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Education

2016-2018 PGDA in Archaeology,

Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi.

Dissertation: Study in the early Village Forming Culture of South India with

Special Reference to Bellary Region.

Supervisor: Dr. Jinnu Koshy.

2014-2015 Master of Philosophy with First Class Honors,

Dept. of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Madras,

Thesis: Tirumeninathar Temple at Tiruchuzhi: A Study.

Supervisor: Dr. Tirumoorthi.

2011-2013 Masters of Arts with First Class Honors,

Dept. of History, Pondicherry University.

Thesis: Jainism in Tamil Nadu with Special Reference to Kalugumalai.

Supervisor: Dr. K. Rajan

2008-2011 Bachelor of Arts with Second Class Honors,

Dept. of History, Madurai Kamaraj University.

2011-2012 PGDCA with First Class Honors,

Computer Application, Pondicherry University.

Professional Experiences

2021 Archaeological Officer, Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (Presently)

2019 Assistant Professor, AVC College, Mayiladuthurai. (June – 2019 to January 2021 (1.5 year))

- **2019 Research Associate**, Project Siruthavur Ceramic studies, NIAS, Bangalore (Dec-2019).
- **2019** Research Assistant, PAMA, Institute for the Advancement of Transdisciplinary Archaeological Sciences (IATAS).
- **2018** Exploration, in Sone River Valley (Middle Palaeolithic Microlithic Period) May 31st to 9th June.
- **2017 Site Supervisor**, Worked in Binjore (Harappan Site) Excavation January March.
- **2016 Site Supervisor**, Worked in Keeladi (Madurai) Excavation February September Archaeological Survey of India, Excavation Branch VI, Bangalore.
- **2015** Excavation Assistant, Varamalaikunda (Megalithic) Excavation under Kanchipuram University.
 - M.A. dissertation completed: 1

Invited Lectures:

- 2021 Resource Person: 1. Recent Archaeological Excavations in Tamilnadu and its findings & 2. Excavation at Korkai: Thoothukudi in Three days' Workshop "Basics of Archaeology: Principles, Methods and Techniques" at Annamalai University on 25th November 2021.
- 2021 Resource Person: The Role of Archaeological Excavations in Rewriting Tamil Ancient Past in Refresher Course in History at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai on 13th November 2021.
- **2020** Resource Person: **Keeral Ezhuthukkal** in National Conference in Department of Tamil at AVC College, Mayiladuthurai on 20th March 2020.
- **2020** Resource Person: **Archaeobotany: A tool for investigating human past** in Geoarchaeology National Conference at Christ College, Thrissur on 29th January 2020.
- **2018** Resource Person: **Exploration and Excavation Methods** in Workshop organised by Tamil Nadu State Archaeology Department, 2018.

Paper Presentation

- **2020** Material Culture of Neolithic Period in Bellary Region in South Indian History Congress at Chidambaram, 2020.
- 2019 Paper Presentation on Conch Shell Bangles in Early Historic Sites of Tamil Nadu: An Archaeological Study at ISPQS Conference, 2019
- 2016 Paper Presentation on "Socio-economic condition of Tiruchuli as gleaned from Tirumeninathar Temple inscriptions of Pandyas" in South Indian History Congress at Pondicherry.

Attended Conference/Workshop/Seminar

- **2020** Participated in the online lecture series on **Anthropological theories** conducted by Anthropological survey of India from 5th to 13th October 2020
- **2020** Participated one day Sponsored by UGC Autonomous Grant, National Seminar on "**State and Society**" organized by department of History, P.G. & Research department of History, AVC College (Autonomous), Mayiladuthurai held on March, 2020.
- 2019 Participated on Conference-cum-Workshop on History, Science and Technology of Ancient Indian Glass from 21st to 25th January 2019.
- **2015** Participated in 10 days Tamil Epigraphy Workshop in **12th International Tamil Epigraphy Workshop** at Tamil University, 1st to 11th December 2015.
- 2014 Participated in the "19th congress of the Rock Art Society of India", jointly organized by Archaeological Survey of India and Pondicherry University during 4th to 6th December 2014.

Academic Body

- **2021** Organized Photo Exhibition in "**Korkai Excavation 2021**" at Scott Christian College, Nagercoil.
- **2020** Organized the **Tour Program** for students to visit the Historical monuments and Museums on March 2020.
- **2019** Member of Total Criteria **Compilation Committee** in **IQAC** at AVC College, Mayiladuthurai from December 2019 to January 2021.

Academic Awards

- 2019 Qualified UGC NET Archaeology December 2019.
- 2018 Qualified UGC NET Archaeology December 2018.

Professional Award

2021 Cleared **TNPSC Exam** – **Post of Archaeological Officer** in Department of Archaeology.

Memberships

Lifetime Membership in **Avanam**, a Tamil Nadu Archaeological Society in India

Lifetime Membership in South Indian History Congress.

Additional/Technical Skills

Languages: Tamil, English, Malayalam &Hindi

Photography: One Month Digital Still Photography in Career Development

Workshop at NFDC, Chennai.

Participations: Disaster Management Intensive Training Program International

Theater Festival – 2012 on Delhi