

Profile

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Teaching:

- 36 years of experience in school education and teacher education
- Specialisation in Cognitive Psychology and Educational Technology
- Developed the curriculum for the course “Psycho-pedagogy” for non-education MPhil scholars of the Univ. Departments (2006-08)
- Framed syllabus for Unit - V (Teaching Methodology) for the paper “Teaching and Research Methodology” for all the disciplines of MPhil in the Univ. Departments (2018)

Administration:

- Director, IQAC (since 07.01.2022)
- Dean, Faculty of Education (since 17.08.2021)
- Dean, Faculty of Arts (20.03.2020 to 16.08.2021)
- Deputy Co-ordinator of Online Education (2014 – 2017)
- Head of the Department of Education (Since 2012)
- Director, Centre for Campus Development, MSU (2016-2020)
- Containment Officer –COVID 19 of MSU

Research:

- 22 doctorate and 93 pre-doctorate scholars have been conferred degrees
- Participated and presented in more than 300 Workshops / Conferences / Seminars / Webinars
- Organized more than 100 Workshops/Conferences/Seminars/Webinars
- Served as Resource Person in 120 forums of education/research

Projects:

- Received the MHRD Project ‘School of Education’ under the scheme of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission for Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) to the University for Rs. 11.5 crores in February 2019
- Completed one UGC funded major research project and three funded minor research projects

Publications:

- Published 192 research papers in educational journals with Google scholar, Scopus citation and Web of Science indices 186, 20 and 17, respectively, and Google scholar h-index 6 and i10-index 5
- Published 11 books namely, *Action Research in Education : A Call for Action*, *Education in Emerging Indian Society*, *Educational Technology*, *Special Education: Focus on Mathematics Learning Disability*, *Social Cognition*, *Cognitive Science in India*, *APJA Kalam: The Uno*, *Education in the Digital Era: Channels for Confrontations*, *Adolescent Behavioural Disorders*, and *A Handbook for Educational Management, ICT in Teacher Education*
- Developed/contributed for five training modules for SCERT, Tamil Nadu – Evaluation studies (2014), Psychological experiments (2006), School effectiveness (2006), Teacher motivation (2004) and Action research (2003)

- Authored course materials for Distance Education Programmes of Bharathiar University, Bharathidasan University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and Tamil Nadu Open University

Editorship:

- Editor of an International Journal “Sparkling”, and editorial member of the journals – i-manager’s J of School Edl Psych, HTCE J of Edl Research, I n i g o E d u R e s e a r c h , t h e I n d i a n E d u c a t i o n a l R e s e a r c h e r a n d guest editor of Science J of Edn (May 2015)
- Served as one of the Translation Committee members of the Report of the National Knowledge Commission (2007)

Membership:

- Membership in four professional bodies – All India Association of Educational Research (AIAER), Indian Society for Education and Allied Sciences (ISEAS), Council for Teacher Education (CTE, TN Chapter) and KAAS

Recognitions:

- Subject Expert of the Four Men Committee constituted for revision of UGC-NET syllabus of Education subject (Nov. 2017)
- Appreciation from the former Vice-chancellor (2012-15), Manonmaniam Sundaranar University for distinguished services
- Appreciation from the former Vice-chancellor towards preparing IIQA, submitting the SRS and making all necessary arrangements for the NAAC accreditation during 19-21, July 2018 which enabled the University to secure ‘A’ Grade (CCPA 3.13 out of 4.0) in the 3rd Cycle

Innovations:

- Innovative practices and student-centredness, which are well acknowledged by the practices like, 50 hour Orientation Programme on Educational Research to the freshers (MEd)
- ‘Visit the Human Library’, a programme to introduce the current trends in research;
- Research convention for the research scholars
- All the MEd students are mandated to publish their dissertation works in journals
- Honing the solid communicative skills of the MEd students practiced by native-like speakers
- Arranged for Invited Talks – once in a week – to utilize the expertise of Professors of the University Departments

Abroad Visits:

- Egypt, Hong Kong, Israel, Jordan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, UAE

Extension:

- Expertise has been utilized in/for adjudication of PhD theses/conduction of viva-voce examinations/ Doctoral Committees of Avinashilingam Institute., Bharathiar Univ., Bharathidasan Univ., Dravidian Univ., Gandhigram Rural Institute, Kerala Univ., Madurai Kamaraj Univ., MG Univ., Mother Teresa Univ., Pondicherry Univ., PRIST Univ., SASTRA Univ., Kuvambu University and Tamil Nadu Teachers Education Univ.

- Appointed as examiner for theory/ practicum by Alagappa Univ., Bharathiar Univ., Bharathidasan Univ., Gandhigram Rural Institute, Kerala Univ., Mother Teresa Univ., Pondicherry Univ., Tamil Nadu Open Univ., and Tamil Nadu Teachers Education Univ.

Awards:

- Research Excellence Award from S.P. Jain School of Global Management, Dubai and Sangamam Global Academy, Pondicherry (2022)
- Global Achievement Award 2020 for singular dedication and achievement in profession (Mar 2021)
- Award for Innovations in Teacher Education by NCERT (National Council for Educational Research and Training), New Delhi (2002-03)
- Excellence Award for Teacher Education by SCERT, Chennai (2006) and
- British Council's First-time Speaker Award (India) (2002)
- Air India's Broad Outlook Learner Teacher (BOLT) Award (2004)
- Global Teacher Role Model Award (2015) by MVLA Trust, Mumbai
- National Award of Teaching Excellence in Psycho-pedagogy (2013) by Indus Foundation, Hyderabad
- Shri P.K Das Memorial Best Faculty Award (2010-11)
- Makkal Sakthi Educational Society's Uyar Sathanaialar Virudhu - High Achiever Award (2005)
- Award for Outstanding Researcher (2017) by Voice, Kanyakumari
- Excellence Award by MSU (2010)
- Gold Medalist in MPhil (Education), MSU (1993)