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Velayutham Saravanan is engaged with economic and environmental history and his area of study pertaining to South India encompasses the late eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries besides the contemporary period. With interdisciplinary research interests, he has made significant contributions to the fields of economic history, environmental history, agrarian history, history of water conflicts, history of Scheduled Tribes problems, labour issues, and human rights, etc. His published works demonstrate a consistent multidisciplinary approach to understand the political economy of Tamil Nadu and South India in general, with contemporary relevance. He has published the following books: *Colonialism, Environment and Tribals in*

South India, 1792-1947 by Routledge; (2017) *Environmental History and Tribals in Modern India* by Palgrave Macmillan; (2020) *Water and the Environmental History of Modern India* by Bloomsbury; (2022) *Environmental History of Modern India: Land, Population, Technology and Development* by Bloomsbury; (2023) *Political Economy of Development and Environment in Modern India* by Routledge; (2023) *Colonialism and Wildlife: An Environmental History of Modern India* by Routledge (2024); *Political Economy of Modern South India: Environment, Society, Polity, Gender, and Labour History* by Manohar; (2024) *Colonialism, Cinema, Media and Justice in Modern India* (under Review (2024) ; *Globalisation in Modern India, 1498-2023: Investment, Employment, Poverty, Inequalities and Environment* (under review); (2024) and *Political Economy of Development in the Field of Modern India: Agriculture, Industry, Labour, Developmental Issues, Health, Gender, and the Environment* (under review) (2025)

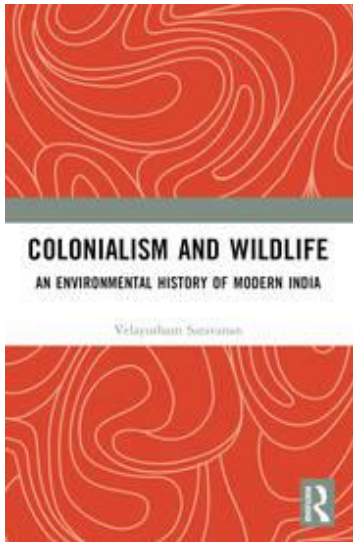
Velayutham Saravanan has contributed a number of research articles both in national and international journals viz., *Modern Asian Studies (MAS)*, *South Asia Research (SAR)*, *Environment and History (E&H)*, *International Forestry Review (IFR)*, *The International Journal of Human Rights (IJHR)*, *Journal of Forest Economics (JFE)*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review (IESHR)*, *Indian Economic Journal (IEJ)*, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics (IJAE)*, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics (IJLE)*, *Artha Vijnana*, *Review of Development and Change (RDC)*, *Journal of Social and Economic Development (JSED)*, *Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)*, *Contemporary Perspectives: History and Sociology of South Asia*, *Asian Economic Review*, *Mainstream*, *Social Change*, *Social Action*, *Man and Development*, *Frontier*, *Journal of International and Area Studies*, etc. Precisely, he has published more than 70 research articles both in national and international journals and presented more than 55 articles in various seminars conducted at national and international level both of historical and contemporary periods. He has published book reviews in the prominent academic journals such as *American Historical Review*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, *Book Review*, *Biblio*, *Contemporary Perspectives: History and Sociology of South Asia*, etc. He has reviewed several manuscripts for the international publishing houses such as Oxford, Routledge, etc and numerous journals at the global level. He also delivered several invited lectures in different universities like University of Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of

Pondicherry University of Madras, B.R. Ambedkar University, University of Santiniketan, University of Calicut, University of Bharathidasan and Indira Gandhi National Open University, etc.,

Currently, his research is focused on theories of development and environment.

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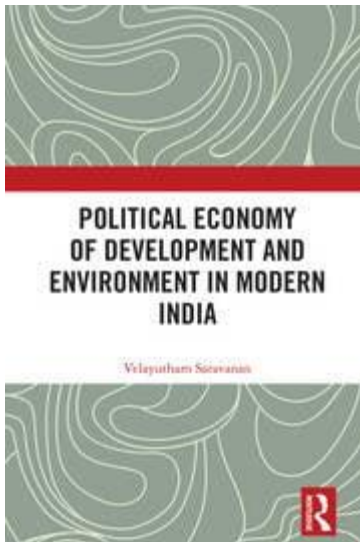
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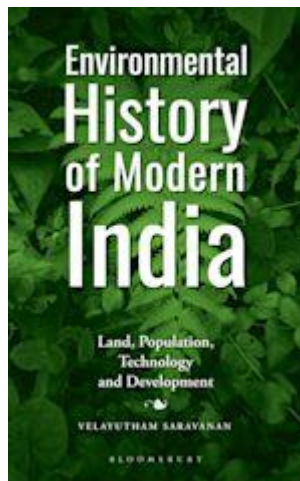
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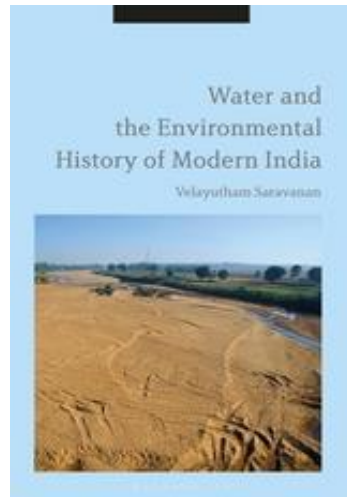
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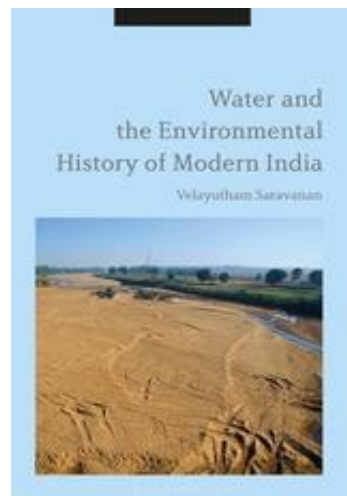
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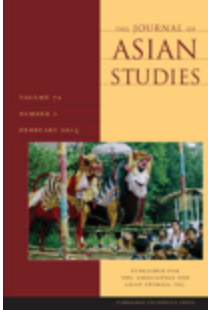
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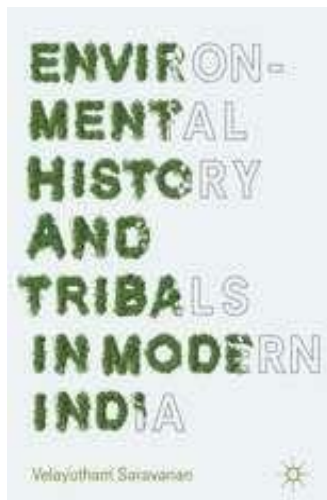


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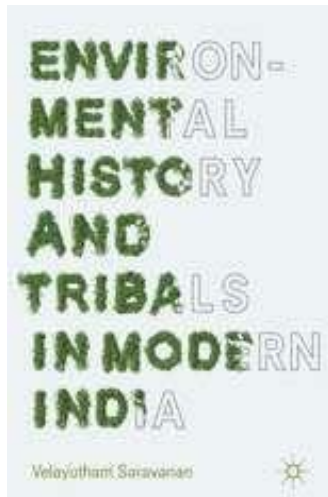


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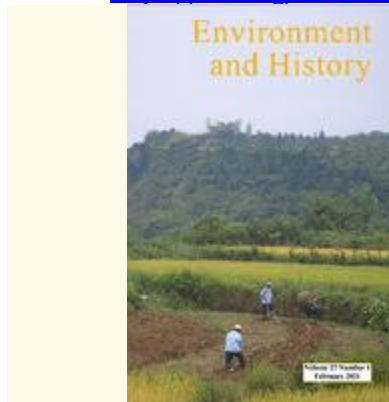
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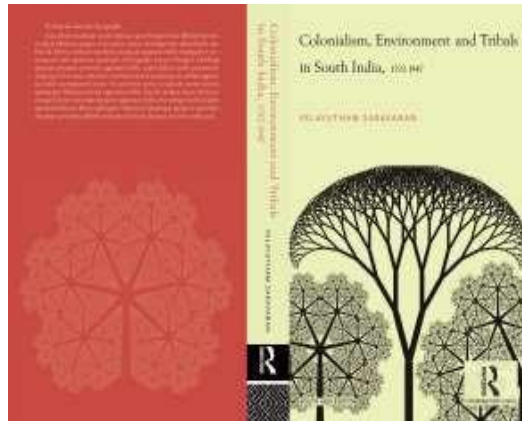
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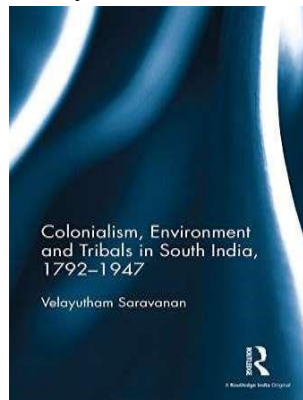
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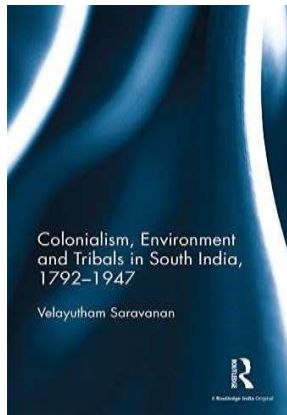
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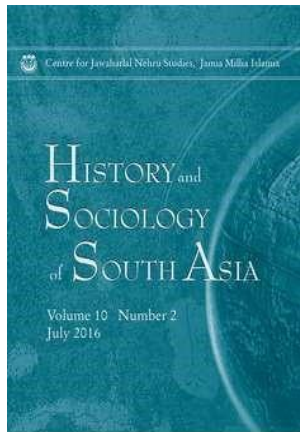
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This book captures the complexities of both development and environment, from the political economy point of view, to offer a broad economic and environmental history of post-independence India. It analyses the various components of constitutional provisions, policies, programmes and ecology protection measures during the post-independence period, that is, 1947–2020. The author also investigates India's land and forest policies of the 21st century: Fair Compensation of Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013 and the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, which pose a great threat to ecology and the environment. The volume argues how, on one hand, the development agenda has undermined the environmental components for the first three decades of independence and, on the other hand, how the popular vote bank politics further has aggravated the issues related to environment in India.

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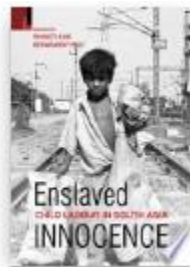
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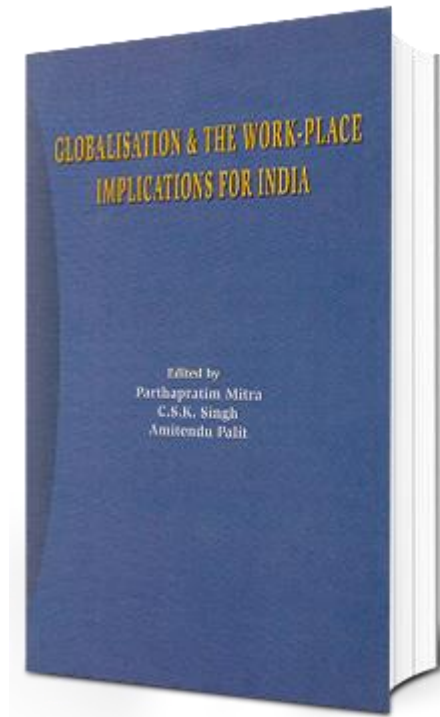
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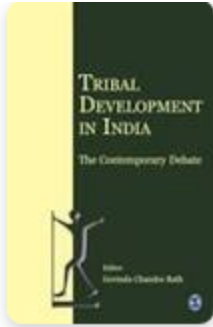
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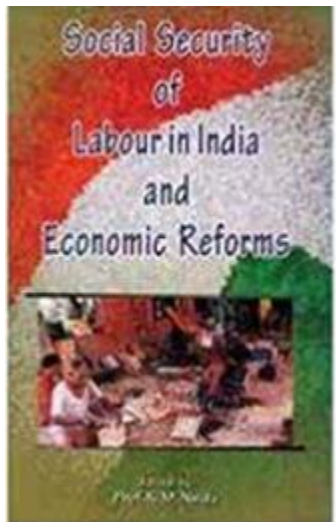
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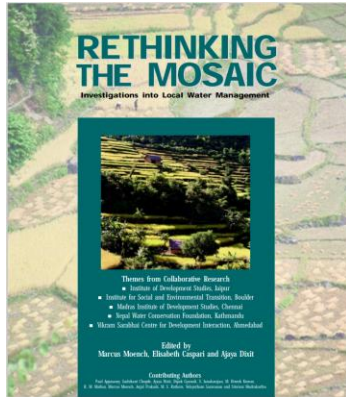
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Papers/ Lectures presented at Conferences / Seminars

Memorial Lecture

61. (2008) 'Economic History of Tamil Nadu: Living Conditions of Scheduled Castes during the Post-Independence Period, 1947-2007' **Vera Anstey Memorial Lecture** delivered at the 91st Annual Conference of **Indian Economic Association (IEA)**, Udaipur, December 28.
62. (2017) 'Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar Vision on India's Development: Post-Independence Experience', Memorial lecture on **Dr.Ambedkar's Vision and India's Development**

delivered at the Ambedkar Centre for Economic Studies, University of Madras, on 21st December.

Endowment Lecture

63. (2014) 'Land Acquisition Act in India: Issues and Challenges' **Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer Endowment lectures** delivered at the Department of Economics, University of Madras, Chennai, August 7.

Keynote Address

64. (2023) 'Environmental History of Modern Kerala' Keynote address delivered at the Three-day National seminar on **Environmental History of Kerala: Knowledge Development and Movements**, organised by the PG & Research Department of History, Farook College, Kozhikode, Kerala, March 15-17.



65. (2010) 'Environmental History and Marginal groups (1800-1947): Commercialisation of forests and Decline of Marginal groups Livelihood' Keynote address delivered at the National Seminar on **Multiple Marginalities and Environment: Conceptualising Marginality and Environment in Indian Society**, Organised by Department of History, School for Ambedkar Studies, B B Ambedkar University, Lucknow, February 18.

Special invited Lectures

65. (2017) 'Interlinking of South Indian Rivers: Issues and Challenges', delivered at the **Department of Economics**, University of Madras, Chennai, December 22.
66. (2017) 'Environment and Development in Contemporary India' delivered at 120th Orientation Programme held at **Academic Staff College**. JMI, New Delhi, November, 16.

67. (2017) 'Environmental Issues in Contemporary India' delivered at 119th Orientation Programme held at **Academic Staff College**. JMI, New Delhi, August, 8.
68. (2014) 'Eminent domain, Environment and Livelihood' delivered at the Summer Programme held at **Academic Staff College**. JMI, New Delhi, April 21.
69. (2014) 'Land Acquisition Policies in India: origin, development and its impact on Environment and Livelihood' delivered at the **2nd Refresher Course in Global Studies**, held at Academic Staff College. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, April 25.
70. (2014) 'Land Acquisition Act in India: Impact on Environment and Livelihood, 1824-2013' invited talk delivered at the **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library** on April 15, 2013.
71. (2013) 'Understanding the Environmental History: Issues and Problems' Special address delivered at the Alumni meeting of **Department of Economics**, Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Tiruchirappalli, April 21.
72. (2013) 'Environmental issues and challenges', delivered at the 104th 4-Week Orientation Programme held at **Academic Staff College**. JMI, New Delhi, April 16.
73. (2012) 'Colonialism and Environment during Post Forest Act (1878-1947)' delivered at the 9th Refresher Course in Economics held at **Academic Staff College**. JMI, New Delhi, July 20.
74. (2012) 'Colonialism and Environment during Pre-Forest Act (1800-1878)' delivered at the 9th Refresher Course in Economics held at **Academic Staff College**. JMI, New Delhi, July 20.
75. (2012) 'Environmental History of India during the post- Independence period, 1947-2006' delivered at the **Department of History**, University of Pondicherry, Pondicherry, March 6.
76. (2012) 'Colonialism and Environment in India during the post-Forest Act period, 1878-1947' delivered at the **Department of History**, University of Pondicherry, Pondicherry, March 5.
77. (2012) 'Colonialism and Environment in India during the pre-Forest Act period, 1800-1878' delivered at the **Department of History**, University of Pondicherry, Pondicherry, March 5.

78. (2011) 'Historical Data Sources and Its Relevance for Social Science Research' delivered for the M.Phil Students, **Department of Economics**, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, in December 29.
79. (2011) 'Environment: A Historical Perspective' delivered for the '8th Refresher Course in Economics at the **Academic Staff College**, organized by the Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, September 16.
80. (2011) 'Data Sources for Social Science Research' presented at the **School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies**, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, in April, 26.
81. (2011) 'Colonialism and Environment in India' presented at the **School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies**, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, in April, 18.
82. (2010) Invited lecture on 'Political Ecology: Sustainable and Equitable Development' delivered for the Research Scholars, at the **Department of Social Work**, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, December 4.
83. (2010) Invited lecture on 'Forest and Environment' delivered for the Refresher Course of **Geography & Environmental Studies** at the Academic Staff College, organized by the Department of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, January 29.
84. (2008) Invited lecture on 'Environmental History of India: Commercialisation or Conservation during the colonial and post-colonial experiences, 1800-2005' delivered for the **Refresher Course in Environmental Studies for College Teachers**, at the Department of Environmental Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Delhi, Delhi, March 8.
85. (2000) Invited lecture delivered on the History of Tribal Land Alienation in the Madras Presidency, at **PREPARE**, Chennai, on the 19th July.
86. (1999) Invited lecture on the *Problems of Tribals in Tamil Nadu*, at the Kolli Hills, on the 19th July, by the **Tamil Nadu Tribal Association**.
87. (1998) Invited lecture delivered on the *Economic Conditions of Tribals in Tamil Nadu*, on 23rd September, during the **III State Conference of the Tamil Nadu Tribal Association**, held at Sathyamangalam, Erode.

Papers/ Lectures presented at Conferences / Seminars

88. (2022) 'Population and Environment' Invited special lecture delivered at the Cambridge School, Srinivaspuri, New Delhi, February 10, 2022.



89. (2020) 'Political Economy of Land, Forest Policies and Its Impact on Environment in India During the Twenty-First Century' **National Seminar on Environmental, Society and Culture: Interdisciplinary Perspectives** Organised by School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies. Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, 28th January.
90. (2019) 'Constitutional Provisions and Weaker Sections: Post-Independence Experience' Invited special lecture delivered on the occasion of Constitutional Day Campaign, at the Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, on 26th November.
91. (2019) 'Colonialism and Environment in India, 1800-1947' Invited special lecture delivered at **Environmental Studies**, Asoka University, Sonapat, Monday, 14 October.
92. (2019) 'Ancient Grains and Water Management Practices for Sustainable Land Management' at the **UNCCD/COP - UNCCD-COP14: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification - Conference of the Parties to the Convention and meetings of subsidiary bodies conference**, organized by the IORA, Vertiver, Tigress and Cambridge

University, held at New Delhi, India, India Expo Centre and Mart Knowledge Park-II Greater Noida Expressway (UP) Delhi-NCR, India, 5th September.

93. (2019) 'Institutional Failure, Politics and the need of Strategy' Panel discussion and brainstorming on 'Building a Platform for Dialogue between different agencies for Tribal Development' at the Centre of Tribal Research and Exploration, Institute of Public Administration (IPA), New Delhi, February 28.
94. (2014) 'Human Rights and Tribals in India – A Historical Perspective' presented at the **National Conference on Human Rights and Good Governance in India and West Asia** organized by the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, 25-26 November.
95. (2014) 'Land Acquisition Policies in India: A major Challenge for the Policy-Makers', invited talk delivered at the National Symposium on **Current Economic Challenges to Policy Makers in India** held at the Department of Economics, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, August 7.
96. (2013) 'Economic History of Information and Communication Technologies in India: Digital divide among the rural-urban, income categories and social groups, 1947-2007' presented at the **National Conference on Science in Society and Development: Nehru and Beyond** organized by the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jami Millia Islamia and VIGYAN PRASAR, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, on 23-24 October.
97. (2011) 'E (electronic) -Waste in India: Ecological and Environmental Impacts', presented at a national seminar on **E-Waste Management and Recycling in India-Issues and Challenges** organized by the Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March, 17-18.
98. (2011) 'History of Ecology and Environment Management in India' Invited paper presented at the national seminar on **Ecology and Environment Management: Indian Scenario** organized by the Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, Delhi, February 24-26.
99. (2011) 'Interrogation of Tribal Development Policies in India: Colonial and Postcolonial Experiences' Invited paper presented at the National Conference on **Underdevelopment and Development: Challenge and Response** organized by the Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santi Niketan, West Bengal, January 15-16.

100. (2009) 'Colonialism and ecological Change in India (1800-1947)' presented at the seminar on **Writing Indian Economic History: Trends and Prospects**, organized by the Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, February 27-28.
101. (2008) 'Social Sector Development in Tamil Nadu: Disparities among the different Social Groups, 1947-2007' presented in absence at the National Seminar on **Social Sector Development in Tamil Nadu: Trend and Prospects**, organized by the Department of Economics, University of Madras, Chennai, March 31.
102. (2008) 'Child Labour in Tamil Nadu: Legal and Policy initiatives during the post-Independence period, 1947-2007' presented at the workshop on **Enslaved Innocence: Child Labour in India**, organized by the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 14-15.
103. (2008) Invited paper on 'Subalterns vs State Institutions: Politicians, State, Forest, Law and Atrocities on Tribals in Tamil Nadu, 1990-2000' presented at the workshop on **Political Ecology**, organized by the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, Delhi, March 6-7,
104. (2008) Invited paper on 'Economic Development of Scheduled Castes in India during the Special Component Plan period, 1980-2005' presented at the National Level Conference on **The Development of Scheduled Castes: Special Component Plan**, held at the National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi, February, 28-29.
105. (2007) 'Nehruvian Policies on Tribals: Revisited' presented at the workshop on **Nehruvian programmes and Policies in Today's Prospective** organized by the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, held at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, August 10-11.
106. (2007) 'Export Earning Industries vs Environmental Sustainability: A Case of Tirupur Knitwear Industries in Tamil Nadu, 1980-2005' presented at the National Seminar on **National Environmental Policy (NEP-06)** organized by the Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, February 20-21.
107. (2006) 'Colonialism and Conservation: Commercialisation of Forests and decline of tribals in Madras Presidency, 1882-1947' presented at the workshop on the **Nature in the Raj: Colonial Environments and Indigenous Knowledge** organized by Centre for

- World Environmental History, Sussex University and the Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, August 18-19. [Schedule \(jnu.ac.in\)](http://jnu.ac.in)
108. (2006) 'Economic Exploitation of Forest Resources in South India during the early 19th Century' invited paper presented (in absence) at the **XIV World Congress of Economic History**, held at Helsinki, August 21-25, 2006.
 109. (2005) 'Environmental History of Tamil Nadu: State, Law and decline of Forest and Tribals, 1950-2000' paper presented (in absence) at the **panel on Environmental History and Politics in South Asia** sponsored by South Asia Council part of Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Conference, held at Chicago on March 31 –April 3 2005.
 110. (2005) 'Reinterpretation of Tribal Movements in south India' invited paper presented (in absence) at the **International Seminar on Reinterpreting Adivasi (Indigenous Peoples) Movements in south Asia**, held at the Graduate Centre in the School of Humanities, and Graduate Centre in the School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, at the University of Sussex on 21-23 March 2005
 111. (2004) 'Economic Reforms and Tribals in Tamil Nadu: 1991-2003' presented at the **National conference on Economic Reforms and Southern States: Emerging Trends and Issues**, held at the Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics, Pachaiyappa's College for Men, Kancheepuram. Tamil Nadu, September 11, 2004.
 112. (2004) 'Joint Forest Management in Andhra Pradesh: Preliminary Field Findings and Analysis' presented at the **Writing Workshop**, held at Puri between 29th March to 2nd April 2004.
 113. (2003) 'Participatory Forest Management in AP: A Review of Policies and Impact' presented at the Project Meeting on **Assessing the Livelihood Impact of Joint Forest Management in Andhra Pradesh** at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, between 23-25 June. (With Gopinath Reddy).
 114. (2003) 'Changing Structure of Workforce Among the Social Groups in Rural Tamil Nadu', presented at the **46th National conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics**, held at the Calcutta University, Kolkata, in December.
 115. (2003) 'Globalisation and Non-Farm Employment in Andhra Pradesh' presented at the **Rural Employment with Focus on Non-Farm Sector**, held at the National Institute of Rural development (NIRD), Hyderabad, in December 6-7.

116. (2003) 'Unexplored Nineteenth Century Environmental History: Colonial Agrarian Policy in Tribal areas of South India' at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, October 28, 2003.
117. (2003) 'Rural Child Labour in Tamil Nadu: Impact of Policy Intervention' presented at the National Seminar on **Mainstreaming Child Labour into Rural Development Programmes**, held at the National Institute of Rural development (NIRD), Hyderabad, April 28-30.
118. (2002) 'Decline of Scheduled Castes Economy in Tamil Nadu during the Post-Independence Period', presented at the **28th All India Sociological Society Conference**, Kanpur, December 18-20.
119. (2002) 'Trends of Non-Farm Employment in Tamil Nadu: 1947-2002', presented at the **45th National conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics**, held at the Punjab University, Ameristar, in December.
120. (2002) 'Subsistence to Dependence: Decline of Tribal Economy in Uttar Pradesh, 1947-2002', presented at the National Seminar on **Labour and Poverty in Uttar Pradesh**, held at the GB Pant Institute, Allahabad, in November, 22-23.
121. (2001) 'Impact of Social Security Initiatives in Unorganised sector: The case of Women Workers in Rural areas of Tamil Nadu', presented at the **44th National conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics**, held at the Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, in December.
122. (2000) 'Growth of Agricultural Labourers of Andhra Pradesh:1951-1991', presented at the National Seminar on **Rural Labour and Weaker Sections-Problems and Prospects**, held at the Dr.Ambedkar Department of Economic Studies, University of Madras, Chennai, in March (co-authored with M.Atchi Reddy).
123. (2000) 'Economic Transformation in Tamil Nadu 1947-1997: The Service Sector Employment', presented at the **43rd National conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics**, held at the Department of Economics, R.D.University, Jabalpur, in December.
124. (1999) Given a seminar on the *Neglected and Unexplored Nineteenth Century Economic History*, at Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai on the 16th December.

125. (1998) 'Economic Transformation of Tribals in Tamil Nadu: Causes of Migration and its Employment Pattern, 1792-1991', presented at the **40th National Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics**, held at the Department of Economics, University of Hyderabad in December.
126. (1997) 'Impact of Welfare Measures and Economic Transformation of Tribals in Tamil Nadu: 1947-1991,' presented at the *National Conference on Economic Development and Regional Imbalances* held at the University of Jadavpur, Calcutta, in March.
127. (1997) 'Technological Transformation and Water Conflicts in the Bhavani River Basin, Tamil Nadu: 1930-1970,' presented at the **National Conference on Interdisciplinary Issues in Irrigation Management**, held at the Irrigation Management Training Institute (IMTI), Tiruchirappalli, in March.
128. (1995) 'Women Vegetable Vendors in the Madras City: An Economic Analysis'(co-authored with M.Atchi Reddy) presented at the **Fourth Conference of Indian Political Economy Association** held at the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, in January.
129. (1991) 'Some thoughts of B.R.Ambedkar on the Indian Economic Development through State Socialism' (co-authored with M.Atchi Reddy) presented at the National Seminar on **Ambedkar and his Ideas on Economic Growth with Justice** held at the S.K University, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, in January.

Occasional Papers

124. (2014) 'Land Acquisition Act in India: Impact on Environment and Livelihood, 18242013' **NMML Occasional Paper No.46**, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, pp.1-58. (ISBN: 9383650621, 9789383650620).

Working Papers

125. (2014) 'Colonialism and Tribal Welfare Measures in Madras Presidency, 1792-1947' **Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies.**
126. (2004) 'Livelihood Impacts of PFM in Andhra Pradesh' *Overseas Development Group (ODG) Working Paper No.4* (along with V.Ratna Reddy, M.Gopinath Reddy and B.Madhusudana). [4. AP review final.doc \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
127. (2004) 'Participatory Forest Management in Andhra Pradesh: A Review' *Working Paper No.62, Centre for economic and Social Studies* (along with V.Ratna Reddy, M.Gopinath Reddy, B.Madhusudana and Oliver Springate-Baginski).

Reports

128. (2004) 'Participatory Forest Management in Andhra Pradesh: A Review' submitted to **Overseas Development Group (ODG)** (along with V.Ratna Reddy, M.Gopinath Reddy, B.Madhusudana and Oliver Springate-Baginski).
129. (2004) *Sustainable Tribal Empowerment Project (STEP) CARE-Visakhapatnam: Baseline Survey*, Submitted to **CARE**, Hyderabad (Jointly).
130. (2001a) *Promoting the Linkages between Women's Employment and Reduction of Child Labour*, submitted to the **International Labour Organisation (ILO)**, Geneva, in September.
131. (2000a) *Socio-Economic Status of Tribals in Tamil Nadu: A Historical Perspective* submitted to the **Institute of Development Alternatives (IDA)**, Chennai in November.
132. (1999a) *Urban Drinking Water Options in the Noyyal Basin: Population, Industrial Growth and Water Demand in Coimbatore and Tiruppur: 1881-1991*, submitted to the **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**, Ottawa, Canada, in December.
133. (1998a) *Local Strategies for Water Supply and Conservation Management in the Bhavani and Noyyal River Basins, Part I- Domestic Water Supply and Industrial Sector* submitted to the **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**, Ottawa, Canada, in August.
134. (1998b) *Local Strategies for Water Supply and Conservation Management in the Bhavani and Noyyal River Basins, Part II- Agriculture Sector*, submitted to the **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**, Ottawa, Canada, in August.

Thesis/Dissertation Guidance

Ph.D

135. (2023) **Agrarian Transformation of Guntur District in Andhra Pradesh** by Hima Roopa, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
136. (2020) **Gender and Labour Mobility: A Case Study of MGNREGA in Bihar** by Raushan Kumar Singh, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

M.Phil

137. (2022) **Tribal Development in Telangana Region: with Special Reference to Tribal Sab-Plan Period** by Naresh Vankudoth, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
138. (2021) **Role of Maternal and Child Health Programs in Preventing Non-Communicable Diseases in India** by Mrs. Palak Arora, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
139. (2020) **Socio-Economic Changes of Tribes in Jharkhand during the post-Independence period: with special reference to Birhor Tribes in Chhotanagpur** by Prabhat Ranjan, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
140. (2019) **Household Amenities Among Different Social and Religious Groups in Uttar Pradesh** by Nida, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
141. (2019) **Water Pollution in Uttar Pradesh: A Case Study of Tanneries in Kanpur**, by Vikas Kumar, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia,
142. (2018) **Internal Replacement Migration in Kerala** by Revathy Menon, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
143. (2018) **Gender Perspective of Financial Inclusion: A Study on Jan-Dhan Yojana in East Chambaran District** by Shaista Mazhar, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
144. (2017) **Gender and Education Development Schemes in Bihar: Retrospect and Prospects** by Adiba Ahmad, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
145. (2017) **Centrally Sponsored Schemes: Issues and Challenges** by Arundhati Sarkar, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
146. (2016) **Gender and Digital Divide in India: with special reference to Chattishgarh** by Meenakshi Mishra, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
147. (2016) **Development Policies and Impact on Green Cover in India** by Maryam Sabreen, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

148. (2016) **Displacement and Rehabilitation Policies in India: Issues and Challenges** by Kush Mehndiratta, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
149. (2015) **Financial Inclusions Initiatives in Araria District of Bihar: Issues and Challenges** by Jiyaul Haque, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
150. (2015) **Contract Farming in India: with special reference to Kutch District of Gujarat** by Kanika Garg, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
151. (2013) **Neo-liberal Policies and growth of Small-Scale Industries: A case study of Khadi and Village Industries** by Md. Shahid Ansari, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
152. (2011) **Health reforms in India: Issues and Problems** by Abhishek Agrawal, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
153. (2011) **Sustainable Ground Water Management: Some selected Issues** by Nibedita Adhikary, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
154. (2011) **Higher education among the Scheduled Caste Women: Issues and Problems** by Reena Gupta, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
155. (2011) **Environmental Movements in India: With Special Reference to NBA and Chipka** by Umar Jalees Moniri, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
156. (2010) **Yamuna River Pollution: Impact of Policies and Legal Initiatives with reference to Delhi** by Rakesh Dutt, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

M.A

157. (2012) **Contract Workers in shopping malls: A case study of Delhi** by Zeba Sherwani, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi.
158. (2011) **Domestic Workers in Delhi: A Case Study** by M.C.Ubaid, School of

Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi.

Thesis / Proposal Evaluation

D. Lit. Degree

159. (2018) 'An Economic Study of the Performance of Power Sector and Sustainable Energy Consumption in Tamil Nadu' by Dr.C.Murthy, University of Madras.

Ph.D

160. (2022) 'Marriage Migration: A study of Female Emigrants from India' by Ms. Tasha Agarwal, School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi.
161. (2021) 'An Economic Analysis on Employer and Employee relationship towards the function of Trade Union in Integral Coach Factory (ICF-Railways)' by T. Gnanasekara Pandian, Post-Graduate and Research Department of Economics, Dr. Ambedkar Government Arts College (Autonomous), Vyasarpadi, University of Madras.
162. (2020) 'An Economic Analysis of India's Trade Relationship with SAARC Countries during Reform Period' by S.Saravanan, Government Arts College (Auto) Kumbakonam, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli,
163. (2020) 'Role of Irrigation in Determining Cropping Pattern and Agricultural Growth in Kancheepuram District: An Economic Analysis' by D.Jeevarathinam, Department of Economics, Loyola College, University of Madras.
164. (2019) 'A Study on Household Income and Expenditure Patterns of Scheduled Tribe in Tamil Nadu' by E. Karthikeyan, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.
165. (2019) 'Fiscal Developments in Mizoram: 1990-91 to 2014-15' by H.T.Lalrotluangi, **Department of Economics**, University of Madras.
166. (2019) 'A Study on Socio-Economic impact of Tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands' by Sobha, **Department of Economics**, Vels Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Chennai.
167. (2019) 'Determinants of Learning Outcomes of School Students- Social, Educational and

- Peer Effects’, by Jayachitra, V., **Department of Econometrics**, Institute of Distance Education University of Madras.
168. (2019) ‘Public Expenditure on Health in Tamil Nadu’ by Gopi.D, **Department of Economics**, University of Madras.
169. (2019) ‘An Economic Analysis of Air Pollution: A Case Study of Lucknow, India’ by Vandana Ahirwar, **Department of Economics**, School of Ambedkar Studies, BBAU, Lucknow.
170. (2017) ‘Water Uncertainty and Changing Land Relations- A study in the Cauvery Delta of Tamil Nadu, India’ by R.Vadivelu, **Postgraduate & Research Department of Economics**, Periyar E.V.R. College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli.
171. (2017) ‘Women in Unpaid Family Work by Ayushi Agrawal, **School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University**, New Delhi.
172. (2016) ‘Public Expenditure in Tamil Nadu- A study on Health and Educational Expenditure’ by S.Kumaran, **Madras Institute of Development Studies**, Chennai.
173. (2016) ‘Public Expenditure and its Impact on India’s Economic Growth’ by P. Rajasimman, **Department of Economics**, University of Madras, Chennai.
174. (2015) ‘An Economic Analysis of Environmental Externalities: A Study on Jajmau Leather Industrial Area of Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh’ by Ms.Shivani Singh, **Department of Economics, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University**, Lucknow.
175. (2015) ‘Impact of High Yielding Variety Seeds on Rice Cultivation in Tamil Nadu’ by M. Pragasan, **Department of Economics, University of Madras**, Chennai.
176. (2014) ‘Micro-Credit Women Entrepreneurs in Thiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu’ by Akila, **Department of Economics, University of Madras**, Chennai.
177. (2012) ‘Health and Nutritional Status of Children with special reference to ICDS in Tamil Nadu’ by K.Muneeswari, **Department of Economics, Guru Nanak College, University of Madras**, Chennai.
178. (2011) ‘Paddy farmers in Sri Lanka: A Study of Living Standards’ by Seeni Mohamed Ahamad Lebbe, **Department of Economics, University of Madras**, Chennai.
179. (2004) ‘Competitiveness of Knitwear Export Industry of Tirupur in Tamil Nadu, India’ by S.M.Suriya Kumar, **Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University**,

Thiruchirapally.

M.Phil

180. (2008) 'Handloom Weaving in Telangana Region of Hyderabad State, 1911-1950' by I. Ramaiah, **Department of History, University of Hyderabad**, Hyderabad.
181. (2005) 'Self and Wage Employment Programmes in India' by B.Suresh Babu, **Department of Economics, University of Hyderabad**, Hyderabad.

Project proposal

182. (2006) 'Trapped in Poverty: Chronic Poverty in Tribal Central India' by D.C.Sah, submitted for the financial support of **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**, New Delhi.

Ph.D Viva-Voce Conducted

183. (2022) 'Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Northeast: A Study of the Demand for an inner line permit system (ILPS) in Manipur' by Pradeep C. Nair, **School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University**, New Delhi (March 8, 2022).
184. (2021) 'Women in Unpaid Family Work by Ayushi Agrawal, **School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University**, New Delhi.
185. (2016) 'An Economic Analysis of Environmental Externalities: A Study on Jajmau Leather Industrial Area of Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh' by Ms.Shivani Singh, **Department of Economics, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University**, Lucknow, on February 17.

Academic Council Member

186. (2015 to 2019) Academic Council Member, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
187. (2011-12) Served as Academic Council Member at the Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.
188. (2014-19) Academic Council Member, Regional Centre, Institute of Social Sciences Puducherry.

School Board

189. (2011-12): Served as Chairman, School Board, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS), Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

School Council

190. (2011-12) Served as Chairman, School Council, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS), Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

Selection Committee Member for Lecturers, Readers and Professors

191. (2022) Served as a Subject Expert to appoint Guest Faculty at the Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi, February 24, 2022.
192. (2010) Served as a Member of the Selection Committee for appointing Faculty Position at the Department of Economics, School of Ambedkar Studies, B.R. Ambedkar University (Central University), Lucknow, 2010.
193. (2009) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for appointing Guest Lecturers (Environmental Economics), Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, September 7.
194. (2007) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for the position of Guest Faculty in the Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, July 31.
195. (2007) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for the position of Professor's in the Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, June 26.
196. (2007) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for the position of Professor's in the Department of Commerce, Jamia Millia Islamia, July 27.
197. (2007) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for the position of Reader's in the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, June 27.

Board of Studies

198. (2017-2020) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Board of Studies, Department of History and Culture, Faculty of Social Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
199. (2016-2019) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Board of Studies, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

200. (2015-2018) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Board of Studies, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
201. (2014-2017) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Board of Studies, Department of Commerce and Business Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
202. (2008-2011) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Board of Studies, Department of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
203. (2008-2011) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
204. (Since 2007) Member, Board of Studies, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

Advisory Committee

205. (2015 to 2018) Member of the Advisory Committee for the Social Exclusion and Inclusive Programme, Centre for Dalit and Minority Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.
206. (2011) Member of the Committee for developing Guidelines for Research Programmes for International Students, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.
207. (2009-2012) Member of the Advisory Committee for the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policies, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow.
208. (2010-13) Member of the Advisory Committee for Post-Graduate studies, Department of Economics, **Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University**, Lucknow.

Research Committee

209. (2011-12) Served as a Chairman of the Research Committee for Integrated M.Sc-Ph.D in Astrophysics, ISRO, Bengaluru, from April 2011
210. (2011-12) Served as a Chairman of the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D programme.

Doctoral Committee

211. (2011-12) Served as a Chairman of the Doctoral Committee, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

212. (2011-12) Served as a Chairman of the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D Programme at Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF), Cochin, Kerala.
213. (2011-12) Served as a Chairman of the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Sri Aurobindo Studies, Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR), Pondicherry.
214. (2011-12) Served as a Chairman of the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Bhasha Research and Publication Centre (Vadordora), Gujarat.

j). Expert Committee

215. (2011) Served as a subject expert for designing a papers viz., 'Industrial Development in India' and 'Agricultural Development in India' for the undergraduate programme, **Department of Economics, Indira Gandhi National Open University**, New Delhi, March, 3.
216. (2011-12) Served as a subject expert for designing M.A in Social Anthropology (ODL) **School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University**, New Delhi.
217. (2011-12) Served as a subject expert for designing M.A in Labour and Development (ODL) School of **Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University**, New Delhi.
218. (2011-12) Served as a subject expert for designing PGDPS in Population Studies (ODL), **School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University**, New Delhi.
219. (2010-13) Member of the Advisory Committee for Post-Graduate Studies, **Department of Economics, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University**, Lucknow.

Admission Committee

220. (2016 to present) Chairman of the Admission Committee for M.Phil and Ph.D programme.
221. (2014) Served as an Admission Committee Member for M.Phi (Development Studies), Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, July 27-28
222. (2013) Served as an Admission Committee Member for M.Phi (Development Studies), Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, July 27-28

223. (2011 -2012) Served as a Member of Admission Committee for both Master in Social Anthropology and Master in Labour and Development, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi.
224. (2009) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Admissions Committee for Certificate Course in Kyrgyz Language, Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, August 18.
225. (2009) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Admissions Committee for Certificate and Diploma Courses in Uzbek language, Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, August 17.
226. (2009) Served as an Admission Committee Member for M.Phi (Development Studies), Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, July 27-28.
227. (2009) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Admissions Committee for M.Phil (International Studies), Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, July 17-18.
228. (2008) Served as an Admission Committee Member for M.Phil (Development Studies), Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, July 9.
229. (2007) Served as an Admission Committee Member for M.Phil (Development Studies), Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, July 27-28.

Screening Committee

230. (2011) As a Director of the School, I served as a Chairman of the Screening Committee for the position of Professor at the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi.
231. (2009) Served as a Vice-Chancellor's Nominee in the Screening Committee for the position of Archivist in Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, March.

Question Paper Setting

232. (2014) Setting a question paper for M.Phil course viz., 'Theories of Development' and 'Contemporary Indian Society and Culture' Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.
233. (2013) Setting a question paper for M.Phil course viz., 'Theories of Development' and

- ‘Contemporary Indian Society and Culture’ Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.
234. (2013) Setting question paper for Entrance Test 2013 (M.Phil. in Development Studies), Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
235. (Since 2007). Setting a question paper for M.Phil course viz., ‘Theories of Development’ and ‘Indian economy’ Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.
236. (2011-2012) Setting a question paper for ‘Research Methodology’ both M.A in Labour and Development and Social Anthropology, Indira Gandhi National Open University.
237. (2009). Setting the question paper for the M.A (History) subject on ‘Environmental History of India’ Department of History, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow.

Evaluation of Answer Scripts

238. (since 2007) Evaluated the answer script for M.Phil course viz., ‘Theories of Development’, Contemporary Indian Economy and ‘Contemporary Indian Society and Culture’ Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.
239. (2011-2012) Evaluated Script for M.A in Labour and Development and Social Anthropology on Research Methodology’ School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University
240. (2007) Evaluated Script for the M.A (History) subject on ‘Environmental History of India’ Department of History, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow.

Resource Person

241. (2017) Chairperson for the session in the seminar on ‘State and Development’ Organized by the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, on 29th March.
242. (2017) Chairperson for the session in the International Conference Migration and Diasporas *Emerging Diversities and Development Challenges* Organised by School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, 23 March.

243. (2015) Chairperson for the session in the seminar on 'Public Health Infrastructure in Transition: Challenges and a way forward' Organized by the Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia and School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, USA, held at New Delhi, on 20th February.
244. (2014) Chairperson for the session in the seminar on 'State and Development' Organized by the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, on 6th February.
245. (2014) Chairperson for the session in the National Conference on 'Insurgency and Development' Organized by the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, on 29th January.
246. (2013) Chairperson for the session in the International Conference on 'India's Development Strategy: Discourses on Past, Present and Future' Organized by the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, on 6th March.
247. (2013) Chairperson for Research Scholars Seminar on 'Nehruvian Legacy and Contemporary Development in India' Organised by Subject Association, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, on 22nd of February.
248. (2012) Chairperson (Technical Session III), National Seminar on 'Environment-health Linkages: Emerging Issues and Policy Response' organized by Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 17.
249. (2011) 'One Community, Two Nations: Indian Muslims in the 1940s' by Dr. Rizwan Qaisar, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, October, 18.
250. (2011) Migration from North-East to Urban Centres: A Study of Delhi Region" by Dr. Babu P. Remesh, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi, September, 30.
251. (2011) 'An Economic Analysis of the Indian Patent System' By Dr. C. Niranjan Rao, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, September, 23.

252. (2011) 'Modernity and the Religious Question' by Prof. Avijit Pathak, CSSS, JNU, New Delhi, August, 26.
253. (2011) 'The Social Life of Law: The Forest Rights Act, 2006' By Dr. Sudha Vasan, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi, February, 3.
254. (2008) Chairperson of the Session 'The Population Science Research Committee' of XXXII National Social Science Congress, held at Jamia Millia Islamia between December 18 and 22.
255. (2008) Chairperson of the Session ' of Nehruvian Legacy in a Neo-Liberal Era, held at Jamia Millia Islamia between November 12 and 14.
256. Chairperson of the Seminar on *Rural Employment with Focus on Non-Farm Sector* held at the National Institute of Rural development (NIRD), Hyderabad, in December

Discussant

257. (2013) Discussed three papers: "Law, State and Policy". Mr. Umesh Srinivasan, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, Ms. Shomona Khanna, Advocate and Independent researcher, Delhi and Ms. Aarti Sridhar, JNU at the Workshop on 'Ecology and Society' held at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) New Delhi May 24. (Fourth session -3.30.p.m to 5.00 p.m.).
258. (2011) Discussed four papers: Caste and religious identity: An overview' by Surinder Jodhka, 2. 'Caste, Identity and Social Movement' by Debal Singharoy, 3. Iron caste rule and Muslims' by Mujibur Rahman and Dalit and the Religion: past and present' by Gurram Srinivas' at the national conference on "Caste, Democratic Politics and Nation Building: Historical and Contemporary India" held at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, March 10-11.
259. (2011) Discussed the paper, 'The Social Life of Law: The Forest Rights Act, 2006' by Dr.Sudha Vasan at the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOITS), Indira Gandhi National Open University (Central University), New Delhi, February 3.
260. (2007) Discussed three papers: 1) 'A Framework to Mainstream Issues of concern for

India' by Joyshree Roy and Bikram Chatterjee 2). 'Environmental Accounting for Sustainable Development' by M.N Murthy, 3) 'New Environment Policy 2006: Energy-Environment Linkages' by Subrata Mandal at the National Seminar on "National Environment Policy- (2006) – Objectives, Strategies and Missing Links" held at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 5-6 August, 2007.

261. (2003) Discussed the paper, 'The Use of Occupational Data from NFHS: A Study of Female Work Participation and Child Labour' by S. Mahendra Dev, at the Professor Pravin Visaria Memorial Workshop on *Emerging Demographic and Health Scenario in India: Exploration from NFHS-2*, held at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), September 2003.

Chairperson

262. Served as a Chairperson for the several expert committee meetings of Social Anthropology, Master in Labour and Development and Population Studies during 2011-2012;
263. Served as a Chairperson for the several lectures/seminars during 2011-2012;
264. Served as a Chairperson for the student presentation as well as dissertation viva-voce examination.

r) Joint Coordination Committee

265. Served as a Member Secretary of the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) for the BHASHA, SACAR, ICIS and CIF during 2011-12.

s) . Coordinator (Extension Lecture, CJNS)

266. Served as a Coordinator for the extension Lecture series at the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, JMI (2013-14).

Miscellaneous

267. Refereed several articles for the different Professional Journals both in India and abroad.

268. From 2003 to 2006, I have been coordinating the seminars at the *Centre for Economic and Social Studies* (CESS).
269. From 2003 to 2006, I have been teaching both in Research Methodology and Environmental Economics subjects for the M.Phil and Ph.D students.
270. From 2003 to 2006, I have been preparing the Annual Report for the Centre.

a). Administrative Positions

1) Director, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia

From November 14, 2015 – 2020 now: Served as a Director, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

- a. Administrative responsibilities including assigning the responsibilities to the faculties and discharging duties of drawing and disbursing officer, Superintendent of Examination, Chairman of Question Paper Setting Committee, Chairman of Question Paper Moderation Committee, Chairman of Evaluation Committee, Chairman of the Viva-Voce Committee for the M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes and other administrative activities.

2) Director, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOITS)

From February 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012: Served as a Director, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOITS), Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. The Director's responsibilities can be broadly classified into five categories.

- a. Administrative responsibilities including assigning the responsibilities to the faculties and discharging duties of drawing and disbursing officer, Superintendent of Examination, Chairman of Question Paper Setting Committee, Chairman of Question Paper Moderation Committee, Chairman of Evaluation Committee, Chairman of the Viva-Voce Committee for the Face-to-Face programmes, and other administrative activities.
- b. In addition to this, to develop the ODL programmes, various activities are involved in getting the administrative approval, identifying experts, conducting the expert committee meetings, etc.

- c. As a Chairman, the Director has to organize the School Council Meeting, Doctoral Committee Meeting, and School Board Meeting regularly. In addition to this, as Director has to attended Academic Committee Meeting, Director's Meeting regularly and provide information for the various other committees like Research Council Standing Committee, Finance Committee, Annual Report, etc.
 - d. As a Director, I coordinated the faculty members from School of Humanities (SOH), School of Social Sciences (SOSS) and National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education (NCIDE) of the IGNOU that is offering various programmes both face-to-face and open and distance learning mode through the school. Further, the School is facilitating various certificate programs, diplomas, post-graduate courses, master of philosophy and doctor of philosophy collaborating with the other institutions viz., Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (New Delhi), National Council of Rural Institute (Hyderabad), Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (Pondicherry), Chinmaya International Foundation (Cochin), International Centre for Integral Studies (New Delhi), Indian Institute of Astrophysics (Bangaluru), Bhasha Research and Publication Centre (Vadordora), and Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (Kolkata). The coordination activities multi-faceted – organizing joint coordination committee meeting, Doctoral Committee Meeting, ensuring the registration, collecting fee, disbursing identity card, disbursing the mark-sheet, evaluation methodology, etc.
 - e. As a director, chaired several seminar presentations, conferences not only for the external expert but also student seminar presentation during this period.
2. From March 2007–November 14, 2015: Acting as an **Officiating Director, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies**, Jamia Millia Islamia.

Editor of the Journal

1. Since January 2016 to 2019: **Editor, History and Sociology of South Asia** published by Sage Publications, New Delhi

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

I have been doing extensive research on the different topics of Economics' pertaining to the issues of both historical (eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries) and contemporary periods. I have widely contributed towards economic history, environmental history, agrarian history, rural economics, development economics, problems of Scheduled Castes and Tribes', issues of women and children in unorganized / informal sector, labour economics, history of water conflicts and on subjects of human rights. I have published around 60 research articles both in national and international journals. I have also presented 36 articles in various seminars conducted at national and international level. In addition to this, I have submitted 7 reports (5 independently) of which 3 were submitted to **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)** and one to the **International Labour Organization (ILO)**. Thus, my mite of contribution towards research activities and dissemination of knowledge in the relevant period can be broadly classified into the eleven following categories:

i) Economic History:

Existing literature on the economic history of eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries have not focused enough on the economic history of the tribals in general and the Madras Presidency in particular. The debates and contentions over the matter suggest that the economic history and the subsequent literature of that region, community and non-market (tribal) aspect has to be studied yet. Considering this, I have been studying on these issues for the colonial as well as contemporary periods. I have published an article titled, 'Tribal Revolts in India with reference to Salem and Baramahal Districts of Madras Presidency during the late 18th Century', in *Artha Vijnana*, which proved to be one of the pioneering contributions for the late eighteenth-century economic history. Another article entitled, 'Commercial Crops, Alienation of Common Property Resources and Change in Tribal Economy in the Shervaroy hills of Madras Presidency during the colonial period', in *Review of Development and Change*, deals with the origin and development of the property rights in the tribal areas of Madras Presidency. Most significant is the article titled, 'Tribal Land Alienation in Madras Presidency during the Colonial period: 1792-1947' in *Review of Development and Change*. It discusses about the alienation issues both from external and internal factors point of view, in a historical perspective. One of my articles, 'Economic

History of Tamil Nadu: Living Conditions of Scheduled Castes during the Post-Independence Period, 1947-2007' *Indian Economic Journal*, Vol.57 (1), pp.57-82. Another paper, 'Economic History of Information and Communication Technologies in India: Digital Divide among Rural-Urban, Income categories and Social Groups, 1947-2007' presented at the conference. These are the some of the important contributions made towards the economic history in general and unexplored areas in particular, in the time frames of late eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

ii. Environmental History:

Existing scholarships on the environmental history literature also have neglected not only the Madras Presidency but also ignored certain other crucial issues. Further, the scholarship has focused largely on the post-forest act period only. To fill the lacuna, I have studied the environmental history of the Madras Presidency and contributed towards the environmental history literature as well. For example, Richard H Grove has published a book entitled *Green Imperialism*, in which he claimed that in the Madras Presidency, environmental policy was strongly shaped by the colonial government during the early nineteenth century. Whereas, I contested his claim and argued that although they have discussed about the consequences of the deforestation and environment, it has not been practiced until the introduction of the Madras Forest Act 1882, during which commercialization of the forest was strongly emphasized by the colonial government. Three articles were published in the *Indian Economic and Social History Review*: i) 'Colonialism and Coffee Plantations: Decline of Environment and Tribals in Madras Presidency during the 19th Century', *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol.41 (4), 2004, pp.465-488; ii). 'Colonial Commercial Forest Policy and the Tribal Private Forests in Madras Presidency: 1792-1881', *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol.40, No.4, pp.403- 423; iii). 'Commercialisation of Forest, Environmental Negligence and Alienation of Tribal Rights in Madras Presidency: 1792- 1882,' *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 35, No.2, 1998, pp.125-146. These are one of the pioneering contributions ever made towards the environmental history literature. Further, one of my articles, 'Economic Exploitation of Forest Resources in South India

during Pre-Forest Act Colonial Era, 1793-1882,' *International Forestry Review: The International Journal of Forest Science and Policy*, Vol.10, No.1, pp. 65-73. Another article, 'Colonialism and Conservation: Commercialisation of Forests and decline of Tribals in Madras Presidency, 1882-1947' *Journal of Forest Economics*, Vol.17, No.4, pp. 337-362. In addition to this, I have also published some articles on the environmental issues concerned to contemporary period. One of my articles, 'Tamil Nadu: An Ecological Tragedy', *Frontier*, Vol.33, No.3, 2000, pp.4-6 has been published and another article, 'Environmental History of Tamil Nadu State, Law and decline of Forests and Tribals, 1950-2000' *Modern Asian Studies* (2007). Another article, 'Export Earnings vs Environmental Sustainability: A case of Tirupur Knitwear Industries in Tamil Nadu, 1980-2005' is published in edited book (2008).

iii. Agrarian History:

The available agrarian history literature suggests that until the last quarter of the nineteenth century colonial agrarian policy had only envisaged the expansion of commercialisation of agriculture by linking to the world trade besides amassment of land revenue. In other words, early colonial agrarian policy was unsystematic and totally ignorant of Indian conditions. The East India Company had either absolutely neglected or never prepared a consistent policy framework to address the issues pertaining to the Indian agrarian system. In fact, the issues concerning to agriculture was administered by the Governor in Council and Boards of the Province / Presidency and treated as an 'Indian subject'. Until the late nineteenth century, 'there were only "regulation" framed at different times and in different parts of British India. Such "codes" as were found to exist dealt only with the administration of the land revenue, not its principles or policies.' Neglect of farmers' welfare during the colonial regime was appalling and the ryots were forced to pay more land revenue regardless of their conditions and natural calamities. Some of the studies have observed the decline of agrarian economy in the Madras Presidency in the nineteenth century differed only on the causes. Those who have protested against the high rate of land revenue viz., *Mittadars* and farmers were imprisoned for a long period. Farmers were even tortured for non-payment of land

revenue in the different parts of Madras Presidency. A series of revolts/unrests erupted in different parts of the country during the colonial period. Further the agrarian history literature suggests that the colonial agrarian policy is yet to be reconstructed for the early nineteenth century in general and in particular for the tribal areas. Further it says, even the available literatures have their focus on the second half of the nineteenth and first half of the twentieth centuries. Besides, the urban and arable parts of landscape being the domain of most of the studies, the non-arable forests, pastorals and mountains have failed to get adequate attention that they deserve. Given the scenario, I have published an article, 'Agrarian Economy of Tribals in Madras Presidency: 1872-1947,' *South Asia Research*, Vol.26 (1) pp.63-85 and another article, 'Agrarian policies in the tribal areas of Madras Presidency during the pre- survey and settlement period, 1792-1872,' *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics* Vol.65 (2), pp.261-76.

iv Political Economy

I have also been advocating on the political economy of environment and development during the post-independence period. For instance, 'Popular Politics and Fiscal Crisis in Tamil Nadu', *Contemporary Perspectives: History and Sociology of South Asia*, Vol.1, No.2, pp. 173-185; 'Scheduled Tribes Bill, 2005: Why Forest Rights and not Land?' *Mainstream*, Vol.43 (3), pp.22-23; 'Political Economy of Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006: Conflict between Environment and Tribal Development' *South Asia Research*, Vol.29, No.3, pp.199-221.

v. Scheduled Tribes:

Both economic history and environmental history literatures, particularly of Madras Presidency have not focused on the tribal issues in an historical perspective. Considering this, I have concentrated on the tribal problems in the historical limelight from the late eighteenth century to till the twentieth century. I have made an analytical study on how the traditional rights of tribals over the common property resources were restricted through the different forest acts, tribal land alienation, factors behind tribal revolt, impact of coffee plantations on tribals, impact of post-colonial measures and socio-economic development measures for the tribals, and transformation from the subsistence economy to that of commercialisation of the tribal economy and its

relevance. In the process of analyzing the tribal issues from historical point of view, I have also studied their problems for the contemporary period. For instance: 'Scheduled Tribes Bill, 2005: Why Forest Rights and not Land?' *Mainstream*, Vol.43 (3), 2005, pp.22-23; 'Political Economy of Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006: Conflict between Environment and Tribal Development', *South Asia Research*, Vol.29 (2), 2009.

vi. Scheduled Castes:

I have also been advocating on the issues and problems of Scheduled Castes and the role of government and impacts of Social Movements for their enlistment and upgradation not only for the contemporary modern period but also that of the colonial era. For instance: 'Dalits and Failure of Governance in Tamil Nadu', *Frontier*, Vol.32, No.7, 1999, pp.5-8; 'Social Transformation and Caste Conflict in a Village in Tamil Nadu', *Social Change: Issues and Perspective*, Vol.31, No.4, 70-75; 'Political Revival of Casteism in Tamil Nadu', *Social Change: Issues and Perspectives*, Vol.32, Nos.3-4, pp.143-50; 'Some thoughts of B.R.Ambedkar on the Indian Economic Development through State Socialism' (co-authored with M.Atchi Reddy) presented at the National Seminar on *Ambedkar and his Ideas on Economic Growth with Justice* held at the S.K University, in January 1991. **Vera Anstey Memorial Lecture** delivered on the theme of 'Economic History of Tamil Nadu: Living Conditions of Scheduled Castes during the Post-Independence Period, 1947-2007' at the 91st Annual Conference of **Indian Economic Association** (IEA), Udaipur, December 2008. Another article, 'Economic Development of Scheduled Castes in India during the Special Component Plan period, 1980-2005' *Third Frame: Literature, Culture and Society*, Vol.2, No.2, pp.155-174.

vii. Water Conflicts:

I have been working on the water conflicts both from historical and contemporary point of view. Main focus of my work is on the analysis of the competing demand for water among the different stakeholders – agriculture, industry and domestic sectors. Urging demand for water in a certain river basin and the emergence of conflicts, role of politicians, judiciary, and communities has been attempted historically. In this respect, I have come out with an article, 'Historical Perspectives on Conflicts over Domestic and Industrial Supply in the Bhavani and Noyyal River Basins, Tamil Nadu', (co-authored with

Paul Appasamy) in edited book *Rethinking the Mosaic: Investigations into Local Water Management*. In addition, on the emerging conflicts within the agricultural sector due to the technological transformation and the role of acts and administrations are also the focus areas of my study. In this regard, I have published an interesting article, 'Technological Transformation and Water Conflicts in the Bhavani River Basin of Tamil Nadu 1930-1970' in the *Environment and History* (journal from Cambridge, UK). Another article, 'Competing Demand for Water in Tamil Nadu: Urbanisation, Industrialisation and Environmental damages in the Bhavani and Noyyal river Basins, 1880s-2000s' *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, Vol.9, No.2, 2007. In addition to that I have also published an article pertaining to the linking rivers, 'Linking the Rivers: Nightmare or Lasting Solutions?' *Man and Development*, Vol.26, No.3, 2004, pp.79-88.

viii. Women and Child Labour Issues in Unorganised / Informal Sector:

I have been working on the women workers and their problems in the unorganised sector. For example, the problems of women workers in Beedi industries are my focal area at present. I have been delving into some crucial points like the various forms of exploitations involved, availability of social security measures, impact of acts/policies, role of trade union movements both in rural and urban areas, in the sector. I have published some significant articles on these issues: 'Impact of Social Security Initiatives in Unorganised Sector: The case of Women Beedi Workers in Rural Areas of Tamil Nadu', *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol.44, No.4, pp.621-632; 'Women's Employment and Reduction of Child Labour: Beedi Workers in Rural Tamil Nadu', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.37, No.52, pp.5205-14; 'Globalisation and Women Employment in Beedi Industry in Urban Tamil Nadu' in *Globalisation and the work-place - Implications for India, 2006* in ed book; 'Women Vegetable Vendors in the Madras City : An Economic Analysis'(co-authored with M.Atchi Reddy) presented at the Fourth Conference of *Indian Political Economy Association* held at the University of Hyderabad, 1995. Another article 'Child Labour in Tamil Nadu: Legal and Policy initiatives during the post-Independence period, 1947-2007' presented at the workshop on **Enslaved Innocence: Child Labour in India**, organized by the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 14-15, 2008.

ix. Globalisation Impact

In the globalisation process, I am interested to work on the impact of dalits, tribals and informal/unorganised sector issues and environmental consequences. I have carried out research on beedi workers and published some articles in the context of globalisation. I am very much interested to work on the environmental issues in the context of globalisation. I have published few articles related to these aspects. 'Economic Reforms and Tribals in Tamil Nadu: 1991-2003' *Social Action*, Vol.56 (1), 2006, pp.25-39; 'Globalisation and Women Employment in Beedi Industry in Urban Tamil Nadu' in *Globalisation and the work-place - Implications for India, 2006*, in edited book.

x. Human Rights

I have been working on the human rights related issues particularly focusing on the marginal groups and gender. I have published an article, 'Terrorising Tribals: Nexus between Police and Forest Department,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.32, No.29, 1997, pp.1789-90 and an article, 'Joint Forest Management in Andhra Pradesh: Who does the Offences?' in *Asian Economic Review*, Vol. 48(3), pp. 231-238, which raises the question while the people participation involved in the forest management under JFM who does the forest related offences? Another article, 'Subalterns v State Institutions: Politicians, State, Forest, Law and Atrocities on Tribals in Tamil Nadu, 1990-2000' published in *International Journal of Human Rights*, Vol.15 (4), 2011.

xi. Economic Reforms

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xii. Information and Communication Technology

In the information age, I have been working on the information and communication technology and its impact in the rural areas and among the different social groups as well as income groups particularly during the post-Independence period.

xiii. Land Acquisition Act in India: Impact of Environment and Livelihood, 1824-2013

Land acquisition for the public purpose led to threat not only to the private land owner's livelihood options but also to the ecology and environment since the early nineteenth century, particularly during the post-independence period. To acquire the land resources for the public purposes, a separate act was enacted at the Presidency level since the early nineteenth century. Later, during the mid-nineteenth century, to acquire the land for public purposes a common act was enacted for the whole country. Subsequently, several provisions were introduced in the Act, in the subsequent decades. The Land Acquisition Act 1894 was a comprehensive act that was extensively used to acquire lands for the various development activities. However, the colonial government has exercised only in a limited extent because of its limited development activities until the mid-twentieth century. Unlike the colonial government, the post-colonial government gave priorities for the various developmental programmes in different plan periods. Consequently, this act was extensively used to acquire the land during the last six decades. At the same time, the amendments made in the Land Acquisition Act as well as Indian Company Act has made serious consequences on acquisition of lands and became a sombre threat not only for private land owners but also to the ecologically and environmentally important common property lands. On the top of all, until recently there is no displacement and rehabilitation policy resulted the farmers has to forgo their assets without any alternative options. Further, the government provided the compensation based on the registration of land sale value whereas actual market rate was many-fold higher. In addition to that the 'real estate' construction company further aggravated these problems, particularly during the last three decades. Precisely, this paper argues that the amendments made in the land acquisition act as well as in the companies act without an appropriate compensation and rehabilitation or without considering the actual value of the land resulted in a conflict between the state and farmers in different parts of the country during the last three decades.

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