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Lakshmi Priya joined the Department of Fine Arts, Stella Maris (Autonomous) College, Chennai in 1996 as a faculty member. She is currently the Director of SMCHRD and has also served in various capacities such as IQAC Coordinator from 2019 to 2023 and as Dean of Student Affairs from 2014 – 2017 in Stella Maris College.

She received her doctoral degree in 2013 from the University of Madras and her research focus has been on Gender and Indian art. She won the UBCHEA fellowship 2018-19 and attended a 'Leadership Development Program' as part of the United Board Fellowship in July 2018 at Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA and was also placed for two months in the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Lakshmi Priya has several paper presentations and publications to her credit and is a recognised Ph. D. guide of the University of Madras. She has also served as guest faculty in institutions like Government College of Fine Arts, NIFT and IIT, Chennai. She has won awards, curated art shows and has frequently been called upon to be a judge in various cultural and art programs within and outside College. She is a practicing artist and has participated in several group shows, including an International Art Exhibition entitled 'Reciprocation: American Fulbright Artists & India Connections' organized by USIEF and Ojas Art Gallery, New Delhi in November 2021.

Lakshmi Priya is a seminar, museum and adventure junkie all rolled into one and has a wide range of interests including a love of reading mytho fiction, learning new languages , travelling to offbeat locations and places of artistic interest.
