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**Designation** : Assistant professor  
**Department** : Botany  
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**Educational Qualification:**

Degree	Subject	College / University & Place	Year Completed
B.Sc.,	Botany	St. John's College, Palayamkottai, MK University,	1985
M.Sc.,	Botany	St. John's College, Palayamkottai, MK University,	1987
Ph.D.,	Botany	Botanical Survey of India (Ministry of Env. & Forest) Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	1994

**Specialisation in Teaching:** Plant systematics, Horticulture, Environmental biology, Plant diversity, Plant anatomy

**Specialisation in Research:** Plant systematics

**Research Interests:** Floristic studies

**Other Work Experience:**

Designation	Institution / Company	Year - From (month/year) To (month/year)
Junior Research Fellow	Botanical survey of India, Coimbatore	1988 – 1991
Senior Research Fellow	Botanical survey of India, Coimbatore	1991-1993
Research Associate	Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore	1994-1998

**Administrative /Academic Position/s (held / currently holding):**

<b>Positions held / currently holding</b>	<b>Year - From (month/year) To month/year)</b>
Assistant professor	1998 to till date

**Membership in Professional Bodies:** Life member in “Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy” (IAAT)

**Publications: 5**

**Books:** Published a booklet in Tamil titled “Madurai Marangal 25”

**Articles published in National Journals:**

- 1) **Stephen, D.** & E. Vajravelu. 1996. Additions to the grass flora of Tamilnadu. J. Eco. Tax. Bot. 20: 691-692.
- 2) **Stephen, D.** & E. Vajravelu. 1997. Notes on the occurrence of *Wahlenbergia hookeri* and *Aniosochilus verticillatus* in Tamilnadu. J. Bombay Nat. Hist. Soc. 94(3)594-595.
- 3) **Stephen, D.** & E. Vajravelu. 1998. Additions to the flora of Nilgiri District, Tamilnadu. J. Eco. Tax. Bot. 22(1): 99-121.
- 4) **Stephen, D.** & E. Vajravelu. 1996. Additions to the monotyledonous flora of Tamilnadu. Indian J. Forestry 21(4):367-368.
- 5) **Stephen, D.** & E. Vajravelu. 1996. Additions to the tree flora of Mudumalai wild life sanctuary, Nilgiris, Tamilnadu Indian J. Forestry (Accepted for Publication)

**Conference / Seminar Presentations:**

1. **Stephen, D.** & E. Vajravelu 1991. *Rare/ threatened species of Western Ghats with special reference to Mudumalai Wild life Sanctuary, Nilgiris, Tamilnadu* in the national symposium on Rare/ threatened/ endangered plants of Western Ghats organized by the Kerala Forest department in Thiruvananthapuram.
2. **Stephen, D.** & E. Vajravelu 2004. *Rare / Endemic Plant Species in the Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, Tamilnadu*” in the National seminar on “New frontiers in Plant Taxonomy and Biodiversity conservation” between 29.12.2004 and 31.12.2004 organized by the Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute in association with Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

3. Presented a paper entitled "Flora of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, Tamiladu, India" in the National Conference on Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and Silver Jubilee Celebration at Udhagamandalam The Nilgiris from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013, organized by the Department of Zoology and Wildlife Biology, Government Arts College and Forest Department

#### **Chapters written in book**

1. Vijayan L, Prasad SN, Balasubramanian P, Gokula V, Ramachandran NK, **Stephen D**, Mahajan MV, 1998. Impact of human interference on the plant and bird communities in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. In: Maikhuri RK, Rao KS, Rai RK ed. Biosphere Reserves and Management in India. Almora, India: G. B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Ecology and Development, 155–162.

#### **Lectures / Talks given:**

1. Delivered a lecture on **“Diverse world of plants”** for the UG and PG students of botany in the Sri Meenakdhi college for girls, Madurai (02.09.2014)
2. Delivered a lecture on **“Diversity and pollution”** for the UG and PG students of Arts, in the Fathima college, Madurai (29.01.2015)
3. Delivered a lecture on **“Medicinal Plants”** for the trainees of self help group womens organised by VOICE TRUST an NGO, Madurai. (31 January 2015)

#### **Other Activities / Academic Credentials:**

Being a resource person an innovative program **“Tree walk”** is jointly organized along with NGO’s namely ‘Madurai Green’ and ‘DHAN Foundation’ to create awareness among the Madurai public regarding the importance of trees in the urban area. Till then 33 programs have been conducted in several places of botanical interest, which includes several educational institutions and sacred groves in and around Madurai city. More than 50-100 participants including students of different age group and interest have been benefited through this program every month.