

R. VENKATARAMANUJAM, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.

DESIGNATION & EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor & Head : Department of History
Madras Christian College (Autonomous),
East Tambaram
Chennai 600059

Experience : 20 years

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2003 – October 2003: Research Executive in SAPRA India Foundation, New Delhi.

December 2003 – May 2004: Research Fellow, Centre for Security Analysis, Chennai.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1993 B.A. History, Madras Christian College, Chennai 600 059.

1995 M.A. History, with specialization in *Modern Indian History*
Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 110 067. 6.31 CGPA

1997 M. Phil. in in the **Diplomatic Studies Division** of Centre for Studies
in Diplomacy, International Law and Economics, School of
International Studies, **Jawaharlal Nehru University**, New Delhi
110 067, under the research guidance of **Prof. Pushpesh Pant** on
the topic of *Indo-US Trade Negotiations*. 6.91 CGPA.

2006 Ph.D. in the **Diplomatic Studies Division** of Centre for Studies in
Diplomacy, International Law and Economics, School of
International Studies, **Jawaharlal Nehru University**, New Delhi
110 067. The area of the doctoral thesis is an exploration of the
main themes of *Diplomacy and Indo-US Trade and Investment*
under the Supervision of **Prof. Pushpesh Pant**.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Senior Research Fellowship and National Eligibility Test for Lectureship (NET) in History, University Grants Commission, 1994.

Thurso Prize for History, Madras Christian College, 1993.

E.M. Macphail Prize for History, Madras Christian College, 1992.

COURSES TAUGHT

UG	:	History of India – Paper IV – 1858 to 1947 A.D. History of Europe – Paper I - 1453 to 1815 A.D History of Europe – Paper II – 1815 to 1945 A.D.
PG	:	Historiography and Research Methodology Economic History of India – 1857 to 1947 A.D. History of Ancient India up to 1206 A.D. Indian National Movement International Relations

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Guideship No. : RP/Guideship/Ph.D./Approval/2022/797 dt. 13.05.2022
RP/Guideship/Ph.D./Approval/2023/592 dt. 15.06.2023

Number of Ph.Ds. Guiding : Four

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Member, PG History Board of Studies, Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, on 06th October 2023.

Subject Expert, Board of Studies, Department of History, Tourism and Travel Management, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, 25th September 2023.

Member, School Reference Books Suggestion Committee (2023-24), SCERT, Chennai, 23-24 August 2023.

External Expert, Academic Audit Evaluation 2023, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, 24th April 2023.

Subject Expert, Academic Audit Committee, Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai, 13th March 2023.

External Expert, External Academic Audit, The New College, Chennai, 16th February 2023

Subject Expert, Academic Audit Committee, Department of History, Tourism and Travel Management, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, 07th February 2023

Member, History Syllabus Revamping Committee, TANSCH, Chennai, 2022-23

Subject Expert, Academic Audit of Department of History, Tourism and Travel Management, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai on 27th October 2021.

External Audit Member, Academic and Administrative Audit organized by National College, Tiruchirappalli, 2021.

External Audit Member, Academic and Administrative Audit organized by National College, Tiruchirappalli, 22nd March 2019.

Member of Board of Studies in Ancient Indian History and Archaeology, University of Madras, 2020-21

Member of Board of Studies in Defence Studies, University of Madras, 2018-19.

Member of Board of Studies in History, University of Madras. 2015-16.

Member of Board of Studies in History, Madras Christian College.

Member, Academic Council, Madras Christian College, 2015 onwards.

Chairman, Board of Question Paper Setters in History, Periyar University, 2020.

Examiner for B.A. Examination - University of Madras,

Question Paper Setter and/or Examiner for History at Loyola College, New College, Queen Mary's College for Women, JBAS College for Women, Chennai, Bishop Heber College, Trichy, Quaid-e-Millath Government College for Women, Chennai, Periyar University and Pondicherry University.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Dean of Student Affairs, 2019-20**
- Member, IQAC Core Committee, 2017-18
- Member, IQAC Core Committee, 2008-12
- Assisted the Admissions Office during 2009-12
- Assisted the Examination office in conducting exams
- Member, Anti Ragging Committee 2009-10, 2016-18
- Coordinator, PCIEP Semester in India Programme in MCC, 2018
- Associate Coordinator, Davidson College Programme in MCC, 2015
- Associate Coordinator, Elmhurst College Programme in MCC, 2016 - 2019
- Associate Coordinator, Furman University Programme in MCC, 2015
- Taken classes in Institute of Administrative Services Coaching
- Staff Advisor, History Association, 2008-11
- Library-in-charge, Department of History Library, 2004-16
- Assisted in Outreach Programme of the Department, 2006-07

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter "Colonialism and Epidemics: Cholera in Nineteenth Century Madras Presidency", in Persis Latika Dass, ed. **Lessons from History: Trends and Responses to Epidemics and Pandemic**, Manak Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2021, pp. 130-147, ISBN 978-93-91897-00-0.

"Gandhi and Rajaji shared special bonds as master and pupil, friends and as relatives" Opinion in **National Herald**, 20th October 2019.

Book Review, "The Making of the Mahatma by Dr. Chandran D.S. Devanesen" in **Social Glimpse, Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities**, vol. 6, issues 1 & 2, 2017, LISSTAR, Chennai, pp. 86-87. ISSN 2319-3654.

Lesson Writer, **Higher Secondary – Class XI – History – Volume I**, Department of School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, 2018.

Content Writer, **Social Science (History) – Class IX – Term II – Volume 4**, Department of School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, 2018.

Lesson Writer, **Social Science (History) – Class IX – Term III – Volume 4**, Department of School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, 2018.

“Religion and Empire in India” in Vyjayanti Raghavan and R. Mahalakshmi, ed., **Colonization: A Comparative Study of India and Korea**, Academic Foundation, 2015, SBN 10: [9332701822](#) ISBN 13: [9789332701823](#)

“Temple Administration in Tamilnadu: A Colonial Legacy”, in Dr. M. Thilakavathy and Dr. R.K. Maya, ed., **Facets of Contemporary History**, MJP Publishers: Chennai, 2015, pp. 253-260. **ISBN No. 978-81-8094-269-3**

“Colonialism in India: Satyamurthy’s Critique and Response”, **Proceedings of the Thirty Fourth Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress**, Poondi, Tamilnadu, February 2015, pp. 168-172. **ISSN No. 2229-3671.**

“Colonial Interventions in Tradition: Hindu Temples”, **Proceedings of the Thirty Third Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress**, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, February 2014, pp. 739-743. **ISSN No. 2229-3671.**

ISAF in Afghanistan: Its Implications, SAPRA India Bulletin, August 2003

Opposition to Kalabagh Dam in Pakistan, SAPRA India Bulletin, August 2003

Durand Line Discussions, SAPRA India Bulletin, July 2003

Development of constitution in Afghanistan, SAPRA India Bulletin, June 2003.

US Sanctions: Implications for India, HYPERLINK <http://www.ipcs.org>, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Connected History of Revolutionary Activities of Germany during the First World War: The Role of Chempakaraman Pillai, in the **82nd Annual Session of the Indian History Congress** organized by the Kakatiya University, Warangal, on 28th – 30th December 2023.

Cornish, Cholera and Colonialism: A Dissenting Voice in Nineteenth Century Madras, in the **30th Annual Session of the Tamil Nadu History Congress** organized by the Department of History, Holy Cross College, Nagercoil, on 22nd – 24th September 2023.

Recent Trends in Modern Indian History, in the **National Seminar on Recent Trends in Indian History**, organized by Government Arts College (A), Salem, on 18th March 2016.

Still Imperious: Cornwallis’s Gaze, Nautch Girls and the Framing of Colonial Tamilnadu, in the **International Seminar on Documenting the Past: Painting, Photography and Cinema in South Asia** organized by Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University in collaboration with University of Bern, Germany, in the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on 4th – 5th February 2015

A Forgotten Political Thinker: An Estimate of S. Satyamurti's Political Thought, in the **Seventy Fifth Session of the Indian History Congress** held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on 28th – 30th December 2014.

Colonialism in India: Satyamurthy's Critique and Response, in the **Thirty Fourth South Indian History Congress** held at Sri. A V V M Pushpam College, Poondi, Thanjavur Dist., Tamilnadu, on 28th February – 2nd March 2014.

Colonial Interventions in Temple Administration, in the Thirty Third Session of the **South Indian History Congress, 2013**, Trivandrum, organized by University of Kerala, Trivandrum, on 15th – 17th February 2013.

“Revitalizing IOR-ARC: An Indian Perspective” in the **Seminar on Maritime Security and Challenges in the Indian Ocean Region**, organized by Centre for Asian Studies, Chennai and Stella Maris College, Chennai on 8th August 2012.

Religion and Empire in India, **International Seminar on Colonialism and Nationalism in India and Korea: A Comparative Perspective** conducted by the Centre for Korean Studies and Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on March 2012 in JNU.

Temple and Art: Conflicting Interests and Perceptions, **International Workshop on The Temple and the Museum: Shifting Contexts for Art in the Tamil Region** conducted by The Max Planck Institute Partnergroup with the School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on 17th December 2011 in JNU.

Democracy and Human Rights in South Asia: An Overview, **International Seminar on Democracy and Human Rights in South Asia** conducted by Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras and Centre for Asia Studies, Chennai, in the University of Madras on 24th March 2011.

Human Rights in South Asia: A Comparative Perspective, **National Seminar on Issues in Contemporary World**, Department of History, Madras Christian College (Autonomous) in Madras Christian College, March 2011.

Amartya Sen's Capabilities Approach: The Role of Education, **National Seminar on Human Development** conducted by the Tamilnadu State Planning Commission and Madras Christian College in MCC on 2008

RESOURCE PERSON / LECTURES DELIVERED

Resource Person and Chair, Session on *History and Tourism*, delivered a lecture on **History, Tourism and Gender: A Changing Scenario** in the International Conference on “Gender Dynamics in History, Society, Culture and Power Structures” organized by the Department of History and Centre for Women's Studies, Stella Maris College, Chennai on 30-31 January 2024.

Resource Person, delivered a lecture on **Human Rights Institutions** in the National Human Rights Commission sponsored one-day Basic Training Programme on “Practices and Possibilities of achieving Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in

Contemporary India” organized by the Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai, on 28th November 2023.

Resource Person, delivered a lecture on **Understanding Manipur: A Historical Perspective** in An Academic Discourse on “Understanding Manipur: Historical, Political and Social Dimensions” commemorating International Indigenous Day, organized by the Departments of Social Work, Political Science and History, MCC, on 10th August 2023.

Resource Person, delivered the Keynote Address on **History of Research on Mamallapuram** in the Conference on “Mamallai Research History”, organized by Bharathi Mandram, St. Thomas’s Hall, Madras Christian College (Autonomocus), Chennai, on 23rd March 2023.

Valedictory Address on **Role of Films in Indian Freedom Movement** in the One Day National Conference on ‘Technology for Liberation: Popular Media in Indian Freedom Movment’, VIII Annual Edition of Loyola Forum for Historical Research, organized by the Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai, on 17th March 2023.

Co-Chair of a Session, Two Day International Summit on ‘Culture, Heritage & Nation Building, organized by the Department of Anthropology, University of Madras and Vanamaa Art, Cultural and Educational Trust, Chennai, on 1st and 2nd February 2023.

Resource Person, delivered a lecture on **Nationalism and Dravidian Movement in Tamil Nadu**, in Special Panel on Discourse on Dravidian Studies, during the 81st Session of the Indian History Congress on 28th December 2022.

Chief Guest, delivered a lecture on **Mohandas to Mahatma: A Historical Journey** on the occasion of the Celebration of 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence, organized by the PG & Research Department of History, Pachaiyappa’s College, Chennai on 13th August 2023.

Resource Person, delivered a lecture in a Webinar on “**Understanding the Indian Constitution: Our Rights and Duties**” organized on the occasion of National Voters Day & Republic Day 2022 by National Service Scheme, Bharathi Women’s College (A), Chennai on 25th January 2022.

Resource Person, delivered a lecture on **Facets of Colonialism in India**, Refresher Course in History and Cultural Studies (Interdisciplinary) organized by UGCHRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, on 27th September 2021.

Resource Person, delivered lectures on **Revolution of 1830** and **RIN Mutiny**, for Video recording of lessons for Training of PG Teachers in History, made by District Institute of Education and Training, Perambalur, on 5th July 2021.

Resource Person, delivered a Lecture on **The Making of the Mahatma** in the Webinar organized in commemoration of Martyrs’ Day by PG & Research Department of History, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, on 29th January 2021.

Resource Person, delivered a lecture in the Webinar on **New Education Policy: An Overview**, National Service Scheme, Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai, 20th September 2020.

Resource Person, delivered a lecture on **History of Ancient and Medieval India**, Elmhurst Study Abroad Program in MCC – J Term Program 2019, 3rd January 2019.

Resource Person, Two Day Consultation on *The Idea of India*, organized by Sewagram Collective, C.K. Prahlad Centre for Emerging India and Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research (LISSTAR) at Loyola College, Chennai on 18th and 19th August 2018.

Resource Person, State Level Training for District Resource Group on History, TNSCERT, Chennai, 12 to 13th July 2018.

Resource Person, Workshop for State Resources Group on New TNSCERT Textbook, TNSCERT, Chennai, 27th June 2018.

Chief Guest on National Unity Day in Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai Circle and delivered a lecture on “Sardar Vallabhai Patel, 31st October 2017.

Resource person for the Elmhurst College Programme of Madras Christian College and delivered a lecture on “History of Ancient and Medieval India” on January 2017.

Resource person for the Davidson College Semester in South Asia Programme of Madras Christian College and delivered a lecture on “Gandhi and the Struggle for Independence” on November 2016.

Resource person for the Davidson College Semester in South Asia Programme of Madras Christian College and delivered a lecture on “Gandhi and the Struggle for Independence” on 15th September 2014.

Resource person for the Elmhurst College Programme of Madras Christian College and delivered a lecture on “History of Ancient and Medieval India” on 4th January 2014.

Resource person to deliver a lecture on “Cultural Changes in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Century Europe” in Training Programme for Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers organized by Kendriya Vidyalaya School, Gill Nagar, Chennai on 30th December 2013.

Resource person for the Panel Discussion for the Furman University Programme of Madras Christian College and delivered a talk on Hindu Pilgrimages in November 2013.

Resource person for the Consultative Workshop on “Colonization: A Comparative Study of Korea and India”, in Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on 3rd December 2012.

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

FDP on Outcome Based Education, organized online by IQAC, Madras Christian College, on 24th August 2021.

FDP on E-Content Development, organized online by IQAC, Madras Christian College, on 10-13 August 2021.

National Level Virtual Training on ICT Competency for Higher Education Teachers, organized by IQAC, DG Vaishnav College (Autonomous), Chennai, on 13 to 15 July 2021.

Workshop on Textbook Writing for History (IX and XI Stds.), SCERT, Government of Tamilnadu, 2017-18.

Workshop on Basic Skills in Counselling, conducted by UBCHEA and MCC, in Madras Christian College, on 26th and 27th June 2008.

One Day Seminar on Gender Issues – Sensitizing Students, organized by College Union Society, Madras Christian College on 27th March 2008.

National Consultation on HIV / AIDS: Response of Christian Colleges, organized by Madras Christian College in collaboration with United Methodist Global AIDS Fund and Church and Global AIDS, USA in Madras Christian College on 16th and 17th October 2007.

Workshop on Preventive Conservation of Manuscripts organized by National Mission for Manuscripts and Government Museum, Chennai, in Government Museum, Chennai on 16th – 18th October 2006.

Regional Conference on Quality Improvement and Sustenance in Higher Education, organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Madras Christian College on 20th and 21st February 2006.

Workshop on Oral History, organized by Women’s Christian College, Chennai, on 9th January 2006.

Conference for the Young Faculty of MCC, organized by UBCHEA and MCC in the Scripture Union Society, Mahabalipuram, on 16th – 18th November 2005.

Participated in the sixty first session of the **Indian History Congress, Calcutta, 2001.**

Participated in a **discussion programme** with former Foreign Secretary J.N. Dikshit, **Cool Talk Café, DD News.**

Rapporteur for the Seminar on “Security Dimensions of Peninsular India” held at Chennai on 22 and 23 March 2004.

SEMINARS / CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Local Secretary, 81st Session of the Indian History Congress, Madras Christian College, 27-29 December 2022

Organizing Secretary, One Day National Conference on Recent Trends in Archaeology and Early History of South India, 14 March 2019

Convener, Dr. Chandran Devanesen Endowment Lecture by Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council on 15 March 2019

Organizing Secretary, One Day National Seminar on Exploring New Facets of History, 26th March 2018

Organizing Secretary, ICSSR Sponsored One Day National Conference on Development in India: Challenges and Prospects, 22 February 2017.

Local Secretary, Seminar on Sangam Age, 2015, REACH Foundation and MCC.

Organizing Committee Member, 75th Session of the Indian History Congress, 2014, New Delhi

Organizing Committee Member, Seminars organized in the Department

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Orientation/Refresher courses	Sponsoring Agency	Place & Date
Orientation Programme Batch 84	UGC	Academic Staff College, University of Madras 14-05-2008 to 10-06-2008
Refresher Course in History	UGC	UGC-ASC Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi 24/08/2009 to 18/09/2009
Summer School - Refresher Course on Research Methodology in Arts / Humanities / Social Sciences	UGC	UGC-HRDC, University of Madras 19/05/2015 to 08/06/2015

Qualification Approval No.: A II / AS0 - I / APL. QLN / 2004 / 1140 dt. 13.7.04

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Executive Committee Member, Indian History Congress
Sessional President Elect, Political History Session, Tamil Nadu History Congress, 2024

Life Member, Indian History Congress (LM-2472/2022)

Life Member, South Indian History Congress

Life Member, Tamil Nadu History Congress (TNHC2K22LM6792)

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