



**Associate Professor**  
**Department of History,**  
**Madras Christian College (Autonomous),**  
**Chennai. S. India - 600 059.**

**K. ASHOK. Ph.D.**  
**Mo: 98404 94609**  
**ashok@mcc.edu.in**

### ***PROFILE***

- Ph.D., University of Madras
- UGC- NET & SLET - TN
- M. Phil., History University of Madras,
- B.Ed., IGNOU, New Delhi.
- M.A. History, Madras Christian College, Chennai.
- DoR: 31-10-2035

### ***RESEARCH INTEREST***

- *Technological Studies & Political Economy of South India.*
- Ph D thesis title: '*Chennai on Wheels: A Historical Study of Automobile Industries in and around Chennai*'

### ***RESEARCH GUIDANCE***

- M. Phil. – 03 (Completed); Ph.D.- 06 (Pursing)
- No. of Ph.D. Thesis evaluated -10 (06 JNU, New Delhi, 02 Osmania University & 01 BRAOU Hyderabad, 01 Bharathiar University,)
- No. of Ph.D. Viva conducted – 10. (05 JNU, 03 Bharathidasan University, 01 TNOU Chennai, 01 Bharathiar University)
- Acted as Eternal Member in the IPAC at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Udipi on 01/08/2024

- Acted as External Member for the Comprehensive Viva-voce Examination held at Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Madras on 01/03/2021.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

- **Reviewer for PMML (formerly NMML) Occasional Paper Series, Teen Murti House, New Delhi**
- **Resource Person for Refresher Course in Social Science conducted by UGC-HRDC, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and delivered a talk on the topic “Mapping the Narratives: History and the Making of the Nation.**
- **Shri C.D.S Chetti Excellence Award for Outstanding Professor of MCC (Male) for the Academic Year 2021-2022.**
- Vice-President, College Union Society, Madras Christian College (2023-25)
- Joint Secretary, Local Committee, 81<sup>st</sup> Session of Indian History Congress, held at Madras Christian College, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.
- **Chairperson for the Thematic Panel History and Philosophy of Science in the XLVI Indian Social Science Congress from 27-31 Jan 2023 held at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.**
- **Resource Person for Refresher Course in UGC-sponsored Online Refresher Course in History and Cultural Studies (ID) History conducted by UGC-HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 04<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**
- Acted as *Subject Expert in the Selection Committee for Recruitment of Assistant Professors* in the Department of Travel and Tourism at SDNB Vaishnav College for Women (Autonomous), Chrompet, Chennai-600 044 on 10.04.2021
- Member, Editorial Board, *Historicity*, an International Research Journal of History, published from Pune, ISSN: 2393-8900. (<http://oldhistoricity.lbp.world/EditorialBoard.aspx>)
- **Resource Person for Refresher Course in History conducted by UGC-HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 23rd and 24th October 2019.**
- Organising Secretary for the International Monthly Webinar Series, organized by the Department of History, Madras Christian College through Webex. Invited the following resources persons- For August 2022 : Dr. Peter D Norton from the University of Virginia spoke on *Selling Car Dependency to the Americans*, September 2022: Dr. Srinivas Reddy from Brown University spoke on *Lost at Sea: The Mughal Empire in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century*, October 2022: Dr V G R Chandran

from University of Malaya spoke on *New Challenges in Positioning Industrial Policy and Development as Engine of Growth*, November 2022: Dr. Leanne Blaney from Ireland spoke on *A Drive for Change: How Car Transformed Ireland*, December 2022: Dr. Bhavani Raman from University of Toronto spoke on *Between Thirst and Flood: Chennai's Tryst with Hydro- Colonialism*. April 2023: Prof Karou Natsdua from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan spoke on "Global Value Chains and the Apparel Industry in Asia"

- *Acted as Expert for Digital Content Script Review for Class XII History, SCERT, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, from 17<sup>th</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.*
- **Awarded Teacher Fellowship Under Faculty Development Programme (FDP)** for College Teachers by UGC.

### GOVERNMENT ASSIGNMENTS

- **Member, Expert Committee**, Freedom Struggle Museum, Department of Museum, Government of Tamil Nadu, Proc. No. 219/2023/G4 dated 11.04.2024.
- **Member, Content Approval Committee**, Laser 3D Projection mapping on the National Art Gallery, Government Museum, Chennai. Proc. No. 802/2023/G6 dated 06.03.2024. and revised order Proc. No. 802/2023/G4 dated 06.08.2024.
- **Member Editorial Board**, Tamil Nadu's Contribution to Freedom Struggle Project, Government of Tamil Nadu, G.O. No: 181 Tamil Development and Information Department dated 14/11/2022.
- **Author**, Two Chapters, *Class XII History Text Book* Government of Tamil Nadu.
- **Author of the Chapter 'Symbols of Sacrifice'**, in Tamil Nadu's Contribution to Freedom Struggle Project, Government of Tamil Nadu, Letter No 3274/E1/TN/2022, dated 17/11/2022.
- **Expert for History Teachers Professional Development**, SCERT, Govt of Tamil Nadu on 2<sup>nd</sup> August,2023.
- **Resource Person for the Webinar on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas** organized by the Regional Outreach Bureau, Chennai, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, **Government of India** and delivered a talk on the topic *From Oxford to Shillong: The Journey of Verrier Elwin* on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021. ([https://youtu.be/PLI8K\\_2qApI](https://youtu.be/PLI8K_2qApI))
- **Resource Person for Video Recording for Class 12 History Subject**, organized by the SCERT, Govt of Tamil Nadu on 05<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

- Member, PG-TRB Syllabus for History, Review Workshop, SCERT, Chennai-06 on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- Carried out Confidential work for Tamil Nadu Public Service commission (TNPSC), Andhra Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (APGCET), Telangana State Public Service (TSPSC), Kerala Public Service Commission (KPSC) and TRB, Government of Tamil Nadu.

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

- Life Member, Indian History Congress (No: LM 2473)
- Life Member South Indian History Congress (No: SIHC LM 2014003)
- Life Member Tamil Nadu History Congress (No: TNHC-2K22LM6793)
- Life Fellow, Indian Social Science Academy, Allahabad
- Joint-Secretary, Puducherry World History Congress

#### **MEMBER- BOARD OF STUDIES**

- Member, Board of Studies, Women's Christian College, Chennai 2019-2021
- External Member for the P.G. Academic Audit held for the Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai on 30/03/2021.
- Subject Expert, Board of Studies, Holy Cross College, Triuchirappalli, conducted through online mode on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Through physical mode on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- Member, Board of Studies, A.D.M. College for Women, Nagapattinam, 2022-2025.
- External Member for Academic and Administrative Audit (2020-23) in the Department of B.A History and Tourism at SDNB Vaishav College for Women, Chrompet, Chennai-44 on 23.06.2023.
- Subject Expert, BoS for PG, Department of Historical Studies, The New College, Chennai-14.
- Subject Expert, BoS for UG & PG, Department of Historical Studies, Government Arts College (Men), Nandanam, Chennai-35.
- External Member for PG History Board of Studies for Affiliated Colleges of Periyar University, Salem from March 2023-2026.
- Member, BoS, Department of History and Tourism Studies, School of Social Science, TNOU, from Dec 2023-2026.

- External Subject Expert for JRF to SRF Conversion Evaluation, Department of History, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur on 21/05/2024.
- External Member for the Academic Audit, Department of Historical Studies, DRBCCC Hindu College, Chennai on 24/05/2024.
- External Member for the Academic Audit, Department of History, Meenakshi College for Women, Kodambakkam, Chennai on 18/07/2024.
- External Expert for External Academic Audit at Vellalar College for Women (A), Erode on 24/07/2024.

### **BOARD OF EXAMINER**

- Chairman UG and PG Board, Periyar University, Salem,
- Chairperson for UG.Ed and PG board Pondicherry University, Puducherry.
- Bharathidasan University, Triuchirappalli,
- Bharathiar University, Coimbatore
- Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
- Alagappa University, Karaikudi.
- University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai
- Loyola College, Presidency College, New College & Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College, Chennai. LNG College, Pooneri
- Stella Maris College for Women, Ethiraj College for Women, S D N B Vaishnav College for Women, JBAS College for Women & Quaid-E-Millath Government College for Women, Queen Mary's College, Chennai
- St. Joseph's College, Jamal Mohamed College & Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Nirmala College for Women Coimbatore, Hajee Karutha Rowther Howdia College, Uthamapalyam, Tamil Nadu.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **BOOKS**

- Content Writer for the entire course for III Year B.A. History Course, Paper titled *History of India 1526-1707 C.E.* for Directorate of Distance Education, Pondicherry University (A Central University), Puducherry.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Symbols of Sacrifice: Monuments Related to Freedom Movements in Tamil Nadu” in *Tamil Nadu’s contribution to the freedom struggle*, Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Tamil Nadu, 2023, pp.391-407.
- “Dravidian Voice Across the Seas- Periyar E V Ramsamy Tours to Malaya” in K. Maveli Rajan & Binay Barman (eds.), *Contours of Culture: India and Beyond*, Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 2021, pp. 249-270. (ISBN:978-93-9069-283-5)
- “Tamil-Tulu Linkages: A Historical Narrative” in K. Maveli Rajan & V Palanichamy (eds.), *Land and Society in Medieval South India: Perspectives on Socio-Economic and Cultural Traditions*, Kalpaz Publications, Delhi, 2021, pp. 123-140. (ISBN: 978-93-5324-316-6).
- “State Intervention and Tribal Health with reference to Tamil Nadu” in Jesurathnam Devarapalli (ed.), *Narratives on Tribes in Transition: Complexities in Indian Scenario*, Sharada Publishing House, Delhi, 2021, pp. 159-175. (ISBN: 978-93-83221)
- **Author, Two chapters for Higher Secondary Second Year (Class XII), History Text Book, Government of Tamil Nadu, 2018.**
- “Astronomical Experiments in Colonial Tamil Nadu”, in Dr. T Asokan (ed.), *Education and Science & Technology in Colonial and Post-Colonial Tamil Nadu*, Geo Publications, Tiruchirappalli, 2017, pp. 1-10. (ISBN:978-93-5279-035-7).
- *Revolutionary Movement and Indian Nationalism*, UGC sponsored National Seminar on Idea of Nationalism in India, Sri Mahaveera College, Moodbidri, Karnataka, 2014 pp. 1-9. (ISBN: 978-81-930129-0-1)

## ARTICLES- UGC Care Listed Journals

- *Caring the Marginilised: Tribal Health Care in Tamil Nadu*, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session Proceeding of the South Indian History Congress, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, 2024, (ISSN: 2229-3671)  
[https://journal.southindianhistorycongress.org/show\\_article.php?atl\\_id=NjQ1](https://journal.southindianhistorycongress.org/show_article.php?atl_id=NjQ1)
- *Dravidian Voice Beyond Our Borders: Periyar EVR (Egalitarian Visionary Rationalist) Tours To Malaya*, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Session Proceedings of South Indian History Congress, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu 2023, (ISSN:2229-3671)  
[http://journal.southindianhistorycongress.org/show\\_articles.php?atl\\_id=MjYz](http://journal.southindianhistorycongress.org/show_articles.php?atl_id=MjYz)

- *Sardar Patel and the Politics of Madras Presidency*, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Session Proceedings of South Indian History Congress, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu 2020, pp. 45- 49. (ISSN:2229-3671)  
[http://journal.southindianhistorycongress.org/journals/articles/2020/SIHC\\_2020\\_010.pdf](http://journal.southindianhistorycongress.org/journals/articles/2020/SIHC_2020_010.pdf)
- *The Mighty Mughals and their Maritime Story: A Historical Narrative*, Vol. XVI, No. 1, May 2021, Kakatiya Journal of Historical Studies, pp. 149-158. (ISSN No: 0976-2345) <https://archive.org/details/kakatiya-journal-of-historical-studies-volume-xvi/page/n11/mode/2up>

#### **PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES**

- *Revisiting the Modernity: Native Response of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Madras*, Journal of Indian History (Centenary Volume), Department of History, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 2023, pp. 319-332. (ISSN:0022-1775)

#### **ARTICLES**

- *Satiated Schooling- Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme (CMBFS) of Tamil Nadu*, at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Session Proceedings of Tamil Nadu History Congress, Nagercoil, 2023 pp. 185-189. (ISSN:2319-3808)
- *Marching Towards One Trillion Economy: Tracing the Growth Story of Tamil Nadu*, Souvenir, 81st Session of Indian History Congress, held at Madras Christian College, 27th-29th December, 2022, pp. 46-52.
- *'Colonializing the Hills'-Narratives on 19<sup>th</sup> Century Niligiris*, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Session Proceedings of Tamil Nadu History Congress, Tiruvannamalai, 2022, pp. 647-652. (ISSN:2319-3808)
- *The Road to Industrialization: The Case of Colonial Madras*, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Session Proceedings of South Indian History Congress, Warangal, 2015, pp. 437- 442. (ISSN:2229-3671)
- *Growth of Automobile Industries in Chennai*, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Session Proceedings of South Indian History Congress, Poondi, 2014, pp. 574-577. (ISSN 2229-3671)  
[http://journal.southindianhistorycongress.org/journals/articles/2014/SIHC\\_2014\\_V34\\_210.pdf](http://journal.southindianhistorycongress.org/journals/articles/2014/SIHC_2014_V34_210.pdf)

- *Caste – the Casting Element in Tamil Nadu*, National Seminar on Contemporary Issues in India and Abroad, Department of History, Madras Christian College, Chennai-59, March 2011.

### **RESOURCE PERSON**

- Delivered the Presidential Address in the Collaborative Two-Day International Conference entitled ‘Bridging Worlds: The Interplay of Translation History and Literature’ organized by Holy Cross College, Trichy on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 on the topic *Text and the Raj: Comprehending Colonialism through Translations*.
- Resource Person for Special Lecture and delivered a talk on the topic *Construction of Hegemony through Historical Writings* organized by the Department of History, Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women(A), Madurai on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.
- Chief Guest for the Inaugural of the History Association, Department of History, L.N. Government College, Ponneri and delivered the inaugural address on the topic *Drafting the Destiny: Notices and Narratives from History* on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
- Chief Guest for the One Day State Level Seminar on *Sher Shah Sur: The Forerunner of the Modern Indian Administration* and delivered the Chief Guest address organized by the P.G. & Research Department of History, C. Abdul Hakeem College, Melvisharam, Ranipet, Tamil Nadu 632 509 on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.
- Resource Person for Special Lecture and delivered a talk on the topic *Madras Presidency as a Pioneer in India’s Freedom Struggle* organized by the Department of History (Shift II), Loyola College, Chennai on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024.
- Resource Person for the Two-Day Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences and delivered a talk on the topic *Explore, Emphasise & Enumerate: The Essentials of Research* organized by the Department of History, Women’s Christian College, Chennai on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2024
- Resource Person for the Two-Day National Seminar on Contribution of Tamil Nadu to the Indian Freedom Struggle: Focus on Salt Satyagraha and delivered a talk on the topic *Defying the Death: Saga of Sacrifice for Swaraj* organized by the Department of History, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



- Delivered a special lecture for the Department of History, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur on the topic *Understanding the Mughals: A Histogramic Survey* on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Resource Person for the History Association Programme and delivered a talk on the topic *Revisiting the Past through Words* organized by the Department of Historical Studies, SIVET College, Chennai on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Resource Person for One-Day International Conference ‘From Local to Global: Facets of History and Research’ and delivered a talk on the topic *B2A: From a Benighted Province to an Advanced State- Tamil Nadu’s Growth Story*, organized by the Department of History, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Chief Guest for 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Day, Dr. Guruswamy Mudaliar T.T.V. Hr. Sec. School, Sowcarpet, Chennai on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024
- Resource Person for *Prajna 2023*, Annual Multidisciplinary Webinar Series, National Webinar-12, organized by IQAC, Sree Narayana Guru College, Cherthala, Kerala and delivered a talk on the topic *Forgotten Agony: The Story of Little Boy and Fat Man* on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.
- Resource Person for *One-Day National Level Webinar on Rise of Regionalism in South India from Historical Perspectives*, Organized by Department of History and IQAC, Nabagram Hiralal Paul College, Hooghly, Kolkotta, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.
- Resource Person for *ICSSR Sponsored Workshop on Research Methodology for Research Scholars* at Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu-629 165 on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
- Resource Person for the State Level Seminar on *Prospects in History*’, Organised by the Department of History, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, Chennai on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
- Chairperson for the Thematic Panel History and Philosophy of Science in the XVI Indian Social Science Congress held at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and delivered the talk *Thomas Kuhn and Paradigm Shift: A Pivotal in the History and Philosophy of Science*
- Resource Person for the National Webinar on “National Freedom Fighters Fought Courageously for Indian Independence and their Struggled Contribution” and delivered a talk on *Bal Gangadhar Thilak*, organized by the School of Education, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai On 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

- Resource Person for a seminar titled *Constructing Hegemony through Historical Narratives* held at Department of History, Presidency College (Autonomous) Chennai on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.
- Resource Person for World Philosophy Day 2021, organized by Alagappa University and presented a Webinar talk on the topic: *Egalitarian Visionary Rationalist (EVR): Thy Name is Periyar* on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
- Resource Person for the Inaugural Erudite Lecture Series- 2 as a part of Research's Tract organized by the Department of History in association with the School of Social Sciences, University of Kerala and presented a webinar talk on the topic *Dimensions in Research Methodology: Exploring Research Prospects in HISTEM* on, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, <https://youtu.be/WqkUv4u-8bU?si=MvQLwmHPeYHNAyl6>
- Guest Speaker for the Monthly Webinar Series and delivered a talk on *The Mughals in Indian History*, organized by the Department of History, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, Vellore Dts on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.
- Delivered a Guest Lecture through online on the topic "*Valorous Voices of Our Freedom Struggle- A Reminiscence*", organized by the Department of History, PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore on 1<sup>st</sup>, September, 2021.
- Webinar Talk on *Madras Day Celebrations* organized by Ellen Sharma Memorial M H S School, Shollinganallur, Chennai-119 on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.
- Webinar Lecture series for NCC Cadets organized by National Cadet Corps 8Coy, 1 TN BN NCC, Dr, Ambedkar Government Arts College, Chennai-39 and delivered a talk on the topic *Brave Hearts Behind Our Freedom* on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.
- National Webinar and delivered a talk on the topic "*Gleaning the Past: Tamil-Tulu Connections*", organised by Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, Mulki Sunder Ram Shetty College, Shirva, Karnataka on 05<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- Online special lecture held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 on the topic "*Race and Rivalry- Revisiting the Cold War Era*" conducted by the Department of History, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru- 52.
- Guest Speaker at the Online Class held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 by Virtual Mode at the Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and delivered a lecture on the topic "*British Policies and their impact on Tamil Nadu*"

- Guest Speaker at the Online Class held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 by Virtual Mode at the Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and delivered a lecture on the topic "*The Afghan Phase*"
- Chief Guest for the National Unity Day Celebration and delivered a talk on the *Facets of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel*, organized by the SCAD College of Education, Chenranmahadevi, Tirunelveli on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.
- Guest Speaker for the Online Special Lecture Series-1 and delivered a talk on the topic *History and the making of the Nation*, organised by the Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 21st October, 2020.
- National Webinar and delivered a talk on the topic "*Connecting History through Terms*", organised by IQAC and Department of History, Bhandarkars Arts & Science College, Kundapura, Karnataka on 14th October, 2020.
- National Webinar and delivered a talk on the topic "*Tales behind the Terms: A Historical Narrative*", organised by the Department of History, Government Degree College, Ravulapalem, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh on 2nd September, 2020.
- National Webinar and delivered a talk on *Hiroshima Day: A Historical Narrative*, organised by 3(K) Naval Unit NCC & Department of History, Sree Narayana College, Kollam, Kerala on 6th August, 2020.
- Webinar on Economic History of Colonial and Contemporary Tamil Nadu and delivered a talk on *Economy during Colonial Tamil Nadu*, organised by the Department of History, Periyar EVR College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli on 29th June, 2020.
- Special Guest Lecture Meeting and delivered a talk on *History Through alphabet*, conducted by the Department of History, DKM College Form Women, Vellore on 06th March, 2020.
- Guest Lecture on *Exploring History through Words and Poems*, conducted by the Department of Historical Studies, DRBCCC Hindu College, Pattabiram, Chennai, on 25th February 2020.
- ICHR Sponsored One Day National Symposium on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: An Iron-Willed Visionary of India conducted by the Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and delivered a talk on *Sardar and the Steel Frame of India* on 27th January 2020.

- International Exchange Programme and delivered a lecture on *Religions of India with special reference to Sikhism* for Elmhurst College, USA at MCC on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.
- *Nobel Peace Prize 2019* in connection with Nobel Day 2019 celebrations at CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi on 6th December 2019.
- Panel Member for TNPSC Group 2 mock interview conducted by JSR IAS Academy, 8th Nov, 2019.
- Chief Guest for History Association Meet, Meston College of Education, Chennai and delivered a talk on *Role of Teachers in Nation-Building*, on 09, April 2019.
- One day Training Programme on Human Rights sponsored by NHRC and *handled the Introduction session* held at Department of History Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam, Kanniyakumari, on 22nd February 2019.
- International Exchange Programme and delivered a lecture on *Sikhism* for Elmhurst College, USA at MCC on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.
- The Two-day National Seminar on Transformation of Higher Education during the time of M.G. Ramachandran (MGR) (1977-87) sponsored by TNSCHE and *delivered the inaugural and valedictory address* held at Department of History Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam, Kanniyakumari, on 15th and 16th March 2018.
- Strategies for clearing Civil Service Examination held at Holy Cross College for Women, Trichy on 24th Oct, 2017.
- *Workshop on Effective Communication Skills* held at St. Christopher's College of Education, Chennai on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017.
- ICHR Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on "The History of Science and Technology in Post-Colonial India, 1947-1991" organized by the Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and delivered a lecture on *The Agents of Industrialization-The Case of Tamil Nadu*.
- *Chief Guest for Republic Day* at CSI Stephens Matriculation School, Pallavaram, Chennai, January 2016.
- International Exchange Programme and delivered a lecture on *South Indian History for Elmhurst College, USA* at MCC on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016
- International Exchange Programme and delivered a *lecture on the Mughal State for Davidson College, North Carolina, USA* at MCC on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

- *Workshop on Effective Communication Skills* held at St. Christopher’s College of Education, Chennai on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2014.
- UGC sponsored Two Day National Seminar on “Idea of Nationalism in India- Historical, Cultural, Economic and Political Trends” organized by IQAC & Department of Humanities, Sri Mahaveera College, Moodbidri, Karnataka, on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in association with Mangalore University Political Science Teachers’ Association, Mangalore University History Association, Mangalore University Economics Association and presented a paper entitled *Revolutionary Movement and Nationalism*
- Visited Northern Eastern Hill University, & St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, Meghalaya from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2014 as a part of the Department Planning and Development Committee.
- Resource Person for KV School Teachers Refresher Course in History held at Chennai in 2009 & 2012.

#### ***SUBJECTS HANDLED & HANDLING***

- History of Europe, History of South India, Contemporary Tamil Nadu, Contemporary World, World Civilization, Indian Culture, History of India and An Outline History of the World– U.G.
- Mughal India, History of Tamil Nadu, History of Europe, Human Rights, International Relations, National Security of India, Constitutional History of India- M. A;
- History of Tamil Nadu and Historiography & Research Methodology– M.Phil.

#### ***COURSES ATTENDED***

- Two-day Regional Conference on Quality Improvement and Sustenance in Higher Education, sponsored by the NAAC & UBCHEA, Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai, 20-21 February, 2006.
- 10-day Workshop in Human excellence, conducted by AIMS INSIGHTS, Mangalore, 3-13, November, 2007.
- *Orientation Course- Batch 84, University of Madras, May 2008.*
- *18-Day Workshop on “Historiography & Research Methods”, ICHR Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore, from 16.02.2009 to 05.03.2009. (Ref: ICHR News Letter, Vol. 8, No. 2, Jan-2009 – Oct-2009).*

- *Refresher Course in History, University of Mysore, August, 2012.*
- *Special Winter School with the theme “Education, Teaching and Research in Higher Education”, University of Madras, November 2013.*
- *Refresher Course on Social Sciences- Batch 9, University of Madras, 20<sup>th</sup> May-9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.*

#### **PAPERS PRESENTED**

- *Beyond the Skies- The contribution of Madras Observatory to the field of Indian Astronomy, ICHR Seminar on “History of Science and Technology in Colonial Madras 1801-1947”, Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, April 2012.*
- *Recollecting the Past: Tamil-Tulu interaction through the ages, National Level Seminar on Locality, Region and Making of the nation’ as a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration, Bhandarkars' Arts & Science College, Kundapura, Karnataka, Feb, 2013.*
- *The Nehruvian Legacy: The Cooperative Movement in India, UGC National Seminar on Post-Nehruvian Era: Socio-Economic and Political Developments Organised by the Centre for Nehru Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, April, 2013.*
- *People who had changed the World, Crescent Residential School, Chennai as the part of the International School Award Programme, Aug, 2013.*
- *Coorg, Coffee and Colonialism, National Seminar on Coorg, Colonialism and After, organized by the Department of History, Cauvery Degree College, Virajpet, in association with Dept. of Archaeology Museums & Heritage, Mysore, Karnataka, Sep 2013.*
- *A Historiographic Survey of Industrial History of Tamil Nadu, UGC National Seminar on Trends and Perspectives in South Indian Historiography, Conducted by Department of History, Archaeology and Culture, Dravidian University, Kuppam, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015.*
- *Cold War & Impact on World Politics, Saint John’s International Hr. Sec., School, Chennai, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.*
- *The Agents of Industrial Development: The case of Tamil Nadu, ICHR National Seminar on the History of Science and Technology in Post Colonial India, 1947-*

- 1991, organized by the Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Trichirappallai on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.
- *Alfred Chatterton's Contribution to Industrial Development in Colonial Madras*, ICHR National Seminar on the History of Indigenous Technology in Madras Presidency, 1900-1960, organized by the Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Trichirappallai on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.
  - *Astronomical Experiments in Colonial Tamil Nadu- The Story of Madras Observatory*, ICSSR National Seminar on Impact of Education and Science & Technology on Colonial Tamil Nadu, organized by the Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Trichirappallai on 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.
  - *The Dravidian Growth- The Tamil Nadu's Growth Story*, 39th Session of South Indian History Congress held at Osmania University, Hyderabad on 8th-10th February 2019.
  - *State Intervention and Tribal Health with Reference to Tamil Nadu*, National Seminar on Tribal Cultures in Transition: Issues of Identity, Sustainability and Development, organised by Department of Anthropology, Pondicherry University in collaboration with IGRMS, Bhopal and AnSI, Kolkotta on 01-02 August, 2019.
  - *Sardar Patel and the Politics of Madras Presidency*, 40th Session of South Indian History Congress held at Annamalai University, Chidambaram on 31st Jan-2nd February 2020.
  - Presented a paper in the Two-day National Seminar on South Indian Food: A socio-cultural and historical Appraisal organized by the Department of History & Archaeology, Acharaya Nagarjuna University, Guntur on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and presented a paper titled: *Garnering the Culinary Facets: Food in Classical Tamil texts*.
  - *"Colonizing the Hills"- Narratives on 19<sup>th</sup> century Nilgiris*, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of Tamil Nadu History Congress held at Govt. Arts College, Thiruvanamalai on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
  - *Dravidian Voice Beyond Our Borders: Periyar EVR (Egalitarian, Visionary, Rationalist) tours to Malaya*, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of South Indian History Congress held at G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul on 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.
  - *Retracing Regionalism: Narratives from Tamil Nadu*, at the ICSSR National Seminar on Regionalism and Regional Movements in South India, organized by

the Department of History, Acharya Nagarjuna University Ongole Campus on 20-21 February, 2023.

- *Satiated Schooling- Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme (CMBFS) of Tamil Nadu*, at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of Tamil Nadu History Congress, held at Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil, on 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
- *Caring the Marginalised: Tribal Health Care in Tamil Nadu* at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session of South Indian History Congress held at University College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 28-30 October 2023.
- *Health Care at Doorsteps: Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme of Tamil Nadu* at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of Tamil Nadu History Congress, held at Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai on 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024.
- *Chatterton's contribution in changing the Cinderella Province to a Competitive State: The Origin of Industrial Development in Colonial Madras* at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of South History Congress, held at Malabar Christian College, Calicut, Kerala on 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.
- *The Portrayal of Periyar EVR's Visit in Malaya Press: A Historical Analysis* at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of Indian History Congress, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab on 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

#### **MEDIA PARTICIPATION**

- Served as a resource person for Historical Documentary show in tamil titled *Mann Pesum Sarithiram* aired by Vasanth T.V. <https://youtu.be/uDcokjFKT4>, <https://youtu.be/6fpWu-hhf2k>, <https://youtu.be/dNjLateNWxI>

#### **PARTICIPATION**

- SISTEM-SPHERE (Studies in Indian Science, Technology, Environment and Medicine: Socio-Philosophical, Historico-Economic Research Explorations) organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Madras, Chennai, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.
- 4<sup>th</sup> edition of World Automotive Megatrends India 2014 held at Hotel ITC Grand Chola, Chennai on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.
- One day International Conference titled *Recent Trends in Historical Writings*, conducted by the Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai-34 on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020



- Webinar on *Various dimensions of History: In perspective of Medieval Period*" held from 27th May to 31st May, organised by Department of History and Civilization, School of Humanities and Social Science, Gautam Buddha University, Gr Nodia, UP.
- National Level Virtual Training on *ICT Competency For Higher Education Teachers*, organised by IQAC, DG Vaishnav College, Chennai from 13th July-15th July, 2020.
- Webinar on *How to Submit a Winning Project Proposal*, organised by St Joesph's College, Irinjalakuda, Thrissur and Morning Star Home Science College, Angamaly, Eranakulam, Kerala on 20th July 2020.
- National Faculty Enrichment Programme on *Digital Technology for Teaching of life Science and Humanities*, organised by the PG & Research Department of Zoology, Dr.Ambedkar Government Arts College, Chennai in collaboration with the Indian Science Congress Association from 21-07-2020 to 25-07-2020.
- One Week National Level Online Faculty Development Programme on *Effective History Teaching and Research Paper Publishing*, organized by History Wing, Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University, from 03.08.2020 to 09.08.2020.
- Four-day Faculty Development Program on E Content Development organised by IQAC, MCC from 10th- 13th August 2020.

#### ***POSITIONS HELD IN THE COLLEGE***

- Vice-President, College Union Society (2023-)
- Staff Advisor, College Union Society (2021-2023)
- Returning Officer for College Union Society Election. (2021-2023)
- Chairman, Board of Examinations for UG & PG; Member for M.Phil.
- Faculty, Soft Skill Programme for UG and PG (2008-2016)
- Assisted the Examination Office in conducting the End of Semester Exam.
- Co-Convener of Anti-Ragging Committee (2005-17)
- Assisting the Warden in the Hostel Administration (2005-2018)
- Staff Advisor, History Association, Department of History (2012-15)
- Faculty, Civil Services Coaching Cell, MCC. (2010-15)
- Placement cell in-charge for the Department of History. (2011-2014)
- Returning Officer for Department Election. (2012-2017)

***PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS***

Plot No 12, Annapoorani Flats,  
Kumaran Nagar, I Cross Street,  
Varadharajapuram, Chennai- 600 048.

***(K. ASHOK)***