



Dr. K. ASHOK, Ph.D.

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

*Mo: 98404 94609
ashok@mcc.edu.in*

ACADEMIC PROFILE

- Ph.D. University of Madras
- UGC- NET & SLET
- M. Phil. History, University of Madras, Chennai
- M.A. History, Madras Christian College, Chennai.
- B.Ed., IGNOU, New Delhi.
- B.Sc., Physics, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, Vellore Dts. - 635 601

RESEARCH INTEREST

- *History of Technology & Political Economy of Modern Tamil Nadu.*

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

- M. Phil. - 03

AWARDS & HONOURS

- **Awarded *Teacher Fellowship Under Faculty Development Programme (FDP)*** for College Teachers during the 12th Plan Period (2012-2017) by UGC.
- ***Author, Class XII History Text Book,*** Two Chapters, SCERT, Government of Tamil Nadu.
- Chairman UG History Board, Periyar University, Salem.
- Member, Board of Studies, Women's Christian College, Chennai 2019-2021

- Member, Editorial Board, *Historicity*, an International Research Journal of History, published from Pune, ISSN : 2393-8900.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Life Member South Indian History Congress (*No: SIHC LC 2014003*)

BOARD OF EXAMINER

- Chairman UG and Member PG Board, Periyar University, Salem,
- Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli,
- University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram,
- Allagappa University, Karaikudi.
- Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai
- Pondicherry University,
- Loyola College, & New College, Chennai,
- Ethiraj College for Women, S D N B Vaishnav College for Women & JBAS College for Women, Stella Maris College for Women, Chennai,
- St. Joseph's College & Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli,

PUBLICATIONS

- Authored two chapters for Higher Secondary Second Year (Class XII), History Text Book, SCERT, 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)
- *The Road to Industrialization: The Case of Colonial Madras*, 35th Annual Session Proceedings of South Indian History Congress, Warangal, 2015, pp. 437- 442. (ISSN:2229-3671)
- *Growth of Automobile Industries in Chennai*, 34th Annual Session Proceedings of South Indian History Congress, Poondi, 2014, pp. 574-577. (ISSN 2229-3671)
- *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)

SUBJECTS HANDLING

- *History of Tamil Nadu, Indian History, Contemporary World & History of Europe* – B. A Class.
- *Indian History, History of Europe, & History of Tamil Nadu-* M. A Class
- *Historiography and 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. (See also 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.
- 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, 2nd January 2014.
- 4th edition of World Automotive Megatrends India 2014 held at Hotel ITC Grand Chola, Chennai on 25th & 26th February, 2014.
- *Refresher Course in Social Sciences- Batch 9, University of Madras*, 20th May-9th June, 2016.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- *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.

- *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, 1st-2nd April, 2015.
- *Cold War & Impact on World Politics*, Saint John’s International Hr. Sec., School, Chennai, 7th 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 3rd and 4th 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 15th and 16th 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 10th, 11th & 12th 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.
 - *Nobel Peace Prize 2019* in connection with Nobel Day 2019 celebrations at CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi on 6th December 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.

RESOURCE PERSON

- Resource Person for 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.
- Resource Person for International Exchange Programme and delivered a lecture on *Religions of India with special reference to Sikhism* for Elmhurst College, USA at MCC on 11th January, 2020.
- Panel Member for TNPSC Group 2 mock interview conducted by JSR IAS Academy, 8th Nov, 2019.
- Resource Person for Refresher Course in History conducted by UGC-HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 23rd and 24th October 2019 and delivered lecture on the *Nature of the Mughal State*
- 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.
- Resource person for 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.

- Resource Person for International Exchange Programme and delivered a lecture on *Sikhism* for Elmhurst College, USA at MCC on 7th January, 2019.
- Resource person for 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.
- Resource Person for Strategies for clearing Civil Service Examination held at Holy Cross College for Women, Trichy on 24th Oct, 2017.
- Resource Person for the *Workshop on Effective Communication Skills* held at St. Christopher's College of Education, Chennai on 7th Feb, 2017.
- Resource Person for 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 3rd & 4th 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.
- Resource Person for International Exchange Programme and delivered a lecture on *South Indian History for Elmhurst College, USA* at MCC on 20th January, 2016
- Resource Person for International Exchange Programme and delivered a *lecture on the Mughal State for Davidson College, North Carolina, USA* at MCC on 26th November, 2014.
- Resource Person for the *Workshop on Effective Communication Skills* held at St. Christopher's College of Education, Chennai on 25th & 26th Sep, 2014.
- Resource Person in the 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 5th & 6th 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 27th to 29th 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.

POSITIONS HELD IN THE COLLEGE

- Faculty, Soft Skill Programme for UG.
- 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 since 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 & Assisted the College Union Election since 2005.

PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS

Plot No 12, Flat A, Ground Floor,
Kumaran Nagar I Cross Street,
Varadharajapuram, Chennai- 600 048.

(K. ASHOK)