



ACADEMIC PORTFOLIO · LINKEDIN PROFILE

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DOB: 26 Oct 1973

TRB Selection · 2008

ICHR Fellow

Periyar University – Research Guide since 2011

ONLINE PRESENCE

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

About

I am a historian, educator, and public intellectual with **18 years of UG** and **14 years of PG teaching experience**, and over **20 years of research experience** at Thiruvalluvar Government Arts College (TGAC), Rasipuram, Namakkal District — an institution under the Government of Tamil Nadu. I was selected through the **Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB), Tamil Nadu Government Collegiate Education** in 2008.

My doctoral research, completed at Bharathidasan University (June 2007) under an **ICHR Fellowship**, specialised in the **History of Science** — examining how science, technology, and knowledge systems intersected with colonial power in India. Prior to joining TGAC, I served as a **Guest Lecturer at Bharathidasan University (2006–2008)**.

I am a recognised **Research Guide at Periyar University since 2011**, having guided 3 Ph.D. and 16+ M.Phil. scholars to completion. My published academic output includes **20+ national and 10+ international journal articles**, 2 authored books, and chapters in edited volumes. I have presented papers at over **40 conferences** and attended 60+ national and international academic events.

I am also the founder of "**Historian's Craft of Science**" — a bilingual Tamil & English academic blog — and the **Treasury of Human Experience** YouTube channel. I am the **Founding Member and First President of the Bharathidasan University History Alumni Association (BUHAA)**.

Academic Metrics

20+	Years Research Exp.
30+	Journal Publications
2	Books Authored
3	Ph.D. Guided
16+	M.Phil. Guided
40+	Papers Presented
60+	Conferences Attended
15+	Events Organised

Experience

●Associate Professor, P.G. & Research Department of History

- Thiruvalluvar Government Arts College, Rasipuram
- 15 Oct 2020 - 11 Apr 2026 · Namakkal Dt., Tamil Nadu
- Promoted to Associate Professor after 12 years of service as Assistant Professor.
 - Conducted PG-level teaching; supervised research scholars at Periyar University.
 - Served as Librarian in-charge, IQAC Member, College Council Member.
 - Executive Committee Member, Tamil Nadu History Congress (2025-27).
 - Sectional President - Historiography, Tamil Nadu History Congress 2023.
 - Founding Member & First President, Bharathidasan University History Alumni Association (BUHAA).

●Assistant Professor, Department of History

- Selected through the Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB), Tamil Nadu Government Collegiate Education.
- Designed and delivered UG & PG courses in Ancient, Medieval & Modern Indian History, History of Science, and Historiography.
- Organised multiple State-level and National-level seminars including ICHR and TANSCHÉ-sponsored events.
- Administered INFLIBNET N-LIST Programme; established Rotary Helen Keller Talking Book Library for slow learners.
- BOS Member — Bharathidasan University (2018–19) and Periyar University (2018–19).
- Associate Editor: *Handbook of Research Methodology for Social Sciences*.

● Guest Lecturer, Centre for History

Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli
2006 – 2008 · 2 Years

- Taught history courses at university level immediately following doctoral research.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Education

Ph.D. **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in History**
Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli · Awarded June 2007
Specialisation: History of Science · ICHR Fellowship Awardee

P.G. **Master of Arts (M.A.) in History**
Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli · April 1998

U.G. **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in History**
Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli · April 1996

FDP **FDP on MOOCs & Moodle / Online Teaching**
SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi (PMMMNM-TT-MHRD) · 2020
Also completed UGC/ICHR Refresher Courses in Historiography, Research Methodology, Translation Studies & Social Sciences

SCHOLARLY FOCUS

Research Interests

History of Science & Technology in Colonial India

Environmental History of India

Postmodern & De-Colonial Historiography

Subaltern Studies & Social History

Indian Diaspora & Transnational History

Prosopography of Indian Scientists & Historians

Historiography of India
Intellectual History: Gandhi, Ambedkar, Periyar
Classical Tamil Science & Inscriptions
Institutionalisation of Science in Colonial Tamil Nadu

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Authored Books

- ◆ **History of Science and Technology in Tamil Nadu Through the Ages**
Research Publishing Services, Singapore · 2013 · ISBN: 9789810714093
- ◆ **History of Science and Technology in Ancient Tamil Inscriptions and Sangam Literature**
Dr. S. Swaminathan · 2015 · ISBN: 9789350014868

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- ◆ Discourses on Indian History – A Festschrift in Honour of Professor N. Rajendran
Clio Publications · ISBN: 9788192163017
- ◆ Education and Science & Technology Post-Colonial Tamil Nadu
Bharathidasan University · ISBN: 9789352790357
- ◆ பன்முக நோக்கில் மக்கள் திலகம்
Madurai Ulaga Thamizh Sangam · ISBN: 9788195354146
- ◆ Handbook of Research Methodology for Social Sciences (with Benetic Rajadurai)
Ryan Publishers · 2024 · ISBN: 978119587841

Recent Journal Articles (2023-24)

- ◆ A Paradigm Shift From Industrial Revolution To Information Technology: Historiography of Science in Tamil Nadu
Tamil Nadu History Congress Proceedings 2023 · National
- ◆ Evolution of Tamil Nadu: Pursuit and Venture of the Dravidian Model (with M. Prathap)
Proceedings of South Indian History Congress 2023 · ISSN: 2229-3671 · UGC CARE
- ◆ A Socio-Historical Study on the Health and Psychological Well-Being of Marginalized Women in Tamil Nadu
South Indian History Congress 2023 · UGC CARE
- ◆ Pioneers and the Continuum: The Feminist Movement's Stride Towards Equality in Tamil Nadu
South Indian History Congress 2023 · UGC CARE
- ◆ Scientific Nature of the Classical Tamil Minds
International Journal of Indian Science and Research · ISSN: 25834584
- ◆ Profitable Structure of Tamil Nadu Diligence (with T. Pandian)
International Journal of Humanities Law and Social Sciences 2023 · ISSN: 2348-8301
- ◆ Western Ideas and Indian Practices of Academic Amalgamation Between History and Natural Sciences
In: KALYAN MITRA: A Treasure House of History, Culture and Archaeological Studies (Festschrift to Prof. P. Chenna Reddy), Vol. 11, pp. 167-170 · Blue Rose Publishers, New Delhi · 2023

Research Guidance

Recognised Research Guide, Periyar University (since 2011)

Ph.D. Scholars Guided

P. Prakash	Municipal Administration in Tamil Nadu with Reference to Namakkal · <i>Ph.D. Awarded</i>
S. Murugesan	Pre-Historic Cultures in Dharmapuri · <i>Ph.D. Awarded</i>
M. Gejalakshmi	Health and Hygiene of Women in Salem District 1947-2000 A.D. · <i>Ph.D. Awarded</i>
R. Pandian	Industrial Development in Modern Tamil Nadu · <i>Pre-Viva Voce Conducted</i>

Notable M.Phil. Topics Guided (16+ Scholars, Periyar University)

Thanjavur Maharaja Saraboji's Saraswathi Mahal Library
Art and Architecture of Thanjavur Marathas
Biography of K.A. Nilakanta Sastri
Biography of Cadambai Meenakshi – First Women Archaeologist of TN
Integration of Indian Princely States in Tamil Nadu
ICT for History Teaching and Learning
Environmental Protection in Tamil Culture
Impact of Colonial Trade on Cottage Industry in Tamil Nadu

Seminars & Conferences Organised

- ◆ TANSCHÉ State Level Seminar — "Social Changes in Tamil Nadu Past and Present"

TGAC Rasipuram · 5-6 April 2010

- ◆ ICHR National Seminar — "History of Science and Technology in Tamil Nadu: Colonial Initiatives and Indian Response"

TGAC Rasipuram · 26-27 August 2010

- ◆ Central Institute of Classical Tamil National Seminar — "Science & Technology in Ancient Tamil Inscriptions and Classical Tamil Literatures"

TGAC Rasipuram · 5-7 February 2015

- ◆ One-Day Seminar — "N-LIST Programme & Plagiarism"

TGAC Rasipuram · 11 January 2019

- ◆ One-Day Online Lecture — "Contemporary Challenges and Solutions"

◆ Literary Review in Library Study Circle

TGAC Rasipuram · 24 November 2022

◆ One-Week Book Exhibition in Library Study Circle

TGAC Rasipuram · November–December 2022

◆ Coordinator — Multi-Disciplinary International Conference (Hybrid): "Contemporary Social Issues: A Global Perspective"

ISS New Delhi / IAIN Madura Indonesia / South Eastern University Sri Lanka · 21–27 Jan 2025

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Administrative & Editorial Roles

Librarian i/c

College Library, TGAC Rasipuram

Member — IQAC & College Council

Thiruvalluvar Government Arts College

BOS Member — History

Bharathidasan University (2018–19) & Periyar University (2018–19)

Executive Committee Member

Tamil Nadu History Congress (2025–26 & 2026–27)

Sectional President — Historiography

Tamil Nadu History Congress 2023

College Admin — INFLIBNET

N-LIST Programme (till 2024)

Associate Editor

Handbook of Research Methodology for Social Sciences

Founding Member & First President

Bharathidasan University History Alumni Association (BUHAA)

Established

Prof. N.K.N. Rajendran Endowment Lecture in Tamil Nadu History Congress

Coordinator

Convocation Ceremony Committee, TGAC 2022

AFFILIATIONS

Professional Memberships

◆ Life Member — Tamil Nadu History Congress

◆ Life Member — South Indian History Congress

◆ Member — Indian History Congress

◆ Member — World History Congress

Achievements

- **ICHR Fellowship — Indian Council of Historical Research**
Awarded for doctoral research in History of Science, Bharathidasan University
- **TRB Selection — Tamil Nadu Government Collegiate Education (2008)**
Selected through the Teachers Recruitment Board for faculty appointment at TGAC
- **Research Guide Recognition — Periyar University (since 2011)**
3 Ph.D. awarded, 16+ M.Phil. guided; ongoing scholars supervised
- **Founding Member & First President — BUHAA**
Established the Bharathidasan University History Alumni Association
- **30+ Research Publications · 2 Authored Books · Associate Editor**
Spanning national & international journals, edited volumes, and a research handbook
- **Delivered Best Teacher Award to Professor N. Rajendran**
Former Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University — honouring academic excellence
- **Sectional President — Historiography, Tamil Nadu History Congress 2023**
Recognised for contributions to the historiography of Tamil Nadu

Historian's Craft of Science — Blog

A bilingual (Tamil & English) academic blog presenting Indian history across the Ancient, Medieval, and Modern spectrum — making rigorous scholarship accessible to a wider public audience.

- History of Science
- Environmental History
- De-Colonial History
- Subaltern Studies
- Indian Diaspora
- Prosopography
- Historiography
- Post Modernism
- Classical Tamil Studies

Languages

Tamil Native
English Professional Proficiency

"History is not merely the record of what happened — it is the mirror through which a civilisation understands itself."

— DR. S. SWAMINATHAN

