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**Educational Qualification:**

Degree	Subject	College / Uuniversity & Place	Year Completed
B.A	Economics	The American College, Madurai	1985
M.A	Economics	The American College, Madurai	1987
M.Phil	Economics	Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai	1989
Ph.D	Economics	Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai	2006

**Specialisation in Teaching:** Indian Economy, International Economics, Economic Journalism, Environmental Economics

**Specialisation in Research:** Gender Studies, Labour Economics

**Research Interests:** Women Studies, Rural Studies, Media Studies

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

Positions held / currently holding	Year - From (month/year) To month/year)
Hostel Superintend, Wallace Hostel	1992-94
Member, Senatus	2010-12
Member, Governing Council	2012-14
Dean, Self Financed Programmes	Since 2013
Director, The American College Alumni Cell	Since 2013

## **Membership in Professional Bodies:**

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

- Indian Economic Association (IEA), New Delhi
- Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), New Delhi
- Indian Association for Women Studies (IAWS), New Delhi
- Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET), Tamil Nadu
- Association of Gerontology (India) (AGI), Varanasi
- Indian Society of Criminology (ISC), Chennai
- Indian Institute of Public Administration(IIPA), New Delhi
- Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI), Hyderabad
- Madurai Productivity Council, Madurai (A Unit of National Productivity Council, New Delhi)
- Madurai Management Association, Madurai
- Madurai Media Club, Madurai
- Readers Forum, Gandhi Memorial Museum Library, Madurai
- Madurai Economics Association, Madurai
- Gandhi Research Forum, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai
- Tamil Nadu Anti-Corruption Movement, Madurai.

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:**

- EC Member, Association of Economists of Tamilnadu (AET)- 2000-01
- Vice- President, Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET)- 2007-08
- EC Member, Indian Society of Labour Economics, New Delhi- 2007-08
- EC Member, Indian Society of Labour Economics, New Delhi- 2009-10
- Programme Advisory Committee of PARD VAANOLI-People's Association for Rural Development (PARD) - NGO located at Madurai, 2011-12
- President, Readers Forum, Public Library, Viraganur, Madurai, 2009-11.
- Vice- President, Readers Forum, Gandhi Memorial Museum Library, Madurai, 2012-13
- Secretary, Indian Society of Criminology (ISC),Madurai Branch, Madurai-2008-09
- EC Member, Indian Society of Criminology (ISC), Chennai (2010-12)
- Co-ordinator, Students Productivity Club (SPC), Madurai Productivity Council, Madurai (A Unit of National Productivity Council, New Delhi) since 2012
- Secretary , Rotary Club of Madurai South, Madurai (RI-3000)-2012-13

- Coordinator, Media Sharing, 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conclave on 5 S organized by Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI), Hyderabad, 2014
- Joint Secretary, Madurai Media Club, Madurai 2014-15
- Media Coordinator, Rotary International District 3000-2013-14

**Member in PhD Doctoral Committee:**

- Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
- Bharathiar University, Coimbatore
- PSG College of Arts & Sciences (Autonomous), Coimbatore

**Member in Board of Staff Selection Committee:**

- University Nominee as Subject Expert in Economics, Sri Arulmigu Palaniyandavar College of Arts & Sciences, Palani, 2014-15

**Member in Board of Studies in Economics:**

- Madurai Kamaraj University Nominee, Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics, Saraswathi Narayan College, Perungudi -2014-15
- Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics, PSG College of Arts & Sciences (Autonomous), Coimbatore, 2014-15

**Member in Board of Examinations:**

- Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
- Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
- Bharathidasan University, Trichy
- Madras University, Chennai
- P.S.G. College of Arts and Science, (Autonomous) Coimbatore
- Madras Christian College, Chennai
- Arul Anandar College (Autonomous), Madurai
- University of Kerala, Trivandrum

**Publications:**

**Books: Chapters in Edited Books**

- **‘Womenfolk in Indian Agriculture: An Analysis of their Participation and Contribution’** in an edited book on perspectives of Tribal Economy’ by Dr. Basant

Mehta and Dr. Prakash Chandra Mehta, Intellectual Publishing House, New Delhi, 1997.

- **“Higher Education for Women – A Case Study of the American College”** in M. Mukhopadhyay et al (ed), **“Education in India: The Next Millennium”**, Institute of Education, Rural Studies and Development, New Delhi, 1997
- **“Rural Industries and New Economic Policy in India”** in M.Soundarapandian (ed), Rural Industries in India, Mohit Publications, New Delhi, 1999.
- **“Women in Brick Industry”** in M.Soundrapandian (ed), Women Entrepreneurship – Issues and Strategies, Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi, 1999.
- **“Child Labour in Brick Industry – A Case Study”** in Y.S.Reddy (ed), Child Labour, Annol Publications Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1999.
- **“Child Labour: Status and Gender Bias in Brick Industry”** in M.Koteswara Rao (ed), Exploited Children – A Comprehensive Blue Print for Child Labour Rehabilitation; Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi, 2000.
- **“Gender and Tribal in India”** in Prakash Chandra Mekta (ed) Tribal Development in 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Shiva Publishers and Distributors, Udaipur, 2000.
- **“Employment and Empowerment of Women: An Agenda for Future Action in India”** in P.D.Hajela and M.P.Goswami (ed), Economic Reforms and Employment, Deep and Deep Publications Pvt, Ltd, New Delhi, 2000.
- **“Gender and Employment in India: An Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”** in S. Murthy (eds.) Women and Employment, RBSA Publishers, Jaipur, 2001.
- **“Gender and employment in India: an agenda for the 21 century”** in G. Saibaba, G. Erraiah, M. Devarajulu and M. Chinnaswamy Naidu, **“Labour and Development in Twenty First Century: Challenges and Perspectives”**, Serials Publications, New Delhi, 2005.
- **“Inter-linking of Rivers: Myths and Reality”** in [S. R. Singh, M P Shrivastava](#) (ed) **“River Interlinking in India: The Dream and Reality”**, Oscar Publications, New Delhi, (India), 2005.
- **“Gender and Agriculture Work in Tamil Nadu”** in Gender and Development in India- Dimensions and Strategies, New Century Publications, New Delhi, India, 2008.
- **“Gender and Globalisation: Some Observations”** in Anil Kumar Thakur and Paramanand Singh (ed) **“Globalisation- Inclusive Growth and Indian Economy: Issues and Policies”**, Regal Publications, New Delhi, 2010.

### Articles Published in International Journals:

- **'Poverty Eradication in India'** Poverty Eradication Foundation Bulletin, Vol.1. No.1. July-Sept, 1991.

### Articles published in National Journals:

- **'Industrial Development of Madurai district'** in Madurai Mani (Tamil Daily) on 14.08.88.
- **'Development of Small Scale Industries in Tamil Nadu'** in Madurai Mani (Tamil Daily) on 15.02.89.
- **'Role of Press in Socio-Economic Change in India'** in Madurai Mani (Tamil Daily) on 15.03.89.
- **'Development of Higher Education in Tamil Nadu'** in Madurai Mani (Tamil Daily) on 08.04.89.
- **'Madurai District: Some Information'** in Madurai Mani (Tamil Daily) on 10.02.90.
- **'Development of Education in Madurai District'** in Madurai Mani (Tamil Daily) on 10.08.90.
- **'Rice Production in India: Some Issues'** (Tamil) Er Ulavan, Vol.20 No.16, 04.08.90.
- **'Diseases and its prevention Methods in sugarcane cultivation'** (Tamil) Er Ulavan, Vol.20, No. 21, 13.10.90.
- **'Rural of Women in Indian Agriculture'** Khadi Gramodyog, Vol.36, No.08. 1990.
- **'Food Production in India'** (Tamil), Er Ulavan Vol.21. No. 13, 29.06.1991.
- **'Population problem in India'** in Madurai Mani (Tamil Daily) on 17.03.94.
- **"Agricultural Woman Workers in India"** in Arul Anandar Journal of Economics, Vol. 3, No. 2, July-December 1996.
- **'On Creating a fully Literate India'** in Arul Anandar Journal of Economics, Vol. 3, No. 2. July – December, 1996.
- **'Government Expenditure on Health Care: An Agenda for the 9<sup>th</sup> plan'** Varta, Vol. 17418, No.142, April – October 1996-97.
- **"Poverty in India', An Agenda for Future plan"**, Arul Anandar Journal of Economics, Vol.6, June-Dec, 1998.
- **"Gender and Environment: Some Issues"** Peninsular Economist, Vol.11. No.1, 1998-99.
- **"Child Labour in Informal Sector- A case Study"** Arul Anandar Journal of Economics, Vol.7. 1999.

- **“Employment for Empowerment of Women in India”**, Regional Seminar on Empowerment of Women Labor – Problems and Prospects, Dept. of Labour Studies, MKU, Madurai, 1999.
- **“Gender and Youth Unemployment in India: Some Observations”** Arul Anandar Journal of Economics, Vol.8. 2000.
- **“Child Labour, Status and Gender Bias in Brick Industry”** Conference Volume of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Jammu, 2000.
- **“New Macro Economic Policies and Women Labour in India: Some Observation”**, Peninsular Economist, Vol.13, No.1. 2001.
- **“Gender and Agriculture in India: Issues and Challenges”** in **“Agriculture in India: Issues and Challenges”**, by Jagarlamudi Kuppaswamy Choudary College, Guntur, 2007.
- **“Gender and Decision Making Process in India: A Case Study”** in Indian Development Review, Vol. 5, No.1, June, 2007
- **“Gender and Globalisation: Some Observations”** in the Conference Volume, 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at University of Kashmir, Srinagar, during October 25-27, 2007
- **“Living Conditions of Women Agricultural Workers: A Case Study”** in the Conference Volume, 49<sup>th</sup> Indian Society of Labour Economics Conference at Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad during December 15-17, 2007

#### **Conference / Seminar Presentations:**

- The paper entitled **‘The Future of Private and Public Sectors in India’**, Economic Committee of Andhra Pradesh, Endowment Lecture, Exhibition Grounds, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh on 07.05.1988.
- The paper entitled **‘Philosophy, Culture and Values’**, Essay Competition-Cum-Seminar for “Young Scholars”, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November, 1988, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
- The paper entitled **‘Rural Industrialisation in India’**; UGC National Seminar on “J.C. Kumarappa’s Economic Ideas-Towards An Economic Order for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” conducted by Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1991.
- Workshop on **‘Research Methodology and Statistics’** (sponsored by AIACHE) held in Lady Doak College, Madurai, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 1991.

- Workshop on ‘**Teaching and Evaluation**’ at Lady Doak College, Madurai from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 1992.
- Seminar on “**New Economic Policy**” on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1993 at Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai
- Sixth National Conference of the **Indian Association for Women’s Studies** held in Mysore from May 31 to June 3, 1993.
- ‘**State Level Seminar on Rural Poverty**’ on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1993, organized by the Department of Economics, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai District.
- Two-Day Seminar cum workshop on ‘**Test Construction**’ held on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November 1993 at Arul Anandar College, Karumathur.
- Workshop on “**Sustainable Development of Conservation of Resources**”, (Co-sponsored by AIACHE) from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 1994, at The American College, Madurai-2
- Workshop on ‘**Counseling Skills**’ (sponsored by AIACHE) at The American College, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1994
- Two day National Seminar on ‘**Towards a Just World Order**’ conducted by Arul Anandar College, Karumathur on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January 1997.
- National Workshop on ‘**Empowering Women for a Positive Revolution**’ organized by CONSORT and Madurai Kamaraj University on February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 1997
- National Seminar on ‘**Saurashtra Society, Culture and Language**’ conducted by Madurai Kamaraj University and International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Trivandrum, at Madurai from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1997 and presented a paper on “**Role of Saurashtras in the Development of Madurai Economy**”
- Participated in International Conference on “**Education in India: The Next Millennium**”, held at New Delhi during November 12-14, 1997 and presented a paper on “**Higher Education for Women – A Case Study of the American College**”.
- Participated in the 21st Indian Social Science Congress held at Tanjore during December 1-6, 1997 and presented a paper on “**Socio Economic Status of Child Labour in Brick Industry**”.
- Participated in the 80th Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Hyderabad during December 27-29, 1997 and presented a paper on “**A Peep into the Telecommunication Sector**”.

- Participated in the 39th Annual Conference of the Indian Labour Economics Association, held at Trivandrum during January 2-4, 1998 and presented a paper on **“Child Labour: Status and Gender Bias in Brick Industry”**
- Participated National Level Seminar on Child Labour held at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 10th January, 1998 and presented a paper on **“Child Labour: Status and Gender Bias in Brick Industry”**
- Participated the third **Inter-disciplinary International workshop on Canadian Studies**, held at M.S. University, Baroda, Vadodara during February 1, 1998
- Participated in the National Level Conference on “Development of Rural Industries in Fifty Years 1947-97”, held at Ghandigram Rural Institute, Dindugal during March 25-26, 1998 and presented a paper on **“Rural Industries and New Economic Policy”**
- **Orientation programme** for Academic Counselors of P.G. Diploma in **“Rural Development”** organized by the Regional Centre, **IGNOU**, Cochin during 22-23, June 1998.
- Participated in the Seminar Cum Orientation on **“Mother Tongue Teaching”**, held at M K University, Madurai on December 12, 1998.
- Participated in the 81st Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association, held at Bangalore during December 26-28, 1998.
- Participated the 29<sup>th</sup> Meet of AIAET and **International Conference** on **“Educational Culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Knowledge, Teacher and Technology”** held at Guwahati during 29-31, January 1999 and presented a paper on **“Education for Empowerment of Women in India”**.
- Participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamilnadu and Pondicherry (AETP) held at Chidambaram during 20-21 March 1999 and presented a paper on **“Gender and Environment: Some Issues”**.
- Participated in the State Level Seminar on Rural Industrialisation in India- Problems and Prospects” organized by the GRI, Gandhigram during 22-23, April, 1999 and presented a paper on **“Women in Brick Industry”**.
- Participated in the Regional Seminar on Empowerment of Women Labour – Problems and Prospects” organized by the M.K. University, Madurai on 28, April, 1999 and presented a paper on **“Employment for Empowerment of Women in India”**.
- Participated in the National Seminar on **“International Economic Relations”**, organized by the Arul Anandar College, Madurai during 25-26 August 1999.



- Participated in the 41st Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics held at Mumbai from 18-20, November 1999 and presented a paper on “**Gender and Employment: An Agenda for future Action in India**”
- Participated in the 82nd Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Amritsar during December 27-29, 1999 and presented a paper on “**Employment and Empowerment of Women in India: An Agenda for Future Action**”.
- Participated the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamilnadu and Pondicherry (AETP) held at Madurai during 1-2 April 2000 and presented a paper on “**Women’s Employment in India: Problems and Prospects**”
- Participated in the Regional Seminar on The Impact of Growth Factors and Anti-Growth Factors on the Development of Madurai District – Retrospect and Prospects, organized by the M.K.University, Madurai during 24-25, April, 2000 and presented a paper on “**Gender and Literacy in Madurai District**”.
- Participated in the Regional Seminar on “**Trade Unionism in India – Retrospect’s and Prospects**” organized by the M.K.University, Madurai on 27, April 2000.
- Participated in the UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on “**Socio-Economic Challenges of Gender Bias**”, organized by Seethalakshmi Ramaswami College, Tiruchirapalli during 12-13, July 2000 and presented a paper on “**Agricultural Women Workers in India-Problems and Prospects**”.
- Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamilnadu and Pondicherry (AETP) held at Coimbatore during 20-21 January 2001 and presented a paper on “**Macro Economic Policies and Women Labour in India**”.
- Participated in the UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on “**Dilemmas in Economic Development**”, organized by Arul Anandar College, Madurai during 01-02, February 2001.
- Participated in the Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamilnadu (AET) held at Madurai during 15-16 December 2001 and presented a paper on “**Gender and Water Resources Management in India: Some Observations**”.
- Participated in the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association, held at Vellore during December 28-30, 2001 and presented a paper on “**Gender and Employment in Tamilnadu: Some Observations**”.
- Participated in the state level seminar on Development of **Women Entrepreneurship** organized by the Sri Menasha Government College for Women (Autonomous), Madurai during 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2002

- Participated in the UGC- SAP National Seminar on Labour and Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Challenges and Perspectives organized by the Department of Economics, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2002, and presented a paper on **“Gender and Employment in India”**.
- Participated in the seminar on **“Poverty and Poverty Alleviation Programmes in India”**, and presented a paper on **“Poverty and its impact on Indian Economy”** organized by the Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar College, Usilampatty, Madurai on 26.12.2003.
- Participated in the Course on **“The Theory of Economic Governance with Applications in India”**, by Dr.Subramanian Swamy, held at The American College, Madurai during 22-29 January 2004.
- Participated in the UGC Sponsored State Level Seminar on **“Economic Doctrines- A Historical Perspective”**, organized by Arul Anandar College, Madurai during 11-12, March 2004.
- **“Awareness of Collective Bargaining Among Brick Workers: A Case Study”** Paper presented in the Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics held at Institute of Social Studies, Jaipur during 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2004.
- **“Inter-linking of Rivers: Myths and Reality”** Paper presented in the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi during December 21-23, 2004.
- **“Crimes against Girl Children in India: Some Observations”** in the 29<sup>th</sup> All India Criminology Conference at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai during February 15-17, 2005
- Presented a Book Review on **“Rationality and Freedom –By Amartya Sen”**, organized by the Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai on 19.11.2005.
- **“Social Security for Women Workers in the Informal Sector: Some Observations”** in the Second Global Labour Forum (GLF) conference at ISLE, New Delhi during December 13-14, 2005.
- **“State and Women Labour in India: Some Observations”** in the 47<sup>th</sup> Indian Society of Labour Economics Conference at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi during December 15-17, 2005.
- **“Gender, Employment and Empowerment in India”** in the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam, during December 27-29, 2005.

- Participated in the UGC Sponsored State Level Seminar on “**Rural Entrepreneurship: Changes and Challenges**”, organized by S. Vellasamy Nadar College, Madurai during 13-14, March 2006.
- National Workshop on “**Women’s Studies- Epistemology, Pedagogy and Methodology**” at Lady Doak College, Madurai from 1st to 2nd December 2006.
- “**Gender and Agricultural work in Tamilnadu**” in the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, during December 27-29, 2006.
- “**Rural Labour in Tamilnadu: Marginalisation and Feminisation**” in the 48<sup>th</sup> Indian Society of Labour Economics Conference at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli during January 5-7, 2007.
- “**Gender and Agriculture in India: Issues and Challenges**” in the UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on “**Agriculture in India: Issues and Challenges**”, organized by Jagarlamudi Kuppuswamy Choudary College, Guntur during 20-21, January 2007.
- “**Human Development through Gender Development in India**” in the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamilnadu held at Theivanai Ammal College for Women, Villupuram, during January 27-28, 2007.
- National Workshop on “**Challenges in Integrating Action and Research in Women’s Studies**” at Lady Doak College, Madurai from 20th to 21st February 2007.
- **Chairperson** in the UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on “**Challenges of Indian Economy in the Post-Liberalization Scenario**” organized by Arul Anandar College, Madurai during 28<sup>th</sup> Feb and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007.
- **Resource person** in the Panel Discussion on “**Union Budget-2007-08**” organized by **Krishna T.V**, Madurai during 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February and 04<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007.
- **Resource person** in the Seminar on “**Union Budget-2007-08**”, organized by S.Vellaichamy Nadar College, Madurai on 02.03. 2007.
- **Moderator** in the Seminar on “**Union Budget-2007-08**”, organized by The American College, 09.03. 2007.
- **Resource person** in the Seminar on “**Union Budget-2007-08**”, organized by Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007.
- **Resource person** in the Seminar on “**Economics-Teaching, Learning and Research**”, for plus two Economics Teachers organized by C.E.O Offices, Ramanathapuram on 17.03. 2007.

- **Chairperson** in the Seminar on **“Consumers and Insurance Policies”**, organized by Consumer Rights Protection Council, Madurai on 18.03. 2007.
- **“Nehrunomics and Global India”** in the UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on **“Nehru and India”**, organized by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli during 28-29, March 2007.
- **“Gender and Distributive Justice”** in the Seminar on **“Gender, Distributive Justice, Sustainable Development and Women Empowerment”** held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2007 at University of Wisconsin, College Year in India-2007-08, Madurai Programme, Madurai
- **“Gender and Agriculture Work: A Case Study in Madurai Region”** in the Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of TamilNadu (AET) held at The American College, Madurai during 22-23 December 2007.
- Resource person in the Orientation Programme sponsored by Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education during 26.12.2007 to 24.01.2008 (TANSCHE) for the Economics Teachers organized by School of Economics, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
- Chair person in the Two-Day National Conference on **‘Issues in International Economics’** held on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Arul Anandar College, Karumathur.
- **“Gender and Economics of Climate Change”** presented and Acted as Rapporteur in the Two-Day National Seminar on ‘Economics of Climate Change’ held on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008 at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
- Presented a Book Review on **“Human Rights in a Post-human World: Critical Essays –By Upendra Baxi”**, organized by the Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai on 27.09.2008.
- **“Gender Dimensions of Economics of Climate Change”** in the Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) held at PSG College, Coimbatore during 22-23 November 2008
- **“Gender and Higher Education in India: Myth and Reality ”** in the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, during December 27-29, 2008
- Participated in the Training Programme in Making Household Items at Institute of Gandhian Studies and Research, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai during 09.03.09 to 13.03.09
- **“Life and Poverty in Sangam Literature”** in Two-Day National Conference on **“Economic Ideas in Sangam Literature”** held at Periyar University, Salem during March 19-20, 2009

- Two-Day National Conference on '**Indian Economy and Inclusive Growth**' held on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Arul Anandar College, Karumathur.
- Resource Person in the Discussion on "**Environmental Subjects**" at All India Radio, Madurai on 28.07.2009
- "**Gender and Crime in India: Some Observations**" in the 33rd All India Criminology Conference at University of Kashmir, Kashmir, during October 22-24, 2009.
- "**Rural Crime in India: Some Issues**" (co-author-M.Nagajothy) in the 33rd All India Criminology Conference at University of Kashmir, Kashmir, during October 22-24, 2009
- **Panel Member** in the Seminar on "Research and Development on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)", organized by Tata-Dhan Academy and Centre for Research, DHAN Foundation, Madurai on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
- "**Gender and Labour Market Discrimination in India**" in the 51st Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics held at PUNJABI University, PATIALA(INDIA) during December 11-13, 2009.
- "**Gender and Higher Education in India: Myth and Reality** " in the 91st Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha (INDIA) during December 27-29, 2009
- "**Gandhi and Gender Development- Some Observations**" in the XXX Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) held at National College, Trichi during 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of January, 2010.
- **Moderator** in the Session on "**Economy of Trichirapalli Region**" in the XXX Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) held at National College, Trichi during 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of January, 2010
- "**Gender and Global Recession: Some Observations**" in the **International Conference on "Global Recession and its Impact"** organized by Fatima College, Madurai on 22 January 2010.
- **Moderator** in the Session on "Global Financial Crisis" in the UGC sponsored Two-Day National Conference on '**Global Financial Crisis and its Impact on Indian Economy**' held during 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Arul Anandar College, Karumathur.
- "**Gender Rights in India: Myth and Reality**", in the UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on "**Human Rights and Duties vis a vis The practice of Professional Social Work**", organized by Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, Madurai during 29th-30th, January 2010.

- Participated in the UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on **“Changing trends in Research Methods in Professional Social Work”**, organized by Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, Madurai during 22 -24 , February 2010
- Resource person in the Fourth Programme on **Budget Watch and Dialogue with Development Perspective** on February 26, 2010 organized by Tata-Dhan Academy, Madurai.
- **Resource person** in the Seminar on **“Union Budget-2010-11”**, organized by S.Vellaichamy Nadar College, Madurai on 03.03. 2010.
- **Resource person** in the Seminar on **“Union Budget-2010-11”**, organized by The Madura College, Madurai on 01.03. 2010.
- **Resource person** in the Seminar on **“Union Budget-2010-11”**, organized by Sarasvathy Narayanan College, Madurai on 11.03. 2010
- **Resource person** in the Discussion on **“Union Budget-2010-11”**, organized by EKTA Trust, Madurai on 12.03. 2010
- Presented a Book Review on **“India’s Economic Transition: The Politics of Reforms –By Rahul Muherji”**, organized by the Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai on 13.03.2010
- **Resource person** in the Fourth Annual Day Programme of Prince Nursery & Primary School, Madurai on March 27, 2010.
- **“Agriculture in Global India: Some Issues”** in the Institution Sponsored state Level Seminar on **“WHERE DOES INDIA STAND?”** organized by Manner Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai on 30th March 2010.
- **“Human Rights Education in India: Reaching the Unreached?”**, in the UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on **“Human Rights Education to resolve the Emerging Challenges on Social Issues”**, organized by Raja Doraisingam Government Arts College, Sivagangai during 12-13, April 2010.
- Presented in the IIPA Madurai Chapter Theme Paper Discussion on **“RESERVATION AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH”** at Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, Madurai on 20-10-2010
- **“Gender and Labour Migration in Rural Tamil Nadu: A Case Study”** in the 52nd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics held at Karnataka University, DHARWAD(INDIA) during December , 2010.

- **“GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN INDIA: SOME ISSUES”** in the 93rd Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held at Punjab University, Chandigarh, Punjab (INDIA) during December 27-29, 2010
- **“GENDER AND MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE PROGRAMME (MGNREGP) IN INDIA”** in the XXXI Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) held at Adithanar College, Truchendur during January, 2011.
- **“THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK ON RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE”** in National Conference on **RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE** at Gobi Arts & Science College, Gobichettipalayam on 05-02-2011
- The 34th All India Criminology conference of the Indian Society of Criminology is organized by the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Tamil Nadu during 18th – 20th February 2011.
- 52nd Annual Conference of the **Indian Society of Labour Economics** held at M.S.University, UDAIPUR (INDIA) during December, 2011.
- 93rd Annual Conference of the **Indian Economic Association** held at B.V. University, Pune (INDIA) during December 27-29, 2011
- The 35th **All India Criminology conference** of the Indian Society of Criminology is organized by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, March, 2012.
- 54nd Annual Conference of the **Indian Society of Labour Economics** held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (INDIA) during December, 2013.
- 96rd Annual Conference of the **Indian Economic Association held at Meenakshi University, Chennai** (INDIA) during December 27-29, 2013
- Presentation on “Union Budget 2014-15” in Rotary Club of Thirunagar, RI 3000, Madurai
- Paper on **ECONOMICS EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABILITY** presented at NESAMONY MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, MARTANDAM on 09.10.2013
- Participated and Presented Paper on **RIGHTS OF WOMEN: Reaching the Unreached** in Two Day UGC Sponsored National Seminar held at Scott Christian College, Nagarkovil, 2014
- Presented Paper on **RIGHTS OF CHILDREN INFECTED / AFFECTED WITH HIV/AIDS** in Three Day Training Programme on Children Affected & Infected by HIV/AIDS For Govt/NGO Functionaries held @ MISS, Madurai on 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014

- Participated in Workshop on '**Teaching' Human Values in Management:** Facilitation through Experiential Learning organised by Hi Tech Arai Ltd., Madurai and Spandan, Chandigarh – Hyderabad, India on November 1 2014 held at Madurai
- Presented in Conference on “**Democracy in the Globalised Economy**” organized by Parliamentarian Forum on Human Rights for Global Development(PFHRGD) & Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung-India Office at Madurai on 15.11.2014
- Presentation on ‘**Employability and Skill Development**’ at Senthamarai College of Arts & Sciences, Palkalai Nagar, Madurai

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

- Resource Person in the Interview on “**CRIMINOLOGY**” at All India Radio, Madurai on 21.04.2010
- **CRIMEFREE MADURAI (? ! , ; : .)** - Presented at Madurai Media Club, MADURAI on 06-09-2010
- **INDIAN ECONOMY- PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS-** Discussion Paper presented in the Special Meeting of Madurai Productivity Council, Madurai on 19-05-2011.
- **CRIMEFREE INDIA (? ! , ; : .)--** Presented at Rotary Club of Madurai Mid-Down, Madurai on 07-07-2011
- **HOW TO BE A SUPER STUDENT?** at Velammal Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Viraganur, Madurai on 06.10.2012
- Knowledge Sharing in **Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Sponsored Entrepreneurship Development Program** at Sirukoodalpatti (Native of Kavinger Kannadasan), Near Thiruppathur, Sivagangai District, Tamilnadu

#### **Awards / Fellowships:**

- The prize was awarded for selection of Research Paper entitled, “**Future of Private and Public Sectors in India**”, Economic Committee of Andhra Pradesh, 1988.
- Certificate of Merit, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) for participation in the ‘**Young Scholars Seminar**’, November, 1988



- The ‘**Special Mention Award**’ was awarded for selection of Research Paper entitled ‘**Poverty Eradication in India**’ (International Research Paper Competition), Poverty Eradication Foundation, California, United States of America, (U.S.A.), October 1989.
- **Life Time Recognition Productivity Award (2012)** from National Productivity Council, New Delhi

**The name of the student and the title of the Ph.D Thesis:  
Completed:**

<b>Name of the student</b>	<b>Title of the thesis</b>
<b>P.Prapakaran-</b> Madurai Kamaraj University, MADURAI	<b>An Economic Study of Urban Local Bodies in Tamil Nadu”</b>
M. Mohamed Yasin-Madurai Kamaraj University, MADURAI	<b>“Muslim Women and Work: An Economic Study of Unorganised Workers in Tirunelveli District”</b>

**Any other activities / information / academic credentials you would like to mention:**

- **External Expert** in the Academic Audit work for Syllabus and Question Papers- ECONOMICS, S.Vellaichamy Nadar College, Madurai, during 2009

**REFRESHER AND ORIENTATION COURSES:**

- “**Research Methodology in Economics**”, sponsored by ICSSR at Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore-72, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 1993
- “**UGC Sponsored Refresher Course on Economics**” from 4<sup>th</sup> December to 28<sup>th</sup> December 1996 at Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.2
- “**UGC Sponsored Refresher Course on Economics**” from 10.09.2003 to 30.09.2003 at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai-21
- The “**UGC Sponsored Orientation Course**” from 07.07.2004 to 03.08.2004 at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai-21
- “**UGC Sponsored Refresher Course on Social Sciences**” from 02.08.2007 to 22.08.2007 at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai-21

## **PROJECT GUIDANCE:**

### **M.A (ECONOMICS)**

- **“An Economic Study of Gandhi Niketan Ashram, T. Kallupatti”**, K. Suresh, April 1994.
- **“An analysis of income–expenditure pattern of the post graduate (hostellers) students in the American College, Madurai”** by E. Kajendra pandi, April 1995.
- **“Socio–Economic status of Quarry workers in Kamayagoundanpatty- A Case Study”** by P. Balamurugan, April 1998.
- **“Women Agricultural Labourers in Thirupuvanam Block – A Case Study”** by M. Muniasamy, April 1999.
- **“Women and Work: A Study on Unorganised Textile Women Workers in Madurai City”** by R. Navaneethakrishnan, June 2002.
- **“Women Entrepreneurs in Madurai City– A Case Study of Beauty Clinics”** by A. Usha Rani, April 2003.
- **“An Economic Study of Watershed Development Programme under WDP in Sanarpatti Block Dindugal (Dt)”** by V.Sivakumar, April 2003.
- **“Living conditions of Agricultural Workers – A Study of Vadipatti Village”** by R. Muthuraman, April 2005.
- **“Socio – Economic conditions of workers in Fireworks Industry”**, by K. Rajkannan, April 2005.
- **“Women Construction Workers – A Case Study in Madurai City”** by N. Sunmugasundar, April 2005.
- **“Status of Lac Cultivation in Latehar, Jharkhand: A sustainable natural resource based livelihood”**- by Alok Kumar Dubey –M.A in Rural Development - Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)-2009.
- **“Deforestation vis-à-vis sustainable livelihood of forest dwellers- Study in East Singhbhum district of Jharkhand”**-by Alok Ashish –M.A in Rural Development - Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)-2009.

### **M. PHIL (ECONOMICS)**

- 12 Projects Completed

### **Academic Counselor for INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY:**

- Post Graduate Diploma in “Rural Development”
- M.A - “Rural Development”
- M.A - “Economics”

### **Seminar / Conference / Workshop // Symposium Organized:**

- Conference Secretary- XXVIII Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2007, The American College, Madurai
- Organized Open house discussion on TOWARDS CRIME-FREE MADURAI at MISS, on 21.08.2009. Resource Persons were MR.K. NANDABALAN IPS, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MADURAI, Mr. C. TAMILARASAN, CONSUMER PROTECTION COUNCIL, MADURAI, Mr. V. CHOKALINGAM, SECRETARY, RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, K.K.NAGAR, MADURAI and Dr. S. ANNAMALAI, EDITOR, THE HINDU, MADURAI.
- Organized Interactive session on LEGAL SERVICES TO THE COMMON MAN Address by Honorable District Court Judge MR. K.VENKATASWAMI, District Legal Services Authority, Madurai on 22.01.2010 at MISS, Madurai.
- Organized INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATIONS on 25.03.2010 at MISS, Madurai. Resource Persons were Ms.JEYALAKSHIMI, District Social Welfare Officer, Madurai, Ms.CHAMUNDI BOSE, Advocate, Madras High Court-Madurai Branch and Ms.PARVATHA VARTHINI, Managing Trustee, Little's Trust, Madurai.
- Organized Special session on CYBER CRIMES by Dr. PETER RAVIKUMAR, (in association with MADURAI MEDIA CLUB, MADURAI) on 07.06.2010 at Madura College Higher Secondary School, Madurai.
- Organized Road safety week celebrations (in association with MISS, Madurai) at Madurai to create awareness among youth on important measures regarding Road safety.
- Organized a special session on "STATUS OF WOMEN IN INDIA" at Madurai Institute of Social Sciences (MISS), Madurai on 02.08.2010. Poet Dr. THAMILACHI THANKAPANDIAN gave a special address. A Book on "STATUS OF WOMEN IN INDIA" authored by Dr. Shobana Nelasco, Professor in Economics, Fatima College, Madurai released in this function. The first copy of the book was received by Dr. Capt. D.V.P.Raja, Chairman, Madurai Institute of Social Sciences (MISS), Madurai. Mr. Samidurai, Secretary, Madurai Bench High Court Advocates Association gave felicitation.
- Organized Special session on CRIMEFREE MADURAI (? ;:.) (In association with MADURAI MEDIA CLUB, MADURAI) on 06-09-2010 at Madura College Higher Secondary School, Madurai, and

- Organized Special Interactive session on KUTRAVALLICAL KUTRAVALLICALLA....? At MISS, Madurai on 08.10.2010. Resource Persons were DR.NOVA, President, Anaikkum Karangal, Madurai and MR.AGASTHIA BHARATHI, Selfologist, Madurai.
- Organized Special Interactive session on “**Role of Youth in Corruption Prevention**” at The American College, Madurai on 09-02-2011. Mr.S.Marirajan, DSP, DVAC, Madurai acted as the Resource Person.
- Organized Special Session on “**AMBIT OF LOKPAL BILL**” by **Mr. M.MARIAPPAN**, SENIOR ADVOCATE, CHENNAI HIGH COURT, MADURAI & VICE-PRESIDENT, GANDHI MEMORIAL MUSEUM, MADURAI on 23rd June 2011 in **Madurai Institute of Social Sciences (MISS)**, Alagarkoil Road, Madurai-2
- Organized special session on Criminology and **Hon’ble Justice P. JHOTHIMANI**, JUDGE, CHENNAI HIGH COURT, MADURAI gave a Special Lecture on “**FUTURE OF CRIME JUSTICE SYSTEM**” in FREE DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS to Differently Abled IAS aspirants function on 26th August 2011 in **Madurai Institute of Social Sciences (MISS)**, Alagarkoil Road, Madurai-2
- Organized special session on “SAVE VAIGAI RIVER” in Madurai Productivity Council, Madurai
- Organized special session on “Crisis of Indian Economy” organized jointly by The American College, Madurai and Indian Institute of Public Administration (Madurai Chapter) at The American College, Madurai
- Organized special Photographical session on “Mamadurai” at K.L.N. Engineering College, Pottapalayam, Sivagangai District
- Organized special session on “Environmental Problems of Madurai” jointly by Madurai Productivity Council and Indian Institute of Public Administration (Madurai Chapter) at Madurai Productivity Council, Madurai
- Organized special session on “Role of Youth in Crime Prevention” organized jointly by The American College, Madurai and Indian Society of Criminology (Madurai Chapter) at The American College, Madurai
- Organized special session on “Skill Development and Engineering Education” and Initiated Students Productivity Club (SPC) of Madurai Productivity Council, Madurai at SACS MAVMM Engineering College, Alagarkoil, Madurai

- Organized special session on “Union Budget 2014-15” organized jointly by The American College, Madurai and Madurai Productivity Council, Madurai at The American College, Madurai
- Acted as Moderator for Workshop on “Pre Budget Thoughts on Union Budget 2015-16” organized jointly by The American College, Madurai and Indian Institute of Public Administration (Madurai Chapter) at The American College, Madurai

#### **CERTIFICATES ACQUIRED:**

- Certificate in “**Effective Communication**”, The American College, Madurai
- Certificate in “**Gandhian Thought**” (C.G.T), Institute of Gandhian Thought, Madurai-20
- Certificate in “**Development Journalism**” (C.D.J), PPP Centre, Madurai

#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

1. NCC- ‘B’ certificate
2. NSS-Certificate

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

#### **PROJECTS DONE**

- M.A – “Farm size, Productivity and Efficiency- A Case study of Kondhagai Village” (1987)
- M.Phil - “Economics of Sugarcane Cultivation in Thiruppuvanam Block”, (1989)
- C.D.J – “Women and Development in India” (Tamil), (1990)
- Ph.D – “Women and Work: An Economic Study of Agricultural Workers in Sivagangai District”, 2006

#### **EXPERIENCE IN RESEARCH PROJECTS:**

- “**Socio-Economic Study of A.Valayapatti Village in Madurai District**” Conducted by the Department of Economics, The American College, Madurai, during 1985-86
- “**Efficiency and Efficacy of Institutional Finance in India**” conducted by the Centre for Development of Agriculture (CDA), Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, during 1986-87
- “Research Project on **Consumption Function**” conducted by Dr. Sachidanandam, Department of Economics, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, during 1989-90

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES:**

Part Time **Co-ordinator** of the **Tamil Nadu Open University** Co-ordinating Centre UCC-005 at the American College, Madurai during 2007-2008

## **PUBLIC AND MEDIA PARTICIPATION**

### **News items related to Participation in Academic, Media and other Professional Bodies**

D. Karthikeyan (THE HINDU)

#### **Ban on wall posters at educational institutions welcomed**

MADURAI: The Corporation's move to ban wall posters in majority of the prominent places where the public largely gather has indeed brought mixed reaction among the political circles, social movements, writers and sections of the media.

This resolution to impose a ban on wall posters with a fine of Rs. 5,000 for violations was passed at a Corporation meeting held during the second week of July. This effort to clean up the city by the Corporation is seen by social movements as an effort against the marginalised and provide a freehand for the mobilisation on the part of the middleclass to further their access to the cityscape and their right to a clean environment.

Decision soon

A spokesman of the Corporation said that the Corporation Commissioner is aware of the issue raised by various social organisations and political parties. A suitable decision would be taken soon. Irrespective of parties and movements, posters and wall writings have been the most vital means of expressing information and is the single most visible material sign of political activity that is ubiquitous here. Tried, tested and fine tuned, over more than half a century, they have become essential characteristics of the State's political culture.

Long-established practices of expressing dissent, protests, campaigning and mobilisation was done around wall writings and posters. However this fervour to purify and sanitise the public arena is nothing but to rid the space of citizenship of a publicly mobilised working-class culture that is now being seen as both an impediment to, and an embarrassment, to the idea of "development."

Renowned Political Theorist, Partha Chatterjee, has said elsewhere that banning posters and wall paintings could be seen as efforts to demobilise the political space by curbing freedom of expression, a resultant effect of electoral democracy which is seen as the 'undisputable space of the poor.'

*C. Muthuraja, Faculty Member, Postgraduate Department of Economics, The American College and Secretary, Indian Society of Criminology, Madurai Chapter* said that wall

posters of smaller sizes remain as an easier way of communication for many marginalized groups who use the prominent public places to register their protest and taking them to the State. However at the same time it should be seen that the environment is taken care of.

The Hindu-- Life & Style » Metroplus == September 22, 2011

### **Learning the fun way**

A. SHRIKUMAR

INSIGHTFUL Students' Circle meeting. Photo: A. Shrikumar

Weekly discussions of 'American College Students' Study Circle' is a cumulative learning exercise

Wednesdays are eagerly awaited by students of The American College. It is a day when they take a short break from the logarithmic textbooks and grab some extra 'gyan' under a tree in the garden or over a cup of chai in one of the seminar halls. It is part of an exercise of the American College Students' Study Circle, which conducts weekly discussions on wide range of topics apart from the regular syllabus. "It is aimed at exposing students to practical knowledge, honing their soft skills and training them towards life as a whole" says C. Muthuraja, Associate Professor of Economics and Advisor of the study circle.

On one such session last Wednesday, patriotic fervour charged the entire hall where a 40-minutes-documentary on the Border Security Force was screened. Named 'Sarhad ke Rakshak', the film talked about the 1971 war at Hussainiwala border, Jallianwala Bagh massacre and the BSF's role in protecting the nation.

"I feel every one of us should know how the jawans sacrifice their life guarding our country's border. Youth especially from southern districts like Madurai are unaware of or are not much interested in defence related jobs and opportunities" says Muthuraja, "On my first visit to the Attari-Wagah Border, I came across two jawans from Usilampatti and Thirupachethi and another time I met one from Sholavandan. I felt proud that there is someone at the border from our region too."

The retreat ceremony at the Wagah border and the title song by A.R.Rehman, 'Hum hain khade seema par' awakened the Indian in all those watching it while scenes on the Delhi-Lahore bus and Samjhauta Express initiated impromptu discussion on trade relations between neighbouring countries and the concept of borderless societies to the fore. As the topic branched into socialism, cultural boundaries, nation building and youth empowerment, many sons of the soil were already ready to become part of the sena and guard the nation.

"Youth are full of energy and we just try to put them on the right track " said Muthuraja.

Keywords: The American College

### **The Hindu at a 'Reader Connect' = Verification is vital: passport officer**

Special Correspondent

No other way to check veracity, says officer- Jose K. Mathew

Police verification was mandatory and it could not be dispensed with, said Passport Officer (Madurai Region) Jose K. Mathew.

Responding to queries from the readers of The Hindu at a 'Reader Connect' meet held in association with Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Yasin Builders, Mr. Mathew said that passport authorities did not have any other source to identify the applicant as a citizen of this country. The police were the best agency to confirm a person's identity and give their remarks on details such as criminal cases pending against the applicant etc. It might cause inconvenience, but the procedure had to be done. For renewal of passport it was not really necessary unless the passport issuing authority sought police verification, to said in a reply to a question from a businessman, K.R. Rajendran. Along with other readers, Chamber senior president S. Rethinavelu said passport pages got spoilt owing to scanning and swiping.

When **Professor C. Muthuraja** wanted to know the steps taken to bring down the tout menace, Mr. Mathew said that many people had the tendency to approach touts. The website of the Ministry of External Affairs was user-friendly in many aspects. "If people coming to the passport office do their homework properly, there will be no problems at all. When almost every applicant has an e-mail ID, he or she should have access to internet, and they can browse the net and familiarise themselves on the dos and don'ts. In fact, based on the complaints lodged with the police by the Passport Office, 700 FIRs have been registered in the nine districts on cases such as production of fake documents."

Corruption

Because of the delay in issuance of passport due owing to various reasons, complaints of corruption were cropping up regularly. But, after the opening of the Passport Seva Kendra, efforts were being taken to issue passport swiftly to obviate corrupt practices.

"Earlier over 300 applications used to be filed through tatkal channel, but nowadays, it has come down to 20 applications. People are either aware of prompt service or they plan their travel well in advance."



## **EXTRA BYTES:**

“We support the cause of Anna Hazare but he should have toured the country to create public opinion and asked people to be ready for a mass struggle. Fasting unto death against a weak Lokpal Bill is not the right approach.” K.Lakshmikanthan Bharathi, President, Tirunelveli District Freedom Fighters' association and Vice Chairman, Gandhi Memorial Museum

“Anna Hazare's approach is beyond Gandhian principles. Any constitutional change should be made in Parliament. I support Anna with caution because any action that demeans the Parliamentary system is unacceptable. Fortunately, the public wave has opened the eyes of people at the helm. Only when corruption is curbed will we pave the way for economic prosperity.” C.Muthuraja, secretary, The Indian Society of Criminology, Madurai branch

“Protests does not only mean taking to roads. Student threads are active in online campaigns through Facebook and SMS.” M.Allen Johnny Doss, student of Human Resources . “It is good that people are gathering for a cause. But the issue is also portraying India as a highly corrupt country in the international arena. People are aware and laws are there but what we lack is a proper monitoring system that probably would put everything in place.” S.Ramya, Social Science student

(With inputs from Soma Basu, T. Saravanan, S.S. Kavitha and A. Shrikumar- THE HINDU)  
MADURAI, August 1, 2011

### **“Demand for power increasing at a fast rate in southern districts”**

R. Sairam

The demand for power has been increasing at a fast rate in the southern districts. In the five districts that comprise the Madurai Region of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO), the maximum demand raised from 960 MW during January 2007 to 1,183 MW as on June 23, 2011, according to A. Nachadalingam, Chief Engineer (Distribution) of Madurai Region, TANGEDCO.

During the same period, consumption rose from 17 million units (MU) per day to 21.5 MU per day. Madurai City alone saw its demand increase from 145 MW in January 2009 to 185 MW in July 2011. The city's consumption rose from 2.5 MU per day during January 2008 to 3.5 MU per day in July 2011.

Replying to a question from Uma Pathy, Chamber executive committee member on cutting of trees during maintenance works, K. Thangaraj, Superintending Engineer, Madurai, said that the TANGEDCO staff were instructed to prune trees and resort to cutting only when inevitable. Responding to a question from C. Muthuraja, Secretary, Indian Society for Criminology, on wastage of power and measure to curb theft, Mr. Nachadalingam said that

the authorities were promoting conversion to energy-efficient bulbs. As regards the industry, he said that they themselves were highly aware of the need to conserve power as they were profit-oriented.

As regards power theft, Mr. Thangaraj said that while TANGEDCO already had an anti-power theft wing led by an Additional Director-General of police, a special squad comprising ex-servicemen had been formed recently with the sole purpose of tackling this problem. He also recalled a recent case at Alanganallur near here in which a penalty of Rs. 62 lakh was imposed.

THE HINDU-January 24, 2011 -Campus connect

Compiled by L. Kanthimathi

The American College organised a workshop on 'Empowering students for employability.' K. Alex, Professor, Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's College, Tiruchi, conducted workshop. He spoke on time management, 'know yourself,' decision making, problem solving and communication. R. Mohan, acting Principal and Secretary, said that empowerment was a continuous process and students should be well equipped. S.C.B. Samuel Anbuselvan welcomed the gathering and C. Muthuraja proposed a vote of thanks.

Compiled by L. Kanthimathi-- EDUCATION PLUS = March 22, 2010

Discussion on budget 2010-11

A panel discussion on 'Budget 2010-11 and its impact on people' was conducted by the Department of Economics, Madura College. R. Gopi welcomed the gathering, S. Theenathayalan, Head, Department of Economics, shared his views on the budget. M. Kennady, Professor of Economics, Arul Anandar College, and C. Muthuraja, Professor of Economics, American College, spoke about the positive and negative aspects of the budget.

Online edition of India's National Newspaper--Monday, Aug 17, 2009Discussion on Indian economy

Madurai Economics Club of the Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics of The American College organised a discussion on 'Global trade crisis and Indian economy.' A.L.K.B. Chand, Commissioner of Income Tax, said the Indian economic system had been doing well in a global financial crisis. Particularly, the Indian banking system had a remarkable performance compared to the Western/American economics. The resource person, J. Jebaraj, explained how this crisis came into the existence in 2000 with the IT bubble and later on, in the second half of 2007, how this bubble burst.

The Madurai Economics club was inaugurated by T. Arul Pragasam, Head, Postgraduate and Research Department of Economics. R. Mohan, Head (UG), Department of Economics, gave an outline of the impact of global financial crisis on the Indian economy.

**(Madurai Economics Club is My Brainchild)**

**Tagore in Madurai**

A. SHRIKUMAR

**An old copy of a college magazine discovered in The American College library records three lectures that Rabindranath Tagore delivered in the city**

*“In the present educational system the personal element is being very much neglected. Our present teachers are only connecting links between books of reference and the pupil’s note books...So, now we have an education system in our country which is so very costly and laborious, which means so much of waste of energy and yet does not produce the maximum result.”* -- Page 28, The American College Magazine, Vol II, September 1919.

“It’s been almost a century since Tagore spoke these lines at the main hall of The American College. Yet, it’s so relevant to the present times,” exclaims Professor C. Muthuraja, Director, The American College Alumni Cell. Muthuraja was excited about the piece of history discovered in one of the dusty wooden shelves of the college library last week. He and his students were there in the archives section of the library, when they stumbled upon a frayed copy of a September 1919 copy of the college magazine. In the yellowing pages was recorded Rabindranath Tagore’s visit to the city and the college earlier that same year in the month of March. *‘We have tried to make this issue of the Magazine - A Tagore Number’* -- says the editorial on the front page. The 37-page magazine contains selected writings of Tagore including *Gitanjali* for which the poet was awarded the Nobel prize in literature in 1913. It also throws light on three lectures delivered by Tagore at The American College – ‘The message of the Forest’, ‘The spirit of popular religion’ and ‘Indian education’. It was compiled by a staff member, N.R. Kedari Rao.

“None of us knew that Tagore had visited Madurai and it was a sheer coincidence that the day we found this (May 7) was the 153rd birth anniversary of the poet,” says Muthuraja. “His visit should have been significant. Given the British rule at that time and considering that the college was a Christian missionary run institution, the fact that he had spoken about popular religion assumes importance.” The magazine copy refers to two lectures delivered by one Mr. C.F. Andrews in February 1919 upon the life of Tagore and Santiniketan. It is also apparent from the magazine that Tagore was specially invited during the period of Principal W.M.

Zumbro and that he was paid Rs.1000 to deliver the lectures. A surplus amount of Rs. 365 from the proceeds of the sale of tickets was kept as a nucleus for a Tagore Scholarship to be awarded to students.

A black-and-white group photograph of the poet seated with the staff and students of the college is taken against the main hall building inside the campus. "He had visited in the 37th year of the college. And since the address was ticketed, even outsiders must have been among the audience apart from college students," notes Principal Dr. M. Davamani Christoher. "This discovery has intensified our pride in our college and we want to call this the Madurai lectures of Tagore and introduce them to students from all colleges." He points to the other famous personalities who have visited the college such as Rajaji , U. Muthuramalinga Thevar and Sivaji Ganesan.

The college plans to hold discussions and workshops for students based on the speeches of Tagore. "Even while designing the new curriculum we would like to take points from these lectures as they are relevant to the youth in particular," says Davamani. Currently, the college is actively working on revamping its alumni cell and is collecting rare pieces of history and events connected with the college

### **Budget 2014: Students, teachers welcome proposals**

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MADURAI: [Students](#) and academicians in the city welcomed several aspects of the budget presented on Thursday. At a post-budget discussion organized by Tata Dhan Academy, students from Madura College, Tata Dhan Academy and Thiagarajar School of Management along with academicians and social scientists welcomed the Centre's move to ensure safety and security of women and children through the schemes announced. Features like increase in tax on cigarettes and paan, proposal to start AIIMs and IITs and steps for job creation were also lauded.

Academicians welcomed the much-needed boost to manufacturing and agriculture sectors. They termed the 2014-15 budget as one aimed at inclusive and comprehensive growth. They particularly welcomed the move to support clean energy and providing emphasis on solar power production. "The announcement of Kisan television is a welcome one. We would like to see the facility is established successfully. The announcement to ensure the security and safety of women and children in the country is good. More educational institutions have been

proposed and the budget also given hope of job creation," said Saranya Devi, a postgraduate student.

"I would term the budget as a clean and green one. Focus on environment and manufacturing sector is provided. Agriculture is another area the thrust has been provided. A committee to look into the schemes announced in the past has been proposed. It is a futuristic budget. It ensures inclusive growth, especially often neglected northeastern areas are given importance," **C Muthuraja, associate professor in economics, American College said.**