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Educational Qualification

- Ph.D. Candidate in Economics, University of Kerala, India (2017--)
- M.A, Economics, Department of Economics, University of Kerala, India (2009--)
- B.A, Economics, Government College Munnar, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India (2005--)

Research Interest

- Gender Studies and Development, Vulnerability and Social capital, Marginalisation, Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts and Philosophy, Tribal Health, Agriculture with focus on Plantation sector in India and Globe.

Publication, Projects, Presentation and participation

Books

- Co-editor Proceedings of National Seminar entitled, 'Relevance of Ambedkarism - Meaning Definition and Application', IGNTU Publication, Amarkantak, (In press).

Publications

- Co- authored paper entitled' *Sustainable Livelihood Opportunities in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs): Central Part of Madhya Pradesh*' the Shodha International Multi-disciplinary referred Journal, Ujir, Mangalore, is to be accepted for publication 2020.
- Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University is going to be published an edited volume of collection of Research papers presented in National Seminar entitled 'Relevance of Ambedkarism' the paper entitled 'Dr. Ambedkar perception of Indian Economy and its Relevance 'is accepted for publication 2020.

- Sustainable Livelihood Opportunities in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs): Exploring Baiga Situation from South-Eastern Madhya Pradesh’ Samajik Nyak Sandesh. New Delhi, Accepted for Publication.
- Reducing Economic Vulnerability Through Microenterprises: A study of three District in Kerala” *ISDA Journal, Studies in Development and Public Policy*, ISSN 0971-2550 Vol.26 Numbers 1&2 Jan-Mar & Apr-Jun 2016. pp. 161-181 (2016).
- Economic Vulnerability and Social capital formation: A study of Kudumbashree in Kerala” *Journal of Kerala Studies, University of Kerala*, ISSN 0377-0443, Vol.XLI, March-June, September-December, pp. 182-199. (2014).
- Financial Inclusion in rural India: Role of Microfinance as a Tool” *ISOR Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* (JHSS) ISSN: 2279-0837, ISBN: 2279-0845, Volume X, Issue X. Pp. 20-23. (2012).

Working Papers and Ongoing Research Projects, Teaching and Research Experience

| Position | Institution | Period | Work done |
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| Research Officer (Same as Assistant Professor -Pay Scale, UGC-Level 10 7 th pay Scale) | Dr.Ambedkar Chair Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Central University, M. P | 24-07-2018 | Till the date |
| Research Associate | University of Kerala Department of Future studies, Thiruvananthapuram | From 19-12-2017 to 21-07-2018 | Gender Gap to Innovation and Disparity in STEM education: An Enquiry into their linkages in Universities of Kerala. |
| Field Investigator | Population Research Centre, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. | From April 2017 to May 02-05-2018 | Project title “Estimate the burden of TB among Tribal people and propose: An innovative health system model in India” |

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| Research Associate | University of Kerala Department of Future studies, Thiruvananthapuram | From 28-10-2016 to 28-04-2017 | The Innovative Research Project” Knowledge-Based Economy and Innovation in Higher Education: An Enquiry into its linkages with Development Trajectory of India. |
| Filed Investigator | Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram | Two months 2016 | Fare trade certification south Indian plantation sector |
| Research Assistant | UGC Sponsored Major Project undertaken in Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram | From 03-05-2010 to 27-10-2011 | Project titled “Inclusive Growth through Social capital Formation: Is Microfinance an effective tool for Targeting Women.” |

Research Project

| SL. no | Institution and Position | Title of the project | Funded by | Period and Amount |
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| 1 | Women’s commission, Kerala. Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Research Officer, IGNTU Principal Investigator Major Research project | “Socio and economic changes among tribal people in Kerala A case of seven tribal communities in Kerala”. | Kerala women’s commission. | 2017-2018 Rs. 1,00,000 Completed |
| 2 | Centre for Tribal Research Policy, New Delhi Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Research Officer, IGNTU Principal Investigator | “Sustainable Livelihood Opportunities in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) | Centre for Tribal Research Policy, New Delhi | Rs. 2,00,000 On process |

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| | Major Research project | Women: A case of Central Part of Madhya Pradesh, Western Ghats of Kerala” | | |
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TEACHING/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

- Undertaken teaching assignments in Department of Futures Studies, University of Kerala as the capacity of Research Scholar from 2013 to 2016.
- Delivered some Lectures on Data Analysis using SPSS in Government College, Munnar in 2015
- Taken part in a survey in connection with CSDS National Election Study 2011, Post Poll Survey- Kerala Assembly, Conducted by the Department of Political Science, University of Kerala April 2011.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Qualified **Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)** and **National Eligibility Test for lectureship (NET)** conducted by University Grants Commission (UGC) -, Government of India, December 2011.

International/ National Conferences, Presentations/ Workshops and Talks

- Resource Person ‘Rashtreeya Avishkar Abhiyan, Samagra Keralam, Idukki, Kerala Online Webinar entailed ‘Carrier Guidance’ Organised by the BRC- Munnar, held on 24th November 2020, through Google Meet- <https://meet.google.com/qis-dynw-qop>.
- Influence of Swami Vivekananda’s Educational Philosophy and Political Institutions.” in two day National Seminar Cum Workshop on Swami Vivekananda’s Educational Thoughts: Out of the Box Thinking’ organised by Department of Education , Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, (M.P), held on 17th and 18th February 2020.
- Presented “*Hidden Injuries of Economic Vulnerability of Baiga Tribal Women: Central Part of Madhya Pradesh*, at the impress-Icssr Sponsored” National Conference on Social Inclusion and Development of Scheduled Tribes in India” organised by the Department of Social Work held on 12th and 13th September, 2019 at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, M.P.

- Rural Transformation via Empowerment of Women Farmers: A Case Study of Kudumbashree, Kerala”, the seed of change conference is organized by the Australian Institute for Sustainable communities, University of Canberra. Australia ‘Gender Equality through Agricultural Research for Development ‘scheduled on 2nd and 4th April 2019, My poster has been accepted for the presentation(I couldn’t attend said conference) but my Research Paper was accepted for publication, 2020.
- Dr. Ambedkar Summer School, 2019 to be organised by Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia at Nainital, Uttarakhand, which will be held on 27th May to 31st May 2019. I have been selected as one of the participants in the above said programme.
- **“Avenues of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship: Research & Opportunities”** one day National Symposium organised by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak M.P., Held on 2nd February 2019.
- **“Rural Transformation via Empowerment of Women Farmers: A Case Study of Kudumbashree, Kerala”**, the seed of change conference is organized by the Australian Institute for Sustainable communities, University of Canberra. Australia ‘Gender Equality through Agricultural Research for Development ‘scheduled on 2nd and 4th April 2019, My poster had been accepted for the presentation(I couldn’t attend said conference) but my Research Paper will be accepting for publication
- **“Dr. Ambedkar’s Probing into the Indian Agricultural Problem”** in two days National Seminar on “Relevance of Ambedkarism’ organised by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, (M.P), held on 26th and 27th September 2018.
- **“Tribal Women Vulnerability: Assessing some part of Madhya Pradesh and Kerala at the International Seminar on ‘The Contemporary Socio-cultural Scenario of Tribal Women in India’** from 10th to 12th October 2018 at KIRTADS, Kozhikode, Kerala, India
- **Responsibility towards Society vs Contribution to academic research: A Critical analysis of universities in India”** 2nd HEIRRI Conference: Education towards a responsible society, transforming universities through RRI, Aula der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Austria – April 27th, 2018.
- **“Addressing Economic Vulnerability of Marginalised sections in Kerala: The Kudumbashree Way”** in three-day International Conference on Alternative Finance and Sustainable Socio-Economic Development Organised by the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala in association with Indian Association for Islamic Economics (IAFIE) Kerala Chapter held during 22-24 March 2017, in the Senate chamber, Senate House Campus, Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram.
- **“Reducing Economic Vulnerability Through Micro-Finance: A Study of three districts in Kerala”** in two-day International Seminar on “Participatory Finance – The Emerging Scenario”, organised by the School of Distance Education (Department of Commerce), University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, held on June 11th and 12th 2015.

- ***“Sustainable use of Common Property Resources in Kerala. A study of Vellayani Lake on Thiruvananthapuram District”*** in two-days National Seminar on “Sustainable Development and the Kerala Economy” organised by the Department of Commerce and School Business management and Legal Studies, University of Kerala, held on 8th and 9th June 2015.
- ***“Impact of Foreign Direct Investment in Achieving Sustainable Development” in the International Seminar on “Foreign Direct Investment- the Indian Scenario”*** organised by the Department of Commerce and School Business Management and Legal Studies, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, March 23rd and 24th 2013
- ***“Demographic Dividend and Entrepreneurship in India” in National Seminar on “Role of Media in Stimulating Youth Entrepreneurship”*** organised by the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs in association with Department of Commerce, Government Arts’ College, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, March 22rd and 23th 2013.
- ***“Economic Vulnerability of Poor: Solution through Social Capital Formation”***, in National Seminar on “Governments’ Role in Awareness Creation on Entrepreneurship among Women in India” sponsored by the Director of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala in association with the PG Department of Commerce Arts College, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram held on 15th and 16th March 2013.
- ***“Impact of Tourism on the Economic Development of India”, at the National Seminar on Tourism Industry- An Indian Perspective”*** National Seminar on Tourism Industry-An Indian perspective” organised by the Researches Forum, Department of Commerce, University of Kerala and Hotel Management and catering technology (IHMCT), Thiruvananthapuram, September 26th 2012.
- ***“Microfinance for the Poor Women does it give good reason for the Financial Inclusion”***, at the National Seminar on “Role of Parliament in enacting Business Laws in the Globalised World” organised by the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs in association with Department of Commerce, Government Arts College University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 23rd and 24th March 2012.
- ***“Financial Inclusion in Rural India: Microfinance as a Tool”***, at the National Seminar on “Financial Sector Reforms and Banking Industry in India-Opportunities and Challenges” organised by the Department of Commerce University of Kerala-UGC Special assistance Programme, Thiruvananthapuram, February 23rd and 24th 2012.

Conferences

- ***“Foresight and Technology Futures”*** organised by Department of Futures Studies during 19th and 20th, March 2015.
- ***“Subsidies in India: Issues and Implications”*** organised by Department of Economics, Government Arts College, Thiruvananthapuram 30th January 2013
- ***“Conflict and Peace in South Asia: Nehru and beyond”*** organised by UGC-Nehru Studies Centre, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala on 2-3 March 2012

- **“Financing Health Services in India: Search for Alternatives”** organised by the Department of Economics, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India in Association with Sree Chithra Tirunal institute for Medical Science and Technology (SCTIMST) Thiruvananthapuram and the Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA), Dharward with financial assistance from the University Grants Commission, New Delhi during 4-6- January 2012.
- Three-day National Seminar on **“Globalisation, Governance and Development: Experience of South Indian States”** organised by Department of Political Science, University of Kerala on March 23-25, 2011.
- UGC Sponsored National Seminar on **“Rural Development: Progress, Problems and Programme Effectiveness”** organised by the Department of Economics, University of Kerala during 2-3 December, 2010.
- **“International Seminar on Democratic and Secular Education”** organised by the Government of Kerala conducted in Kerala University Campus, Kariyavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, held on 4-6 December 2008.

Online Webinars

- Attended the Lecture on what causes micro-variation in language? Part of the CALT’S web talk series-1 Talk-6 on the theme “Syntax-Semantic: Theoretical Insights and Applications for Indian Language” Organized by Centre for Applied Linguistic and Translation Studies(CALT’S), University of Hyderabad, on 19th August 2020.
- Participated in the “Virtual workshop on the implications of Environment Impact Assessment 2020” organised by the Department of Economics, Malabar Christian College, Calicut, Kerala, India, held on 18th August 2020
- Attended the Lecture on Parsing with Logic by Prof. Gautam Sengupta as part of the CALTS’ WebTalk Series-1 (talk-5) on the Theme “Syntax-Semantics: Theoretical Insights and Applications for Indian Languages” Organized by Centre for Applied Linguistic and Translation Studies(CALT’S), University of Hyderabad, on 12th August 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar ‘State & Marketing during COVID-19 Pandemic’ Jointly organised by The Department of Economics, University of Calicut, Dr John Matthai Centre & The PG & Research Department of Economics, Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur, Kerala, held on 11th AUGUST 2020.
- Participated in the international webinar on *Recent Trends in Phonetic and Phonological Research*, Organised by Department of Linguistics and Contrastive Study of Tribal Languages, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh on 10th August 2020.
- Attended the Lecture on Postsynaptic Movement in Mundari, By Dr. Gurujegan Murugan as the Part of the CALT’S “Syntax-Semantic: Theoretical Insights and Applications for Indian Language” Organized by Centre for Applied Linguistic and Translation Studies(CALT’S), University of Hyderabad, on 29th July 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar “Situating the Life of Tribes in Times of Covid-19” Jointly organized by the Department of social Work, Indira Gandhi National

Tribal University, Amarkantak, M.P and Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi, held on 23rd July 2020.

- Participated in the Webinar on “Psychological Impact of Covid-19: A Social Work Perspective” Organised by the Department of Social Work, Bishop Herber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, on 18th July 2020.
- Participated two days International Webinar on” Rewarding the Domestic Paradigm: Family Bonding, Gender Concerns & Head Issues Admit Covid-19” Organised by PGGC-11. Chandigarh, on 16th and 17th July 2020.
- Participated in the International Webinar *Swami Vivekanand Subharti University Meerut, UP, INDIA participated in the webinar on "Japan and India - Historical and Cultural Partnership" organised by IQAC, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, India in collaboration with the South Asia Research Centre (SARC) , Soka University, Japan on July 17th, 2020.*
- Participated One day National level webinar on,’ COVID-19 and the Stunned Indian External Sector: The Opportunities To Secure Competitiveness’ in International Webinar on,’ Role of Nanomedicine in Prostate Cancer’ Organised by Department of Economics Bharathiar University Arts & Science College, Thondamuthur, Coimbatore, Held on 14th July 2020.(Google meet).
- Attended five days International E-FDP on ‘Advanced Research Methods: Enabling Quality Research Publications’ organised by Institute of Technology & Science, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad, from 30th June to 4th July 2020, through Google meet.
- Attended the Webinar ‘Web Tools for English Language Teaching’ organized by M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, on June 30, 2020, through google meet.
- Participated in International Webinar on,’ Role of Nanomedicine in Prostate Cancer’ organised by Aluas Centre for Research in Nanotechnology, 3rd July 2020.(Google meet).
- Participated in a Webinar on “Enterprise Infrastructure & Cloud Computing” organized by Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Vivekananda Institute of Technology & Science, Karimnagar in association with T-THub Management Services Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad, held on 26, June, 2020, through online mode.
- Participated in One Day National Level Webinar on “Economic Crisis & Stimulus Package in India: Challenges and Ways Forward “an IQAC Initiative, Organized by the Department of Economics, Dharwad, Karnataka, on 24th June, 2020, through Google Meet.
- Attended One day National Webinar on, ‘Impact of Covid-19 on the Migrant Workers and Future Strategies for Sustainable Livelihood’ organised by Department of Geography, under the aegis of IQAC, Jagjiwan College, Gaya (Bihar), 22nd June 2020, through Zoom.
- Participated in One Day National Webinar On ‘COVID19 And Indian Economy: Issues And Challenges’ Organised by PG Department of Commerce & Management, Dasmesh Girls College, Chak Alla Baksh, Mukerian, Punjab, India on 20th June, 2020, through Google meet.
- Participated in International Virtual Conference titled “Inclusion, Disability, and Sports” organized by Department of Physical Education , BPS Women University, Sonapat, Haryana, India , held on 19th June-2020 through online mode.

- Participated the National Level Webinar on ‘COVID -19 AND THE WORLD ECONOMY’ organised by the PG & Research Department of Economics, C.B.M College, Kovaipudur, Coimbatore, on 18th June 2020, through Google Meet.
- Participated in the Webinar on, ‘Resilience in the field AI, Innovation & Entrepreneurship & Opportunities’ organised by Loyola Institution Innovation Council (LIIC), Loyola College Autonomous, Chennai, on 17th June 2020, through Zoom online mode.
- Participated in the AISNP Webinar Lecture Series on the topic of “Light Houses in The Face of COVID19 Tsunami: Challenges and Opportunities in The Post Pandemic World” organized by Amity International Society for Natural Products, Health & Allied Sciences Domain, Amity University Uttar Pradesh, Noida (INDIA), held on 15 June, 2020, through Zoom.
- Participated in the Webinar on, ‘Managing Stress During & Post Pandemic’ Organised by Navya Educational Trust, Patna June 17th, 2020, through Zoom online mode.
- Participated in the National Webinar on ‘Cyber Crimes in Banking Sector Today- Threats and Solutions’ organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) & Department Of Commerce, MES College Erumely, Kerala, on 15th June 2020, through Google Meet.
- Participated in the National E-Symposium organised by, Department of Political Science, School of liberal Arts & Cultural Studies, Adamas University in Collaboration with Department of Political Science, Ramlal Anand College, New Delhi, 13th June 2020. (through Zoom)
- Participated in the webinar titled VOYO (Voice of Youth for Oceans) organized by the Department of Aquatic Biology & Fisheries, University of Kerala, on 8th June 2020.
- Attended the Webinar on "The COVID-19 and the Environment : Lessons from the Pandemic “organized by THE WATER POLICY CENTER, INDIA AND NEPAL INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & ENGAGEMENT (NIICE), NEPAL, online on 5th June, 2020.
- Participated online webinar on, ‘Renewable Energy & Energy Management Towards Mitigation of Climate Change’ organised by RKDF University, Bhopal ,M.P-India on 5th June 2020, through Google Meet.
- Participated one day National webinar on, ‘Covid-19 Pandemic and Relief Measures: Role of social workers & Philanthropists, organised by Department of Social Work, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, M.P, 3rd June 2020, through Google Meet.

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED/ COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE/ EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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- One day University level Workshop on “ History Syllabus”, is organised by Post Graduate Teaching Department of History, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli on 25th February, 2020.

- **A Special Oration on Mahatama Jyotibha Phule Birth Anniversary**, is organised by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (M.P), held on 11th April 2019
- **‘Gender Studies in Social Sciences: Methods & analytical Tools & Concepts’** is organised by the Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (M.P), held on 8th April 2019
- Mathematical and Computational Empowerment cell (M&CEC, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, organised hands-on workshop on **‘Statistical Computing with R’** held on 16th and 17th November 2018.
- “National Multi-Disciplinary Annual Research Conference” organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Various Schools of the University of Kerala from 15th to 18th December 2015 **“International Workshop on Virtual Internationalisation Marking Effective use of New Technologies to Enhance the Student Experience”** organised by the Department of Zoology, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, held on 18-19 January 2015.
- Workshop on **“Statistical Software for Social Scientists-A Primer”** organised by the Department of Economics Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram during 13th -14th February 2013
- ICSSR Sponsored Ten Days Training Programme on Research Methodology”, at Department of Commerce, School of Business Management and Legal Studies, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram from 18th January to 28th January 2013.
- “Training Programme on “Course on various Methods in Microfinance Research”, **Organised by the V.V.Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.** October 29th- November 2nd 2012.
- National workshop on “Research Methodology in Social Sciences” conducted by Survey Research Centre, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala from 18th to 19th November 2011.
- Can work independently in SPSS (Statistical Product and Service Solutions). I have been working with SPSS Package for last seven years. I have experience in the software and also know how to use it for analyzing and interpreting the results.
- Able to work and passed a computer course on DAS, MS Office, MSEXCEL, and WORDSTAR, Indian Computer Education Society, Kochi- Kerala, January 2001.
- Acted as Researcher’s Union Vice Chairman, University of Kerala in the year 2012-13.
- Vice Captain and Member of University Football Team in 2015.
- Member of Scout and Guides in 1994.
