beyond the Robots” Loyola Sociological Association, Loyola College, Chennai, 1 August 2018
39. Keynote Address “From Cultural Diversity to Cultural Pluralism: Is the journey smooth?” At the *National Seminar on Dialogue on Cultural Diversity and Development*, Anthropological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Udaipur, 21 May 2018
40. Advisory Committee Meeting, ICSSR sponsored project on “Study of Migration and its relation with Modernity” at Centre of Multidisciplinary Development Research, Dharwad, 3 May 2018

41. Keynote Address “Rising Fascism, Minorities, and State Complicity”, National Conference on *Language, Culture and Minorities: Issues and Challenges*, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, 22 and 23 March 2018
42. “Inclusion and the Marginalised Groups (SCs, STs, Minorities)”, Symposium on Welfare State and Base of the Pyramid, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Chennai, 28 February 2018
43. Invited Lecture “Religious and Caste-Class Discrimination in Entrepreneurship”, Annual Conference of Indian Association of Social Science Institutes (IASSI), Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, 4-5 December 2017
44. “Indian Diaspora Entrepreneurship in Silicon Valley and IT hubs and startups in South India” Paper presented at the Global Conference on Diaspora Studies and Policies, Institute of International Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands, 5-7 October 2017
45. Keynote Address “Spatial Segregation, Discrimination, and allied Dynamics in Internal and International Migrations” Kerala Sociological Association Annual Conference, 9 December 2016
46. “Spatial Mobility and Networking: Internal and International Migration Contexts” International Winter School, French Institute, Pondicherry, 28 November 2016
47. **Inaugural Lecture** “Rural Research Methodology” at the Training Course on Research Methodology in Rural Development, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (North East Regional Centre) Guwahati, 18 July 2016
48. **Plenary Lecture** “ICT in Higher Education: Beyond the Confines of the classroom and library” at the National Seminar on **New Dimensions in Higher Education in the Context of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)** Hojai College, Hojai, Assam, 4 June, 2016
49. **Invited Lecture** “Lop-sided accent in Anthropology of the North East: High time for course correction”, at the Golden Jubilee Symposium of the Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, 26-27 May 2016
50. **Resource Person** “ICSSR Capacity Building Workshop for Social Sciences Faculty”, Nagaland University, Lumami, 29 April 2016

51. "Pluralism: Towards engagement with Diversity" **Public Lecture** at the Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation (CREST), Calicut, January 6, 2016
52. "Peoples of India: Nationality and Citizenship Issues", **Panel Discussion** on Sixty-five years of the Indian Constitution, Tezpur University, 26 November 2015
53. "Facets of Globalisation and Inequality in India: Caste, Class and Poverty" Paper Presented at the **Resisting Inequality/Enabling Inclusion: An India-Canada Comparison Symposium**, at York University, Toronto, Canada, June 8-10, 2015
54. **Keynote Address** "Madrassas and English Education", UGC National Seminar on "Importance of English Education in the Madrassas of Assam", HAA College, Dobokka, Assam, 10-11 April 2015
55. **Invited Lecture** "Education and Training as harbingers of skills among youth in North East India" at the National Seminar on "Youth and Skill Development in the North East", Organised by the V V Giri National Labour Institute, Delhi and ICSSR—NERC Shillong, 26 and 27 March 2015, Shillong
56. **Participant** in Workshop on "Capacity Building for Mitigation of Climate Change using Precision Agriculture", Department of Energy, Tezpur University, and North Dakota State University, USA, 20-22 March, 2015, Tezpur University, Tezpur
57. **Resource Person** at the "Capacity Building Programme for Faculty Members in Social Science". Delivered Lectures on 1. "Methodological Issues in Social Science Research", 2. "Objectivity in Social Science Research" and 3. "Interview as a technique in Social Science Research", on 13 and 14 February 2015. ICSSR—NERC Shillong.
58. "Interrogating Mainstream Sociology of Caste: Questions of Theory and Method" with Hira Singh (Presented by co-author), All India Sociological Conference, Varanasi, 29 and 30 November 2014
59. "Arundhati Roy on Gandhi, Ambedkar, and the Annihilation of Caste: Perpetuating the Myth of Religion [Hinduism] and caste" with Hira Singh (Presented by co-author), All India Sociological Conference, Varanasi, 29 and 30 November 2014
60. **Expert** at the Workshop on "Witch Hunting in Assam", 22, November 2014, Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam

61. **Inaugural Lecture** in Series of Lectures on Frontier Knowledge, Imagination and Initiatives based on the works of Nobel Laureates of the year 2014, November 10, 2014, Tezpur University
62. **Valedictory Address** “Rural Development with particular reference to North East India”, National Seminar on Managing Rural Development in North East India: Perspectives, Policies and Experiences, Department of Management Studies, November 8, 2014, Tezpur University
63. **Inaugural Lecture** “Social Science Research in Rural Development”. Course on Research Methodology in Rural Development, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (North East Regional Centre) Guwahati, 27 October 2014
64. **Chairperson** for Academic Sessions “Ethnic Identity and Social Mobility” and “Urbanization and Development”, National Seminar on “Mobility and World View of the Singpho and Khampati Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam”, Sponsored by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, and Organised by the Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam, 27 and 28 March 2014
65. **Invited Lecture** on “Aging and Progressive Gender Discrimination”, National Seminar on Aging in India with Special Reference to North-East India, Organised by Equal Opportunity Cell, in Collaboration with Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies, Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam, March 22 and 23, 2014
66. **Chairperson** for Technical Session III, National Seminar on “The Practice of Everyday Life in North-East India: An Interdisciplinary Approach”, Sponsored by ICSSR, Organised by the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam, 14 and 15 March 2014
67. **Chairperson** for Sessions on “Ecology, Forests and Resource Management--I” (22 February 2014), and “Ecology, Forests and Resource Management II” (23 February 2014) Indian Anthropology Congress, Dibrugarh University, 21-23 February 2014
68. **Dibrugarh University Colloquium** “Human Origins and Diversity: Physical and Socio-Cultural Facets”, Dibrugarh University, Assam, 20 December 2013
69. **Scholar-in-Residence** Interaction with Research Scholars and Faculty, Dibrugarh University, Assam, 20 December 2013

70. **Invited Lecture** “History, Oral Literature and Fiction: Complements/Supplements to Ethnography and Fieldwork”, Nagaland University, Kohima, Nagaland, 6 December 2013
71. **Invited Lecture** “Primary Schooling, Health Issues, and Development” **National Education Conclave**, Ajmal Corporate Social Responsibility, Ajmal Foundation, Hojai, Assam, 1 December 2013
72. **Keynote Address**: “Neglected because it is Elementary?: Examining and Locating Primary and Secondary Schooling in the larger context” , North East Business Summit, Ministry of Development of North East Region (DoNER) and Indian Chamber of Commerce, Dibrugarh, 23-24 November 2013
73. **National Education Day Talk** on “Education and Employability: Is our Scholastic Slip Showing?” Tezpur University, Tezpur, 11 November 2013
74. **Gandhi Jayanti Talk** on “Insights into Secularism and Nonviolence”, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 2 October 2013
75. “Encountering and Countering Hegemonies: Re-examining Exclusion, Exploitation, and Oppression”, Paper presented at the **National Seminar on Social and Economic Status of the Marginalised Communities in Brahmaputra Valley with special reference to the Scheduled Caste Groups**, organised by the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University in association with ICSSR, NERC, Shillong, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 27-28 September, 2013
76. **Invited Lectures I and II** on “Diversity Issues in India” at the **Orientation Programme for Research Scholars and Faculty Members belonging to Scheduled Castes and Other Marginalized Groups**, Equal Opportunity Cell, Tezpur University, Tezpur, September 23, 2013
77. **Invited Lecture** on “Linguistic and Socio-Cultural Heterogeneity”, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya, Khanapara, Meghalaya, 19 September 2013
78. “Fieldwork at Home, Fieldwork Abroad: Cross-cultural Perspectives, Learning, and Conditioning”, **Human Vistas Lecture Series**, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 14th August, 2013
79. **Public Lecture** “Sub-continental Muslims and Diversity”, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, 5 December 2012

80. **Invited Lecture** “Indian Model of Managing the *Diaspora* (Non-Resident Indians)” at the **International Conference on “Potentials and Prospects of Pakistani Diaspora”** Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Pakistan, 14-15 November 2012
81. **Invited Lecture** “Paddy and Ginger Cultivation: Commercial Contest between the old and the new in Kodagu (Coorg) District of Karnataka”, **National Workshop on Paddy Growing Cultures in India**, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi and Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry, 4 December 2011
82. **Keynote Address** “Paddy: Rice, Ritual and Commerce”, **National Workshop on Paddy Growing Cultures in India**, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi and Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry, 3 December 2011
83. **Special Lecture** “Varied Facets of the Genome Project: Migration in History”, Margherita College, Margherita, Assam, 23 September 2011
84. **Invited Lecture** “From *overt* discrimination to Affirmative Action: Ameliorative Attempts at Positive Discrimination in the United States of America”, Seminar on Development and Social Inclusion--Perspectives from the United States of America, Tezpur University and US Consulate, Kolkata, Tezpur, 11 September 2011
85. **Special Lecture** “The Conduct of Research in Social Sciences” Kannur University, Kannur, Kerala, October 21, 2010
86. **Special Lecture 4:** “Questions of Merit, Intelligence, and Reservations”, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, 11 March 2010
87. **Special Lecture 3:** “Ethnicity, Language, and Identity among Overseas Indians”, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, 11 March 2010
88. **Special Lecture 2:** “Human Evolution and Socio-cultural Evolution”, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, 11 March 2010
89. **Special Lecture 1:** “‘Out of Africa’ and Human Migrations”, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, 11 March 2010
90. “Ethology, Technology, and Socio-cultural Evolution”, INSA (Indian National Science Academy) Symposium on New Facets of Evolutionary Biology, Madras Christian College, Chennai, 17 February 2010

91. **Special Lecture** "Out of Africa and Socio-cultural Evolution", Bicentennial Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Charles Darwin, Organised by the University of Madras and Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, 20 January, 2010
92. **Keynote Address** "Development Without Participation, Citizens Without Rights: Tribal Societies and Their Plight", National Seminar on "Vanishing Tradition and Livelihood Systems in Tribal Areas", Organised by KIRTADS, Govt. of Kerala, Calicut, 16-18 December 2009
93. **Special Lecture** "Class, Merit and Reservations: Misleading Interpretations and Hollow Arguments", Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation, Govt. of Kerala, Calicut, 16 December 2009
94. **Visiting Scholar Lecture** "Sub continental Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Citizenship in Overseas Contexts", Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, May 22, 2009
95. **Visiting Scholar Lecture** "Contemporary Religious Conversions in Tamil Nadu: Meenakshipuram and Beyond" Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, May 26, 2009
96. **Keynote Address** "Adivasis and the State: Land Political Process and Developmental Issues", National Seminar on **State, Development and the Adivasi Question**, Department of Political Science, Kerala University, Trivandrum, 2-3 April 2009
97. **Keynote Address** "Implications of Globalisation on Higher Education", National Seminar on "Globalisation and Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities", Andhra Muslim College, Guntur, 15 February 2009
98. **Special Address** "Sexuality Today: Contemporary Dimensions of Gender and Sex" **Fourth International Conference on Sexuality**, Indian Institute of Sexual Medicine, Departments of Anthropology and Psychology, University of Madras, Chennai, February 14, 2009
99. Participated in the **Validation Workshop of the Kerala Government Project on Decentralisation and Governance**, Kochi, 9 and 10 January 2009
100. "Gender and Seasonal Migration of Labour in the Plantation Districts of Karnataka" Paper presented at the **Consultation on Gender and Migration Workshop** organised by the Centre for Women' Development Studies, Chennai, 5 and 6 January 2009

101. **Chaired** Session on “**Education, Culture and Text Books**”, International Seminar on **Democratic and Secular Education**, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 4-6 December 2008
102. “Affirmative Action, Equity, and Merit: Apathetic State and Uneven Educational Field” Paper presented at the International Seminar on **Democratic and Secular Education**, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 4-6 December 2008
103. **Presidential Address**, Planning Meeting of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in India, UN Economic, Social and Cultural Council, Chennai, 11 July 2008
104. **Keynote Address**, Seminar on Implementation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in India, UN Economic, Social and Cultural Council, Chennai, 12 July 2008
105. Expert Group Meeting on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 24 June 2008
106. “From being *Indian* to constructing South Asian hetero-homogeneity: Overseas *Indian* Diversity in comparative perspective”, Paper presented at the **International Seminar on Diversity in the Indian Diaspora: Nature, Implications and Responses**. Also, Chaired a Session. Organised jointly by the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla and Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, 7-9 May 2008
107. Expert Group Meeting on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 3 May 2008
108. Research and Consultation Meeting with the Kodagu Natural Sciences Study Society, Mercara, Coorg, 12 April 2008
109. Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 24 March 2008
110. “Basic and Applied Research in Anthropology: Ethics and Practice”, and “Anthropology and Environmental Research”, Papers presented at the **International Workshop on Anthropological Concepts and Methods** jointly organized by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (New York) and Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram, 7-9 March 2008

111. "Wetware, '*Knowledge*' Society and Marginalisation: IT, ITES, and Exclusion", Keynote Address at the International Conference on **Social Development, Social Movements, and the Marginalised**, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, 16-19 February 2008
112. "Attaining Diversity in Public Spaces", Keynote Address at the **National Conclave on Implementation of the Sachar Committee Report**, Calicut, 9 February 2008
113. "Missed Calls?: People, Governance, and Communication", Plenary Address, UGC National Seminar on **Public Affairs and Governance: Challenges and Strategies**, Anna Centre for Public Affairs, University of Madras, Chennai, 24-25 January, 2008
114. ICSSR Southern Regional Centre Advisory Committee Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, Hyderabad, 18 January 2008
115. Keynote Address, **State Level Workshop on Diversity Index** for Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, Organised by OMEIAT 12 January 2008
116. Expert Group Meeting on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 5 January 2008
117. Research Institutes Committee Meeting, Southern Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Hyderabad, 15 December 2007
118. Expert Group Meeting on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 6 December, 2007
119. Meeting with the Minister, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 5 December, 2007
120. Meeting of the Advisory Meeting of the Southern Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Hyderabad, 28 November 2007
121. Expert Group Meeting on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 24 November, 2007
122. Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 17 November 2007
123. Meeting of the Research Institutes Committee, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 16 November 2007

124. Expert Group Meeting on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 16 October, 2007
125. Advisory Committee Meeting, Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, 14 September 2007
126. Expert Group Meeting on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 28 September, 2007
127. Expert Group Meeting on Diversity Index, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, 12 September, 2007
128. Subject Area Committee Meeting, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 8 September 2007
129. Chaired Session on “**Metropolitan Transition and Socio-economic Issues**”, International Seminar on “**Metropolitan Transition in India: Spatial Tensions and Synergies**”, French Institute and Renault, France, at Anna University, 30-31 August, 2007
130. “Metropolitan Planning, Climate Change and Adaptation in the Chennai Metropolitan Area” Paper presented at the International Seminar on “**Metropolitan Transition in India: Spatial Tensions and Synergies**”, French Institute and Renault, France, at Anna University, 30-31 August, 2007
131. Meeting of the Thrust Areas Committee of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, ICSSR, New Delhi, 25 August 2007
132. “Merging Diversities and Appropriating *Communities* at the Sub-Continental Level: Spatial and Temporal Dimensions of South Indian Islam” Paper presented at the National Seminar on **Histories, Cultures, Politics: Islam and Muslims in South India, Anveshi, Hyderabad, 17-18 August 2007**
133. **International Seminar** on “*Revisiting the Poverty Issue: Measurement, Identification and Eradication*” State Planning Board, Government of Bihar and other sponsors, Patna, 20-22 July 2007
134. **ICSSR Review Committee Meeting**, A.N. Sinha Institute, Patna, 20 July 2007
135. **Subject Experts Committee Meeting**, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 7 July 2007

136. Meeting with the Chairman and Members of the National Commission for Minorities, Hotel Taj Coromandel, Chennai, 4 July 2007
137. Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 25 and 26 June 2007
138. **Special Lecture** on *Learning Research Methodology*, Teaching Faculty Foundation Course, Loyola College, Chennai, 7 June 2007
139. **Special Lecture** on *Fieldwork and Research Methodology*, Centre for Reproductive Health Management, Karnatak University, Dharwad, 2 June 2007
140. **Keynote Address**, National Seminar on *Islam, Identity and Politics*, JBAS Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Madras, 26 March 2007
141. **Keynote Address**, College and Sports Day, The Quide Milleth College, Chennai, 21 March 2007
142. Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 17 March 2007
143. "Where were Diaspora till the 1990's?", paper presented at the International Conference on "**Facets of Tamil Diaspora**", French Institute, Pondicherry, 14 to 16 March 2007
144. "Sixty Years of Anthropology at the University of Madras: Indo-European Genesis and Development", paper presented at the International Workshop on "**Formation of Anthropology and Sociology in India: Documenting Knowledge, Scholars, Practices, and Institutions**", University of Pune, Pune, 3-4 February 2007
145. ICSSR Southern Regional Centre Advisory Committee Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, Hyderabad, 5 January 2007
146. **Special Lecture** "Knowledge Society and IT Industry in Tamil Nadu" at the All India Sociology Conference, Chennai, 28 December 2006
147. **Valedictory Address** "Research in Natural Sciences and Social Sciences" at the Research Methodology Workshop Level – 1, Faculty of Social Sciences, Osmania University, Hyderabad, 23 December 2006
148. ICSSR North Eastern Regional Centre Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 9 December 2006

149. **ICSSR Review Committee Meeting** OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, 7 and 8 December 2006
150. Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 18 November 2006
151. **Keynote Address** "Language and Culture in Multicultural Societies" International Conference on "Spanish Language and Culture", Organised in Chennai by the Instituto Hispanica, New Delhi, 4-6 November 2006
152. ICSSR Southern Regional Centre Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, Hyderabad, 2 November 2006
153. ICSSR Western Regional Centre Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of University of Mumbai, Mumbai, 7 October 2006
154. ICSSR North Western Regional Centre Meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of Punjab University, Chandigarh, 19 and 20 September 2006
155. **Keynote Address**, ICSSR and Indo-Turkish Business Association Sponsored Workshop on "Effective Research for Ph.D. Scholars", Osmania University, Hyderabad, 23 September 2006
156. "Objectivity in Social Science Research", Paper presented at the ICSSR and Indo-Turkish Business Association Sponsored Workshop on "Effective Research for Ph.D. Scholars", Osmania University, Hyderabad, 23 September 2006
157. **Keynote Address**, ICSSR and Action Aid sponsored Workshop on "Life After Tsunami", Madura College (Autonomous), Madurai, August 23 and 24, 2006
158. **International Workshop on Post-Tsunami Situation**, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 23 July 2006
159. **Review of Post-Tsunami and related Work done by ActionAid in Thailand's Southern Provinces**, Thailand, 8-14 July 2006
160. **Planning and Coordination Meeting**, International Water Management Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 21-22 June 2006
161. Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 9 June 2006
162. **"Ethnicity and Class Construction in England and the USA"**, Seminar, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, France, 31 May 2006

163. **“Around You”**, Meet organised to address the French Researchers working in South Asia, Paris, France, 30 May 2006
164. Workshop on **“Comparative Study of Indian and Arab Cities”**, University of Paris VII, Paris, France, 16-17 May 2006
165. **ICSSR Review Committee Meeting** Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkotta, and ICSSR Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkotta, 29-30 March 2006
166. Resource Person, **“Strategy Planning Workshop for Tsunami Response Programme”**, Port Blair, 21-23 March 2006
167. “Why Anthropology is Embedded in Tribal Moorings?” Paper presented at the **“Practice of Anthropology: New Challenges”**, National Seminar in the Diamond Jubilee Seminar Series of the Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, 9-10 March 2006
168. “Ethnicity and Identity Revolving around Language among South Asians in England” Paper presented at the National Seminar on **“Culture, Language and Social Identities”** Indian Institute of Advanced Study (Shimla) and Department of Philosophy, University of Madras, Chennai, March 6-8, 2006
169. **Keynote Address**, National Seminar on **Broken People and Religious Discourses**, Centre for Ambedkar Studies and Folklore Resources and Research Centre, St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai, 27-28 February 2006
170. Chaired Session on *Sociology for Development Sector*, National Seminar on **Future of Sociology: Challenges and Responses in Academia**, Department of Sociology, University of Madras, Chennai, 23-24 February 2006
171. Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 10 February 2006
172. **International Workshop on Labour/Migration/** Pondy 7-8 February 2006
173. **Inaugural Address**, Seminar on **“Transformation in Tulu Society and Culture”** Dakshin Chitra, 6 January 2006
174. “Environmental Sustainability and the Role of the Civil Society” Paper presented at the Workshop on **“Millennium Development Goals: Future Challenges and the role of the Universities”**, S.V. University, Tirupati, 31 December 2005

175. Ministerial Level Meeting of the Tamil Nadu State Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Tribal Research Centre, Ooty, 22 December, 2005
176. "Muslim Identity, Space and Territory in the Palar Valley" Paper presented at the Ford Foundation Sponsored Workshop on "**Regionality, Identity and Writing History**" in collaboration with RMRLT, Chennai, 8 and 9 December 2005.
177. Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 7 November 2005
178. Consultative Workshop on "**Post-Tsunami Rehabilitation and Reconstruction**", Organised by Action Aid, Chennai, 27 October 2005.
179. Member, Scientific Committee, and Discussant, International Seminar on **Actors and Models of the Indian Diaspora in International Relations**, jointly organised by the Centre for Human Sciences of the French Embassy and India International Centre, New Delhi, 26 and 27 September 2005
180. **Special Lecture** "*Healing, Prevention and Cure*", Centre for Reproductive Health Management, Karnatak University, Dharwad, 21 September 2005
181. **Curriculum Development Committee Meeting**, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai, 9 September 2005
182. Indo-French Workshop on **Urban Dynamics**, French Institute, Pondicherry, 4 and 5 August 2005
183. Research Institutes Committee Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 15 July 2005
184. Meeting of the Governing Council, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 6 June, 2005
185. "Contemporary Kodava Socio-Economic Status: Justice Havanur Commission Report and Beyond", Paper presented at the Seminar organised by Codava National Council, Madikeri, 14 April 2005
186. "Social Transformation through Quality Primary Education", Talk Delivered at the Coorg Foundation, Polibetta, Coorg, 30 March 2005

187. Seminar on **Identity, Equality and Social Transformation**, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Postgraduate College, Madikeri, Coorg, 29 March 2005
188. **Inaugural Address** at the Inauguration of the Karnataka Chapter of the ICSSR, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Postgraduate College, Madikeri, Coorg, 29 March 2005
189. "Changing Social Organisation and Land Tenure among Kodavas", Talk Delivered at the Kodava Samaj, Bangalore, 27 March 2005
190. **First Prof. A. Aiyappan Memorial Lectures (Two)** Delivered at M.G. University, Kottayam, Kerala, 23 March 2005
191. Chaired the Inaugural Session at the Workshop on **Social Empowerment Praxis Strategies**, School of Social Sciences, M.G. University, Kottayam, Kerala, 22 March 2005
192. **Indo-Sri Lankan Seminar on Social Sciences and Humanities**, Department of Anthropology University of Madras, Chennai, 20-21 March 2005
193. **Member, Supreme Court Commission on Food Security and Livelihood Rights in Tsunami Affected areas of Pondicherry and Karaikal**, for Public Hearings, 18-19 March 2005.
194. International Inter-University Programme on "**Social Water Management**" Syllabus finalising Workshop, M.G. University, Kottayam, Kerala, 1 March 2005
195. National Seminar on "**Experiencing Participation**", Department of Anthropology University of Madras, Chennai, 28 February 2005
196. "The Dual Citizenship Muddle: From Exclusive Elitism to Reluctant Inclusion" Paper presented at the International conference on "**Indian Diaspora: Trends, Issues and Concern**", UGC Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, 24-26 February 2005
197. Chaired a Session at the International Workshop on "**Social Science: Dialogue with Research, Training, Activism and Policy**" Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, 17-19 February 2005

198. "Teaching, Research and Activism in Social Sciences: Are these Separate Domains" Paper presented at the International Workshop on "**Social Science: Dialogue with Research, Training, Activism and Policy**" Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, 17-19 February 2005
199. "The United Nations Charter and Minorities and Ethnic Groups" Paper presented at the National Seminar on Minorities and Ethnic Groups, organised by Codava National Council, Bangalore, 4 and 5 February 2005.
200. National Seminar on "**Communities and Identities**", Department of Anthropology University of Madras, Chennai, 22 and 23 January, 2005
201. Workshop on the "**Comprehensive Development of Adivasi Communities in Wayanad,**" An Initiative of the Centre of Excellence, IIM Calicut, Kalpetta, Wayanad, Kerala, 6 and 7 January 2005.
202. "Peripheral to the Core: Latent and Manifest ways of Socio-Economic Exclusion of Lower Castes and Lower Classes" Paper presented at the National Seminar on "**Social Development Strategies and Marginalised Communities in South India**" Organised by the Centre of Excellence, IIM Calicut, Calicut, 5 January 2005
203. Inaugural Address, Inauguration of the Kerala Chapter of the ICSSR, Centre of Excellence, IIM Calicut, Calicut, 5 January 2005
204. Seminar on "Economic Security in Peninsular India", jointly organised by the Madras Institute of Development Studies and Centre for Security Analysis, Chennai, 29 and 30 October, 2004
205. International Conference on "Curriculum Development of Social Water Management", Organised by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, at Travancore Heritage, Thiruvananthapuram, 13 to 17 October 2004.
206. "Language, Ethnicity and Identity" invited lecture at the AMIDST forum, MIDS, Chennai, 5 October 2004
207. "Porous Borders, Inflexible Minds: Socio-Economic Aspects Versus Security Concerns vis-à-vis Refugees", Paper presented at the National Seminar on "**Fostering Cooperation Towards Addressing Refugee Concerns**" UNHCR and Centre for Security Analysis, Chennai, 25 September 2004

208. National Seminar on “**Information Technology and Social Science Perspectives**”, MIDS, Chennai, 18 September 2004.
209. “Anthropological Thoughts on the Current State of Healing in India” Paper presented at the International Workshop *Mirrored Views on Healing Systems in India: Merging Policies, Politics and Practices*, French Institute, Pondicherry, 19-20 April 2004. Chair: Panel “Issues on the Legality of Medical Practices”
210. Sixth Monitoring Committee Meeting of the French Institutes in India, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 5 April 2004
211. National Seminar on Islam and Human Rights, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Madras, Chennai, 23 March 2004. Chaired Session on Islam and Human Rights: Beyond the Universalist-Cultural Relativist Debate
168. Keynote Address delivered at the National Seminar on Anthropology: Contemporary Challenges and Perspectives, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, 11 and 12 March 2004
- 169 “Rural-Urban and Home-Overseas: Logistics and Dilemma of Fieldwork in India, England and USA” Paper presented at the International Workshop on Social Sciences and Fieldwork Logistics, Chennai, 26 and 27 February 2004
- 170 “Live Performances, CDs and Cable TV: Fieldwork and Dissemination of Developmental Communication” Paper presented (jointly with S. Ponnarasu) at the International Workshop on Social Sciences and Fieldwork Logistics, Chennai, 26 and 27 February 2004
- 171 Seminar on “Aspects of India’s Demographic, Socioeconomic and Environmental Future”, MIDS, Chennai, 8 January, 2004.
- 172 “Kodavas and the Issue of Minority Status” Paper presented at the Kodava National Convention, Kakkabe, Coorg, 10-11 December 2003.
- 173 “The Genesis of Fieldwork and Ethnography” Invited Talk, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, 19 November, 2003.
- 174 “Anthropology and Folklore” Paper presented at the National Workshop on Folklore, Kovalam, Kerala, 16-18 November, 2003.

- 175 “Right to Information: Going about the Wrong Way?” Paper presented at the Conference on “India-Egypt: Trajectories and Institutions of Development in Egypt and India” Cairo University and Centre for Economic, Juridical and Social Studies and Documentation, Cairo, Egypt, October 1 and 2, 2003.
- 176 “India: Sustaining Reform, Reducing Poverty” – Workshop on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank and Madras School of Economics, Chennai, September 15, 2003.
- 177 “Public Libraries, Information Technology and Society in the Digital Era” Paper presented at the National Seminar on New Public Libraries in the Information Age, Connemara Public Library, June 12 and 13, 2003.
- 178 “Minorities in Tamil Nadu: Do They Count Beyond Numbers?” Paper presented at the National Conference on State and Public Policy in South Indian States, ICSSR Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad. Chaired the Session on Environment Policy of Southern States, March 27-28, 2003.
- 179 “AIDS, Youth and NGOs in Tamil Nadu” – Workshop on Developing Outcome Indicators, Foundation for Sustainable Development (India), IIT Madras and Health Policy Unit, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK) (Supported by UNAIDS), IIT Madras, 20 December 2002.
- 180 “A Quarter Century of Caste Conflict in Tamil Nadu” Paper presented at the Seminar on Caste in Southern India: Contemporary Debates, Anthropological Survey of India Southern Regional Centre, Mysore 17 December 2002
- 181 “Ethnicity and Identity among the Kodavas” Paper presented at the Kodava National Convention, Mercara, Coorg, 10-11 December 2002
- 182 “Sacred Groves, Myths and Legends–Cultural Practices as producing Environmental Governance” Paper presented at the International Conference on Environmental Governance: Perspectives from above and below, Goa University, TERI and KAF, Goa, 6-8 December 2002
- 183 “Aspects of Ethnicity and National Security” Refresher Course, Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Academic Staff College, University of Madras, Chennai, 20 September, 2002
- 184 Workshop on Village Surveys, CDS, Thiruvananthapuram and MIDS, Chennai, at MIDS, Chennai, August 29-31, 2002. Resource Person/Discussant.

- 185 "*Lack of Social Sensitivity in Human Rights Issues*" Paper presented at the Workshop on Human Rights and Social Justice, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras, 31 July 2002
- 186 "*Language, Ethnicity and Identity among the Muslims of the Palar Valley*" Paper presented at the National Seminar on Confronting Inequality, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, 26-28 March 2002
- 187 "*Tamil Nadu Right to Information Act and Transparency in Governance: Rhetoric and Reality*" paper presented (jointly with M. Thanuja) at the International Conference on Communication for Development in the Digital Era, University of Madras, Chennai, 6-8 February, 2002
- 188 "*Indians Overseas: Historical, Regional and Ethnic Issues*" paper presented at the ICSSR Conference on Challenges of the New Century: Response from Social Sciences, ICSSR Southern Regional Centre, Osmania University, Hyderabad, 20 –22 December, 2001; Chaired the Session on "Challenges of Management"
- 189 "*Space, Territory and Identity in India: An Anthropological Perspective*" paper presented at the International Conference on Space, Territory and Identity in South Africa and India – Comparative Perspectives, University of Paris X, Nanterre, France, 29 and 30 November, 2001; Chaired the Session on *Minorities and Territories*
- 190 Sixth Workshop on Fieldwork in India, Centre of Indian and South Asian Studies, Paris, France, 26 November, 2001
- 191 "*Right-to-Information and Transparency in Governance in India*" paper presented at the Workshop on Indian Themes, CNRS-REGARDS, Bordeaux, France, 19 November, 2001
- 192 "*Democracy and Governance in India*" Refresher Course, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Academic Staff College, University of Madras, Chennai, 12 October, 2001
- 193 "*Social Reforms through Legislation or Education?*" paper presented at the National Conference organised by the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution, CLRI, Chennai, October 5-7, 2001
- 194 "*Persons of Indian Origin and their Concerns: Dual Citizenship, Expectations/Aspirations and Relative Deprivation*", paper presented at the National Workshop on Indian and Indian Diaspora: Linkages and Expectations", Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, September 8-9, 2001

- 195 "*Religion, Caste and Society in Tamil Nadu*" paper presented at the Tamil Summer School Workshop, French Institute, Pondicherry, 8 August 2001
- 196 Organised Workshop on "*Folk Media for Communication and Dissemination of Developmental Information*" (ICSSR Sponsored), Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, April 27, 2001
- 197 National Seminar on "Future of Social Sciences: The Search for New Perspectives", Paper presented: "*Anthropology in India: Ethnicity and Identity of Anthropologists*", Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, April 19-21, 2001
- 198 Discussant for International Seminar on "Displaced People in South Asia", Madras Institute of Development Studies, and Indo-Dutch Programme on Alternatives in Development, Chennai, March 2-4, 2001
- 199 National Seminar on "Sacred Groves", Paper presented "Sacred Groves: Conservation for Posterity or Confiscation as Property", Forestry College, Ponnampet, Coorg, October 18-20, 2000
- 200 Seminar on "Communities and Identity Consciousness", Paper presented: "*Flexible and Multiple Identities*", Department of Christian Studies, University of Madras, Chennai, September 6-7, 2000
- 201 UGC National Seminar on "Internet Technologies", Paper presented: "*GIS and Social Sciences: Macro and Micro Level Issues*", Chair: Session on "Internet Technologies" Department of Library and Information Science, University of Madras, Chennai, August 30-31, 2000
- 202 Workshop on "Matching Responsibilities and Resources: The Role of State Finance Commissions", Madras School of Economics and Public Expenditure Roundtable Trust (PERT), Anna University, Chennai, July 24, 2000
- 203 "Governance: Effective Opinion Formation", Workshop, Department of Public Administration, University of Madras, in collaboration with Public Expenditure Roundtable Trust (PERT), July 21, 2000
- 204 "Grassroots Anti-Corruption Initiatives and the Right to Information Movement in India (Tamil Nadu)" Workshop on Grassroots initiatives and anti-corruption activities, Goa, April 21-22, 2000
- 205 "Human Rights: Social Science Approach" Refresher Course on Human Rights for College and University Teachers, Department of Legal Studies and Academic Staff College, University of Madras, Chennai, March 20, 2000

206 "People versus the State: Crisis Management or Confrontation" UGC National Seminar on Human Rights and Criminal Justice Administration, Department of Criminology, University of Madras, Chennai, February 24-25, 2000

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- UNESCO Photography Award for the Asia Pacific Region
- Participated in the BBC TV Mastermind Quiz Programme
- Topped the Examination and Practical for Cricket Umpires conducted by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association – TNCA Cricket Umpire
- President, Gwyer Hall Students Union, Delhi University
- Convener, Delhi University Postgraduate Inter-Hostel Coordination Committee
- Represented School/College in Debate and Elocution Competitions
- Represented School/College/District in Football, Hockey, Cricket and Athletics
- Represented University in Football