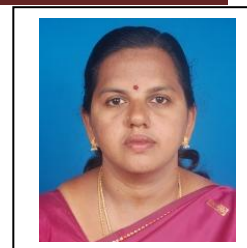


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## Curriculum Vitae



Brief Profile: (not exceeding 500 words)

Dr. S. Mekala is an Assistant Professor of English in the Department of Humanities at National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli. She earned her Ph.D in English Language Teaching at Anna University, Chennai. She has over fifteen years of teaching and research experience. Her research concentrates on Syllabus Design, Language through Literature and Material Design. Her articles have been published in peer-reviewed national and international journals. Her current research interests include Curriculum Design, Teaching and Learning Methods, Corporate Communication and Business Communication.

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6. Field(s) of Specialization: English Language Teaching
7. Employment Profile
  - ❖ **Assistant Professor** of English in National Institute of Technology , Tiruchirappalli (31.5.2007 - till date).
  - ❖ **Senior Lecturer** in English in Anand Institute of Higher Technology (Affiliated to Anna University) Kazhipattur, Chennai.
  - ❖ **Lecturer** in English in K.M College of Arts and Science, Erode
8. Academic Qualifications (From Highest Degree to High School):

Sl. No	Course/ Degree	Subjects	Class	University / Board	Year of Passing
1	PhD	English Language Teaching	-- --	Anna University	2005
2	M Phil	English Literature	-- --	Madras University	1998
3	M A	English language and Comparative Literature	I	Pondicherry University	1996

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4	B A	English Literature	I	Bharathidasan University	1994
5	HSc	Maths, Science	I	T.N State Board Exam	1991
6	S.S.L.C	Matriculation	I	T.N State Board Exam	1989

### 9. Academic/Administrative Responsibilities within the University

#### ➤ **Deputed as Subject Coordinator (B. Tech & B.Arch)**

- HM101 – English for communication  
2007 Odd semester (July – December)  
2012 Odd Semester (July - December)  
2015 Odd Semester (July - December)
- HM102 – Professional Communication  
2010 Even Semester (January – June)
- AR107 – Communicative English  
2008 & 2009 Odd Semester
- MB701 - Business Communication  
( I, II and III Trimesters)

#### ➤ **Assigned Coordinating works**

- Compiled and edited Humanities part of Institute Day Report  
April 2009 – March 2010
- Edited Convocation Report 2009
- Volunteer in Convocation 2010
- Member in Research & Consultancy Council 2012
- Member in Invitation & Announcers Committee for the Annual Sports Day'2012

### 10. Academic/Administrative Responsibilities outside the University

- ❖ Member of the Editorial board of the Journal - English Language Teaching , CCSE, Canada / ISSN 1916-4742.
- ❖ Member of the Editorial board of the International Journal of English Language Education, Macrothink Institute, U.S, ISSN 2325-0887.
- ❖ Member of the Editorial board of the International Journal of English Language Teaching, SCIEDU Press,CA, USA / ISSN - 2329-7921.

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- ❖ Member of the Editorial board of the International Journal of Linguistics and Literature Studies, Horizon Research Publishing Corporation, ISSN 2331-642X(print) and ISSN 2331-6438(online).
- ❖ Deputed as Expert Member for selection of Ph.D Candidates in Anna University, Trichy (Ref. No. AUT-T/CFR/2011-0111,dt.7.9.2011).
- ❖ Deputed as External Doctoral Committee Member in Anna university, Trichy for Ms. M. Bhuvanewari, Ph.D Part Time Research scholar.
- ❖ Deputed as External Doctoral Committee Member in Anna university, Trichy for Ms. S. Vasantharani, Ph.D Full Time Research scholar.

11. Awards, Associateships etc. -- NIL --

12. Fellowships -- NIL --

13. Details of Academic Work

- Business Communication (MBA)
- Technical English (B.E & B.Tech)
- A Basic Course in Communicative English (B.Tech)
- Professional Communication (B.Tech)
- Communicative English (B.Arch)

14. Details of Major R&D Projects -- NIL --

15. Number of PhDs guided

- ❖ **M.P. Shabitha** (409111001) registered in the odd semester of August 2011 as Full Time Research Scholar. *She completed her viva-voce examination on 27th March 2015 and was awarded Ph.D on August 2015.*
- ❖ **M. Ponmani** (409112004) registered in the odd semester of September 2012 as Full Time Research Scholar. She has completed her course work and comprehensive viva-voce exam. She is in the process of publishing articles in Science Citation Indexed journals.
- ❖ **G.Haribaskar** (409912003) registered in the odd semester of September 2012 as Part-Time Research Scholar. He has completed his course work.

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- ❖ **C. Shanmugapriya** (409112053) registered in the even semester of February 2013 as Full Time Research Scholar. She has completed her course work and comprehensive viva-voce exam. She is in the process of writing articles in Science Citation Indexed journals.
- ❖ **K.Manjula Bashini** (EHZ0601) registered in the even semester of January 2007. She has completed her course work and comprehensive viva-voce exam. She is in the process of drafting her thesis.
- ❖ **S.Shantha** (409112001) registered in the odd semester of November 2012 as Part-time Research scholar. She has completed her course work and comprehensive viva-voce exam. She is in the process of publishing articles for Science Citation Indexed journals.
- ❖ **R.Geetha** (409116002) registered in the even semester of August 2016 as Full Time Research Scholar. She is pursuing her course work.

16. Participation in Workshops/ Symposia/ Conferences/ Colloquia /Seminars/ Schools etc. (mentioning the role)

### **Paper Presentations in Conferences**

- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “The Role of Metacognition in Second Language Writing” paper presented in the 5th Annual International conference on ‘Language , Literature and Linguistics ’ organized by Global Science and Technology Forum, **Singapore**, May 30-31, 2016.
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, “The Advantages of Analytic Scoring Rubric in Evaluating ESL Writing” paper presented in the 2nd International conference on ‘Trends and Innovations in Evaluating ESL Writing’ organized by the Department of English, Sathyabama University, November 14-15, 2014.
- ❖ M.Ponmani and **S.Mekala**, “The Effectiveness of adopting Inductive Approach in Teaching Tense-Aspect” paper presented in the 2nd International conference on ‘Trends and Innovations in Evaluating ESL Writing’ organized by the Department of English, Sathyabama University, November 14-15, 2014.
- ❖ C.Shanmugapriya and **S.Mekala**, “The Functional Constraints of Diploma Holders in SMEs” paper presented in the 2nd International conference on ‘Trends and Innovations in Evaluating ESL Writing’ organized by the Department of English, Sathyabama University, November 14-15, 2014.
- ❖ M.Ponmani and **S.Mekala**, “Sociolinguistic Factors Affecting the Writing Proficiency of a set of English Major Students” paper presented in the 10th International Conference ICEG - 2014, Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College, Coimbatore, January 23-25, 2014.

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- ❖ C.Shanmugapriya and **S.Mekala**, “A study on Improving Listening Proficiency of Students Majoring in English Literature” paper presented in the 10th International Conference ICEG - 2014, Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College, Coimbatore, January 23-25, 2014.
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, “The Role of Written Corrective Feedback in Second Language Writing”, paper presented in the 8th International ELTAI conference, SRM University, Chennai, July 18-20, 2013.
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, “ Cognitive, Linguistic and Social Strategies in Second Language Writing, Paper presented in the 9th International Conference - ICEG 2013, VIT University, Vellore, January 3-5 2013.
- ❖ M.Ponmani and **S.Mekala**, “ The Impact of Rote Learning at Tertiary Level”, Paper presented in the 9th International Conference - ICEG 2013, VIT University, Vellore, January 3-5 2013.
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, “ The Influence of Sociolinguistics factors in second language Learning”, paper presented in the International Conference - ICEG 2012, BIT, Erode, January 28-30, 2012.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Promoting Lateral Thinking Skills in ESP Learners” paper presented in Seventh International congress on English Grammar organized by Department of English, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam, Erode, December 28 - 30, 2011.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Incorporating Thinking Skills in the ESL Curriculum” paper presented in the international conference on Teacher Development organized by English Language Teachers’ Association of India and VIT University, Vellore, 16-18 June, 2011.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “The Role of Projects in ESL Learning” paper presented in the international conference on Humanistic Language and Literature Teaching organized by Anna University, Chennai, February 18-19, 2011.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Case Studies: a Tool to Inculcate Thinking Skills in ESL classroom” paper presented in the international conference on Learning to Learn English: Way to Language Mastery organized by English language Teachers’ Association of India, Chennai, August 5-7, 2010.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Performance Anxiety in Presentations” Paper presented in the Sixth International Congress on English Grammar organized by Kongu Engineering College, Erode, January 9-13, 2010.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “A value Addition to the Communication Course” Paper presented in the International Conference on Collaboration and Creativity in English Language Teaching and

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- Learning in Asia, organized by **AsiaTEFL** at The Imperial Queens Park Hotel, **Bangkok, Thailand**, August 7 – 9, 2009.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Applying Knowledge Management Practices in Curriculum Design” Paper presented in the International Conference on ‘Quality Improvement in Educational Communication’ organized by the Department of Educational Technology, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, March 29 – 30, 2008.
  - ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Open Book Examinations – a Paradigm Shift” Paper presented in International Conference on ‘Learning to Teach: a Life-Long journey’ organized by English Language Teachers’ Association of India at Sathyabama University, Chennai, February 8–10, 2008.
  - ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Perspectives on Teaching English Literature” Paper presented in the International Congress on English Grammar, organized by G.Narayanamma Institute of Technology & Science, Hyderabad, January 6 – 11, 2008.
  - ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Needs Analysis of the Students Majoring in English Literature” Paper presented in International Congress on English Grammar, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Erode, December 27-31, 2004.
  - ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Teaching the Communicative use of English Language through Literary Pieces” Paper presented in International Congress on English Grammar, CIEFL, Hyderabad, July12-20, 1999.

### **FDP / MDP/ Workshops Attended**

- ❖ Management Development Programme on 'Leadership Communication' organized by IIM, Indore, January 4-6, 2012.
- ❖ UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme organized by UGC – Academic Staff College, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli – 23, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011.
- ❖ MDP on ‘Managing Creativity and Innovation’ organized by Administrative College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad, October 18 – 20, 2010.
- ❖ MDP on ‘Personal Effectiveness at Workplace’ organized by Madras Management Association (MMA), Chennai, 27 February, 2009.
- ❖ Workshop on ‘Awareness Programme on Intellectual Property Rights’ organized by TEQIP - NITT, Trichy, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.
- ❖ Induction Training Programme on ‘Instructional Design and Delivery’ conducted by NITTR, Chennai, July 7- 12, 2008.

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- ❖ MDP on 'Values, Ethics and Corporate Governance' organized by IIM Kozhikode, June 26-28, 2008.
- ❖ Workshop on Communication Skills Laboratory Course organized by Anna University, Chennai, February 10, 2007.
- ❖ 'Training the Trainer Programme' organized by ELCOT (Electronic Corporation of Tamil Nadu) at Cognizant Technology Solutions, Chennai, October 27- 28, 2006.
- ❖ Teacher Training Workshop on Cambridge BEC – (Business English Certificate) organized by British Council, Chennai, January 10-12, 2005.
- ❖ Workshop on Educational Technology organized by IIT Madras, December 17-19, 1998.

17. Workshops/ Symposia/ Conferences/ Colloquia/Seminars Organized (as Chairman/ Organizing Secretary/ Convenor / Co-Convenor)

### **FDP Organised**

- ❖ N.Thamaraiselvan, B.Senthilarasu, **S.Mekala**, organised a five day FDP on "Imparting soft skills for success and Life Skills for Survival at the Workplace", November 24-28, 2014.

### **Short Term Courses / Workshops Conducted**

- ❖ R.Murugesan, A.Vadivel and **S.Mekala**, conducted a Five Day Short Term Course for Engineering students on "Employability Skills Development", September 30 - October 1, 2013.
- ❖ R.Murugesan and **S.Mekala**, conducted a Two Day Workshop on "Techniques in Teaching Soft Skills", September 20-21, 2013.

18. Invited Talks delivered

- ❖ Lecture on " Development of 21st Century Skills through ELT" in a Two-day National Conference on 'English language Teaching in the Networked Environment', 25th - 26th October 2016.
- ❖ Lecture on " The Significance of Life Skills in Self Assessment" in A Two Day workshop on An Assay to Self Discovery(AASD' 16) conducted by Anna university: Chennai, BIT Campus, Trichy, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
- ❖ Deputed as External Examiner for Faculty Appraisal Programme at Sri Krishna Institutions, Centre for Professional Development and Training, Coimbatore, 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

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- ❖ Lecture on "Teacher Education & Life Skills Development " in Empowering Educators in English Language Teaching (EEELT'15) organized by Anna university: Chennai,BIT Campus, Trichy,10<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- ❖ Lecture on "Empowering Engineers for Employment" in A Two day National Seminar on New Vistas in ELT conducted by PSNA College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul,18<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.
- ❖ External Viva-Voce Examiner for Ms.G.Keerthi in connection with her public viva-voce examination for Ph.D degree at Periyar University, Salem,4th September 2014.
- ❖ Lecture on "Tools of Communication" in the Literary Feast Conducted by the Sarojini Naidu Literary Association organised by Bharathidasan University Constituent college for Women, Orathanadu, Thanjavur, 28th February 2014.
- ❖ Lecture on "Research Methodology: Role of Language" in a Three day National Workshop on 'Functional English for Engineering Teachers' at Periyar Maniammai University, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012.
- ❖ Lecture on "Communication Skills" in a One day workshop on 'Career Guidance and Soft Skills Development' at The Seshasayee Institute of Technology, Trichy, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

### 19. Membership of Learned Societies

- ❖ Member of International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL), England
- ❖ English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELTAI).

### 20. Academic Foreign Visits

- ❖ **S.Mekala**, "The Role of Metacognition in Second Language Writing" paper presented in the 5th Annual International conference on 'Language , Literature and Linguistics ' organized by Global Science and Technology Forum, **Singapore**, May 30-31, 2016.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, "A value Addition to the Communication Course" Paper presented in the International Conference on Collaboration and Creativity in English Language Teaching and Learning in Asia, organized by **AsiaTEFL** at The Imperial Queens Park Hotel, **Bangkok, Thailand**, August 7 – 9, 2009.

### 21. Publications

(A) Refereed Research Journals:



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- ❖ **S.Mekala**, M.Ponmani and M.P.Shabitha," Transfer of Grammatical Knowledge into ESL Writing, paper published in the *Eurasian Journal of Applied Linguistics*, September 2016, Vol.2, Issue No.2,
- ❖ K.Manjula Bashini and **S.Mekala**, " Need for Teacher Education and Training in Higher Education: Some Challenges and Constraints", paper published in *IJELLS* with ISSN 2278-0742, Vol.No. IV, Issue:3, October 2015
- ❖ M.Ponmani and **S.Mekala**, " The Role of Semantic functions in Learning English Prepositions", paper published in *FORTELL* with ISSN 2229-6557, Issue:31, July 2015
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, "Impact of Sociolinguistic Factors on Second Language Acquisition / Learning of a set of Regional Medium Students", *Language Forum - Special Issue on Sociolinguistics*, New Delhi: Bahri Publications, January - December 2014, Vol.40, No.1-2, pp.139 - 152.
- ❖ C.Shanmugapriya and **S.Mekala**, "A study on improving Listening Proficiency of Students Majoring in English Literature", *IJELLS*, October 2014, Vol.No.3, Issue No.3, pp.257 - 261.
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, "The Role of Written Corrective Feedback in Second Language Writing", *IJELLS*, October 2013, Vol.No.2, Issue No.3, pp.97-101.
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, "The Impact of Psycholinguistics Factors on Second Language Acquisition", *The IUP Journal of English Studies*, March 2013, Vol. No.8 Issue No. 1, pp.7-14.
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, "The influence of Sociolinguistics factors in second language Learning", *FORTELL* (Forum for Teachers of English Language and Literature) January 2013 No.26, pp. 5-8.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, "Open Book Examination: A Paradigm Shift" in the *Journal of Literature , Culture & Media Studies*, Vol. III 5 & 6, January - December 2011.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, "An Alternative Part - II General English Syllabus for English Literature Students" *The Modern Journal of Applied Linguistics*. Vol.1. No.3. May 2009, pp. 154-168.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, "Perspectives on Teaching English Literature to English Literature Major Students" *Language in India*. Vol.9. No.4. April 2009. 312-322.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, "Towards Developing an Alternative Syllabus for Students Majoring in English Literature" *The Journal of English Language Teaching* (India). Vol 43.No.4.July-August 2005.30-36.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, "Teaching Materials for Young Learners" *The Journal of English Language Teaching* (India). Vol XXXV.No.2. March-April 2000.41- 50.

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### (B) Conferences/Workshops/Symposia Proceedings

- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, “The Role of Cognitive Strategy use in Second Language Writing”, Paper accepted and to be published in *The Global Journal of English Studies* in April 2016, Vol.No.II, Issue:1
- ❖ M.Ponmani and **S.Mekala** , " An Analysis of Concord Errors in ESL Learners' Writing", Paper accepted and to be published in *The Global Journal of English Studies* in April 2016, Vol.No.II, Issue:1
- ❖ C.Shanmugapriya and **S.Mekala**, " Employers' Perception on Communication Skills at Workplace", Paper accepted and to be published in *The Global Journal of English Studies* in April 2016, Vol.No.II, Issue:1
- ❖ P.G.Immaculate Sherine and **S.Mekala**, " The Role of Thinking in Soft Skills", Paper accepted and to be published in *The Global Journal of English Studies* in April 2016, Vol.No.II, Issue:1
- ❖ C.Shanmugapriya and **S.Mekala**, “A Case Study in Bilingualism ” Paper presented at Anna University, Trichy Campus and published in the International Conference on ‘Enlightening the people about the Richness of English Language and Literature’, August 2014, pp.180-186.
- ❖ M.Ponmani and **S.Mekala**, “The Impact of Negative Transfer of L1 Grammar on L2Writing ” Paper presented at Anna University, Trichy Campus and published in the International Conference on ‘Enlightening the people about the Richness of English Language and Literature’, August 2014, pp.187-200.
- ❖ M.Ponmani and **S.Mekala**, “The Role of Mind Mapping in the English Literature Syllabus” Paper presented at SRM University, Chennai and published in the International Conference Proceedings on ‘21st Century Learners: Learning Styles and Strategies’, July 2013, pp.322-324.
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, “The Role of Language in Human Cognition” Paper presented at B.S.Abdur Rahman Univeristy, Chennai and published in the National conference on ‘A Paradigm shift in English Language Teaching and Testing: A Literary/Linguistic Approach’ March 2013, pp.82-85.
- ❖ M.Ponmani and **S.Mekala** “The Inductive Approach to Teach Grammar in ESL Context” Paper presented at B.S.Abdur Rahman Univeristy, Chennai and published in the National conference on ‘A Paradigm shift in English Language Teaching and Testing: A Literary/Linguistic Approach’ March 2013, pp.59-63.

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- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, “The Influence of Socio Cultural aspects in ESL classroom” Paper presented and published in the 7<sup>th</sup> International conference proceedings and 43<sup>rd</sup> ELTAI conference on ‘The English Classroom Experiments and Experiences’ July 2012, pp.527-529.
- ❖ M.P. Shabitha and **S.Mekala**, “Second Language Acquisition through Patterns of Classroom Communication” Paper presented and published in the National Conference on ‘Technology Integrated Language Teaching’ March 2012, pp.157-160.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “The Role of Tasks in enhancing Creative Thinking Skills” paper presented and published in the proceedings of the International conference on ‘Professional English’ organized by the Department of English, Vel Tech Technical University, Chennai - 62, February 15 - 16, 2012.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Perspective Writing : a Critical Thinking Tool in ESL Classroom” Paper presented and published in the international conference on ‘Language Development and Computing Methods’ organized by the Department of English, Karunya University, Coimbatore, December 2-3, 2010.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Soft Skills: Necessity of Thinking Skills” paper presented and published in the conference proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> National conference on ‘Enhancement and Excellence in English for Employability and Empowerment’ organized by the Department of English and Foreign languages, SRM University, Chennai & University of Cambridge, ESOL Examinations, March 24-25, 2010.

### (C) Books & Monographs

#### Book Published

- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “An Alternative Syllabus for Students Majoring in English Literature: an ESP Framework”. Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing Limited, 2011. ISBN 978-3-8454-1364-8.  
For details of the book visit [www.amazon.com/Alternative-Syllabus-Students-Majoring-Literature/dp/3845413](http://www.amazon.com/Alternative-Syllabus-Students-Majoring-Literature/dp/3845413)

#### Article in Book Chapters

- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Applying Knowledge Management Practices in Curriculum Design” for the ‘Orientation Programme Resource Material’ in the Book (Vol.1) published by UGC-Academic Staff College, Trichy: Bharathidasan University, 2011, pp.58-67.
- ❖ **S.Mekala**, “Redesigning B.A English syllabus” Teaching English in Non-native English contexts edited by S.C.Chaudhary, Chennai: Orient Longman, 2002, pp. 182-187.