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Curriculum Vitae

Brief Profile:



Current Profile: Teaches Communication and Creative Writing at the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli. Besides, he is a motivational speaker, a practising poet, a yoga enthusiast and a book lover.

Research Interests: Earned his PhD in *Popular Fiction and the Uses of History* from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala. Reads on topics like Biography, Life Writing, Writings on India and other Topographies, Language, Films, Creativity.

Career Track : Taught at St. Berchman's College, Changanacherry, Kerala, [1992-1998]; Alagappa Government College of Arts and Sciences, Karaikudi, Tamilnadu, [1998-2007]; National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, [Since 2007]

Creativity Index: Has won the Third Prize Bronze Medal at the International Poetry Contest conducted by The National Library of Poetry, Ohio, USA. Has won the Editor's Choice Award twice.

Poems have been anthologized by the Poetry Society of India, *Indian Literature* of Sahitya Akademi, the National Library of Poetry, Hosts Inc., Texas, *Chandrabhaga*.

At Workshops and Conferences: Has conducted Communication Workshops at Corporate forums like Tamilnadu Paper Limited [TNPL, Karur]; Bharat Heavy Electricals [BHEL, Trichy]; Central Electrochemical Research Centre [CECRI, Karaikudi]. Has been an invited speaker at the Academic Staff Colleges of Kerala University, Trivandrum and Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli; Anna University, Chennai.

Presented a paper on Yoga and Film at the University of London in 2013; Was a Fellow at the School of Criticism and Theory at Cornell University, Ithaca NY in 2008.

Published Work: Has been the General Editor for the 12 volume *Encyclopaedia of World Mythology* in Malayalam published by DC Books, Kottayam in the year, 2013. Has authored *Indian Classics in English Translation* co-authored *Literary Theory* which are textbooks for the Distance Education program of Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

Public outreach: Reviews books for the Trichy Book Club.

Personal: Lives in Trichy; wife- Bhuvanewari and son-Adarsh.

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6. Field(s) of Specialization: Literature, Politics of
Representation

7. Employment Profile

Job Title	Employer	From	To
Associate Professor	National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli	16-7-2010	Till date
Assistant Professor	National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli	15-7-2007	15-7-2010
Lecturer Senior Scale	Alagappa Government College of Arts and Sciences, Karaikudi, Tamilnadu	26-10-98	13-7-2007
Lecturer	St. Berchman's College, Changanacherry, Kerala	14-2-91	23-10-1998

8. Academic Qualifications (From Highest Degree to High School):

Examination	Board / University	Year	Division/ Grade	Subjects
Ph. D	Mahatma Gandhi	2003		Popular Fiction and the Uses of History
M. Phil	Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli	1991		Cultural Moorings and the Indian English Novel: A Comparison of the Native and the Expatriate: The selected Novels of R K Narayan and Kamala

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M.A	Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli	1990	72.92% First Class	English Language and Literature
B. A	Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli	1988	70.11% First Class	English Language and Literature
Certificate Course	Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research, Pondicherry	2011	First Class	Sri Aurobindo Studies

9. Academic/Administrative Responsibilities within the University

Position	Faculty/Department/Centre/Institution	From	To
Master of Ceremony during the visit of the Hon'ble President of India, Sri Pranab Mukherjee.	Institution	9 July 2014	
Convenor for Setting up Language Laboratory	Institution		Mar. 2014
Registrar's Appointee to conduct Skill Test- to select P. A. to the Director NITT	Institution	28 Feb. 2014	
Organising Committee: Announcements and General Conduct- All India Institution NITT Sports Meet	Institution	6 Jan. 2014	
Compere- Pre-Senate Workshop	Institution	11 th January, 2013	

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Subject Expert Scrutiny of Applications for Staff Recruitment at NIT, Puducherry at Karaikal	Institution	7 Feb. 2013	
Member, HINDI Cell	Institution	Feb. 2012	
Staff Advisor- NITTFEST- 2012 and NITTFEST- 2008	Institution		
Member, DAC	Department	Feb. 2012	
Staff Advisor- Feeds: The Campus Magazine	Institution	2012	
Head of the Department of Humanities	Department	Jan. 2009	Jan. 2012
Staff Advisor- Literary Events	Institution	March 2008	
Committee Member- In Charge of Announcements and Program Management for the Institute Day, Convocation, Official functions, Conferences and Workshops of Engineering and Science	Institution	2007	

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10. Academic/Administrative Responsibilities outside the University

Position	Institution	From	To
Member of Board of Studies	Muthayammal Engineering College, Rasipuram	22- Sept.-2016	
M.Phil. Dissertation Evaluation	Thiagarajar College, Madurai	5- Aug.-2016	
Question Paper Setter	IIT, Srirangam	20-June-2016	
Member of Doctoral Committee	Bharathidasan University	22- April-2016, 22- April-2015, 28-November-2013	
External Member, Board of Studies	VIT, University	12- June-2015	
Member in Interview Board	Kendriya Vidyalaya, OFT	25- March2015, 10-June-2014	26-3-2015
Board of Studies (English)	St. Joseph's College, Trichy	4-March-2015, 4-March-2014	
External Examiner (Ph.D. Viva-voce)	Bharathiar University	21-Nov.-2013	
Chief Guest (English Literary Association)	Muthayammal Engineering College, Rasipuram	25 Oct. 2013	
Chief Guest (English Literary Association)	Alagappa Government Arts College	2- Sep.-2013	
Advisor (Curriculum Development)	TBAK College, Kilakarai		
Member for English	KSR College of Engineering, Tiruchengode.	16 June 2012	
Member of Syllabus Sub-Committee	Anna University, Chennai	11 June 2012	
Member for PG Revision in English	St. Joseph's College, Trichy	21 March 2012	
Member- Expert Committee for preparing material for the Elective Course, "World Literature in	Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi	13 th October, 2011	

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English” for IGNOU’s Masters in English (MEG)			
Member, Board of Studies for MA in English	Alagappa University, Karaikud	29 th December, 2010	
Board of Studies in English	Thassim Beevi Abdul Khader College for Women, Kilakarai	9 April 2008	
Faculty of the School of Distance Education,	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	1992-1998	

11. Awards, Associateships etc.

Year of Award	Name of the Award	Awarding Organization
2000	Editor’s Choice Award for Outstanding Achievement in Poetry	Presented by Poetry.com and the International Library of Poetry
1997	Editor’s Choice Award for Outstanding Achievement in Poetry	Presented by Poetry.com and the International Library of Poetry
1996	Bronze Medal	The International North American Poetry Competition – conducted by the National Library of Poetry, Maryland, USA
1991	The Fr. Pinto Medal – for Outstanding Academic Performance (for both the years of PG) in MA English	St. Joseph’s College Trichy
1991	The Fr. George Thottungal Medal – for Outstanding Academic Performance in MA (2 nd Year	St. Joseph’s College Trichy
1989	The S. Ganapathy Medal – for Outstanding Academic Performance (for all the three years of UG) in BA English	St. Joseph’s College Trichy
1989	The Fr. Quinn Medal –for Outstanding Academic Performance- in 3 rd BA English Literature	St. Joseph’s College Trichy
1988	The Fr. George Thottungal Medal – for Outstanding Academic Performance- in 2 nd BA English Literature	St. Joseph’s College Trichy
1988	Special Award- Medal for Cricket	St. Joseph’s College Trichy
1988	Outstanding College Student	Trichy JAYCEES
1985-1990	Special Award- Medal for Debate- Member of the Quiz and Debating Team of St. Joseph’s	St. Joseph’s College Trichy

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	College for 5 years	
1984	Outstanding School Student	Trichy Rocktown JAYCEES.

12. Fellowships

Year of Award	Name of the Fellowship	Awarding Organization	From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)
2016	UGC – IUC Associateship	IIAS Shimla	2015	2018
1991	UGC- JRF	UGC		

13. Details of Academic Work

(i) Curriculum Development – Global Elective HM404 Creative Writing Through Literature, HM412 Executive Communication,

(ii) Courses taught at Postgraduate and Undergraduate levels - MBA Business Communication

14. Details of Major R&D Projects

Title of Project	Funding Agency	Duration		Status
		From	To	Ongoing/ Completed

15. Number of PhDs guided

Name of the PhD Scholar	Title of PhD Thesis	Role(Supervisor/ Co-Supervisor)	Year of Award
Reena Varghese	Philosophical and Psycho-Spiritual Explorations in the		2015

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	Selected Novels of Hermann Hesse in English Translation		
S. Henri Kishore	“In Search of Derrida’s Intellectual Forefather: Reading Derridean Deconstruction against the Backdrop of Nagarjuna’s Philosophy		2012
C. S. Robinson	The Theme of Erasure and Survival: A Comparative Study of the Novels of Alice Walker and Bama.”		2011

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

Date (s)	Title of Activity	Level of Event (International/ National/ Local)	Role (Participant/ Speaker/ Chairperson , Paper presenter, Any other)	Event Organized by	Venue
8-9 Sep. 2016	Seminar on “(Re)Envisaging India’s Northeast: Ethnicity, Identity, Culture and Literature”	International	Paper Presenter	Assam University	Assam University
1 Apr.2016	Panel Discussion on “And the Clock Struck Thirteen”	State	Led the discussion	BIM Trichy	BIM Trichy
26 Feb. 2016	UGC Sponsored national Seminar on	National	Speaker	St.Berchman’s College, Changanache	St.Berchmans College, Changanacherry

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	“The Empire and the Bard of Avon”			rry	
11-12 Jan. 2016	Seminar on History, Theory and Writing	National	Paper Presenter	CPRACISIS, Institute for Social justice, Australian Catholic University, St.Berchmans College, Changanacherry	St.Berchmans College, Changanacherry
16-20 Dec. 2015	Workshop on “Teaching/ Learning English”		Speaker	SASTRA University, Thanjavur	SASTRA University, Thanjavur
9-10 Dec. 2015	Conference on EAMELT	International	Chairman	Kongu Engineering College	Kongu Engineering College
26-27 May 2015	Workshop on “English Language Skill Development”	National	Speaker	IIRBS	Mahatma Gandhi University
17 Mar. 2015	Management Developmental Programme		Speaker	TNPL Kagithapuram	TNPL Kagithapuram
6-7 Feb. 2015	Conference on “Culture Through Language and Literature”	International	Paper Presenter	Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	Bharathiar University, Coimbatore
30 Jan. 2015	Seminar on “Art of Writing a papersaste”		Speaker	Kings College of Engineering	Kings College of Engineering
7-8 March 2014	Two Day UGC sponsored FDP		Speaker	Alagappa Institute of Management , Karaikudi	Alagappa Institute of Management, Karaikudi
28 Feb. 2014	UGC Sponsored Seminar on “Themes and Issues in Contemporary Feminist Writing”	State	Speaker	Saraswathi Narayanan College	Saraswathi Narayanan College

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13-12- Dec.2013	UGC Sponsored Seminar on the Subaltern Speak?: the Emergence of Women Writers After 1950”	National	Speaker	Jayaraj Annapackiam College	Jayaraj Annapackiam College
10-11 Oct. 2013	Two Day FDP on Effective Teaching Techniques		Speaker	NIT Trichy	NIT Trichy
13 Sep. 2013	UGC Sponsored Seminar on “Trends in Literary Theories”		Speaker	SRC Trichy	SRC Trichy
5-7 July 2013	UGC Sponsored Seminar on “Lusus Naturae: Monster in Film and Fiction”	National	speaker	Christian College, Chengannur and Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla	Christian College, Chengannur
27-29 June 2013	The Annual London Film and Media Conference on “Film and Media 2013: The pleasure of the Spectacle”	International	Speaker/ Chairman	Academic Conferences London	University of London
26-27 March 2013	UGC Sponsored Seminar on “Spiritual and Philosophical manifestations of Sri Aurobindo”	National	Speaker	Kanchi Mamunivar Centre	Kanchi Mamunivar Centre
23-26 Jan. 2012	Four Day Workshop called called “A Brief Course in Science Communication: An Assembly Line Approach”		Speaker	CECRI Karikudi	CECRI Karikudi

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9-10 Dec. 2011	Two Day Certification Workshop on Technical Communication		Participant	Grey Cells Consultancy, Mumbai	
21 Apr. 2011	Creativity Workshop	International	Participant	The Creativity Workshop	New York
25-26 March 2009	Seminar on English and Communication Skills for Employability	National	Paper Presenter	Anna University, chennai	Anna University, chennai
27-28 Feb. 2009	Two Day Workshop on Technical	National	Participant	IIIFTM-K, Technopark,	IIIFTM-K, Technopark,
7-8 Feb. 2008	Seminar on Indian Drama in English	National	Paper Presenter	Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram-	Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram-
21-23 Dec. 2008	Three Day Workshop on “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People Training Program”	National	Participant	Franklin Covey Associates	NIT Trichy
15 Aug. 2008	Two Week STP on Soft Skills and Personality Development		Speaker	Alagappa Chettiar College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi	Alagappa Chettiar College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi
27 Oct. 2007	National Conference on Innovations in English Language Teaching IELT-2007		Paper Presenter	Karunya University, Coimbatore	Karunya University, Coimbatore
6-7 Feb. 2007	UGC sponsored Seminar on Indian Literature in English	National	Paper Presenter	Government Arts College, Coimbatore	Government Arts College, Coimbatore

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	Translation				
	Seminar on English and Communication Skills for Employability	National	Presenter		
8-9 Nov. 2005	Seminar on Indian English Literature	National	Paper Presenter	Annamalai University, Chidambaram	Annamalai University, Chidambaram
9-10 Feb. 2005	Conference on Current Theories and their Impact on Teaching of Literature	National	Paper Presenter	St. Joseph's College, Trichy	St. Joseph's College, Trichy
15 May 2003	UGC sponsored Refresher Course for English Teachers		Participant	Madurai Kamaraj University,	Academic Staff College, Madurai
3 March 2003	One Day Seminar on the Role of Accredited Colleges towards Quality Improvement and Sustenance in Higher Education in Present Day Context of Global Challenges	State	Participant	Tassim Beevi Abdul Khader College for Women, Keelakarai	Tassim Beevi Abdul Khader College for Women, Keelakarai
24-26 Feb 2003	Three Day Faculty Improvement Program for English Lecturers on Teaching English for Competitive Examinations		Participant	State Institute of English, Chennai	
23-25 Jan. 2003	Seminar on Awakening of	National	Paper Presenter	Auxilium College,	Auxilium College, Vellore

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	the Marginalized in the Post-Colonial Indian Milieu			Vellore	
28-30 Aug. 2001	Three Day Orientation Program for Conducting Bridge Courses		Participant	Jamal Mohammed College, Tiruchirappalli	Jamal Mohammed College, Tiruchirappalli
25-26 March 2000	UGC Two Day Seminar on Human Rights Education and Evolving a Suitable Curriculum for Colleges	State	Paper Presenter	National College, Trichy	National College, Trichy

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

Title of Activity	Level of Event (International/ National/ Local)	Date (s)	Role	Venue
Workshop on,English for Writing Ph. D Thesis	National	20-22 Jan. 2016	Organizer/ speaker	NIT Trichy
Workshop on “Approaching Technical Writing”		9-10 Dec. 2015		Kongu Engineering College
“Writers’ Workshop”		25-27 Sep. 2014	Conducted	Royal University of Bhutan
Workshop on “Writing a Research Paper: Theory and Praxis”		10 May 2014	Organizer	NIT Trichy
Three day Workshop on “Glocal trends and Issues in English Language Teaching: Challenges and Opportunities ”	National	24-26 Jan. 2014	Coordiantor	NIT Trichy

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TEQUIP Workshop on “Technical Writing for Research Scholars in the Sciences and Engineering Disciplines”		25-26 May 2013	Coordinator	NIT Trichy
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18. Invited Talks delivered

Topic	Date	Inviting Organization
Leap to Lead: From Students to Seers	7 Sep.2016	Thiagarajar College, Madurai
Flying Like Eagle	19 Dec.2015	All India Radio
Literature Nobel, Alice Munro	9 Dec.2015	Noble Day Lecture, CSIR - CECRI
The Secret of Creativity	5 Dec.2015	All India Radio
Dr. Jane Mangalam Stephen Endowment Lecture	26 Feb.2015	Lady Doak College, Madurai
Lecture for Corporate Executives	13-17 Aug. 2014	Hewlett-Packard Asia Pacific Office in Singapore on “Creative Writing as Therapy
Resource Person for Refresher Course in English	30 Sep. 2013	Bharathidasan Univesity, University of Kerala
Fr. Leigh, Fr. Lawrence Sundaram and Professor S. Bhanumoorthy Endowment Lecture	25 Sep. 2013	St. Joseph’s College, Trichy
Art of Public Speaking	10- Oct. 2013	NIT Trichy
Swami Vivekananda Birth Anniversary Lecture	30 Jan. 2013	Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.
One Day Orientation for Teachers on “Teaching Methodology and Student Psychology”	28 Jan. 2012	Tassim Beevi Abdul Khader College for Women, Keelakarai

19. Membership of Learned Societies

Type of Membership (Ordinary Member/ Honorary Member / Life Member)	Organization	Membership No. with date
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Memembr	Modern Language Association (MLA) USA	2015
Member	Study Centre for Indian Literature and Translation (SCILET)	2012
Educational-Sub-Committee	Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan	2012
Reviewer	Trichy Book Club	2011
Member	National Geographic Society	2007

20. Academic Foreign Visits

Country	Duration of Visit	Programme
U.S	26-28 January, 2016	Florida Atlantic University
Bhutan	25-27 Sep. 2014	Writer's Workshop
Singapore	13 -17 Aug. 2014	Lecture for Corporate Executives at Hewlett-Packard Asia Pacific Office on "Creative Writing as Therapy"
U.K	27-29 June 2013	Academic Conferences London, The Annual London Film and Media Conference on "Film and Media 2013: The pleasure of the Spectacle"
U.S	15 June to 24 July 2008	32 nd Summer School of the School of Criticism and Theory at Cornell University, Ithaca
U. S.	15 June to 24 July 2010	Creativity Workshop at New York

21. Publications

(A) Refereed Research Journals:

Author(s)	Title of Paper	Journal	Volume (No.)	Page numbers	Year	Impact Factor of the Journal (Optional)
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	Between Mental Manufacture and Pure Transcript: The Viability of a Theory of Poetry in the Letters of Sri Aurobindo	SAGE Open			2012	
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	Planetarity as the Armature for Comparing Alice Walker and Bama Faustina	New Global Studies			2011	

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Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	Is there a Textbook in the Language Classroom?	The Modern Journal of Applied Linguistics	1		2009	
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	Location of History in a Spiritual Eco-System: Looking at Madhuram Gayati by OV Vijayan	Indian Literature: Sahitya Akademi's Bi-Monthly Journal	LIII		2009	180-185
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	"A Time for Words: Further Thoughts on Newswatc	The Journal of English Language Teaching	XLV		2007	
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	Looking at the Woman in the Airport Novel	CIEFL Bulletin	12		2002	71-81
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	Alternative Texts: Accepting Different Strokes in the English Class	The Journal of English Language Teaching	XXXVII		2001	
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	The Poetic and the Prophetic as Universals: A Consideration of 'Narayaneeyam' and 'Sailing to Byzantium	SB Academic Review	VIII		1999	9-11
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	"Scrape the Bottom: Questions for the Nineties	SB Academic Review	III		1994	77-81

(B) Conferences/Workshops/Symposia Proceedings

Author(s)	Title of Abstract/ Paper	Title of the Proceedings	Page numbers	Conference Theme	Venue	Year
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	"Literature Reconstructing Culture: O V Vijayan, the Nonconformist."			International Conference on Enlightening the People about the Richness of English	Anna University, Chennai	2014

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Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	Beowulf: An Allegory of Yoga			Film and Media	University of London, UK	2013
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	Where Spirituality meets Detective Fiction: Paul Brunton and Francis Yeats Brown as Narrative Models”			International Conference on Trends in Modern Literature: East and West	Alagappa University, Karaikudi	2011
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	“Bombay as Image, the Imagined and the Imaginary in <i>Q and A</i> and <i>Sacred Games.</i> ”			The Novel in the Twenty-First Century: Text and Context	University of Allahabad	2009
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	“The Newspaper as a Language Acquisition Tool: Looking at Possible Orientations.”			Fifth International Congress on English Grammar a	G. Naranamma Institute of Technology and Science, Hyderabad-	2008
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan	“Rethinking Lolita for a journey in a Different Culture: Gabrielle Roy’s <i>The Tin Flute.</i> ”			- International Conference on Canadian Literature: Dialogue across Cultures: Canada and India”	at Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli	2006

(C) Books & Monographs

Author(s)	Title of Book/Monograph	Name of Publishers	Year of Publication	ISSN/ISBN Number
V. B Vinod	<i>Loka Ithihasa Kathakal</i> 12 Vol (General Edittor)	D. C Books	2013	978-81-264-4299-7
V. B Vinod	“Drama as Criticism of			

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	<i>Life: Hayavadana” in The Plays of Girish Karnad</i>			
V. B Vinod	“Situations of Incomprehension: Arun Joshi’s <i>The Strange Case of Billy Biswas</i> ”in <i>Critical Responses to commonwealth Literature</i>	Authors Press		
V. B Vinod	<i>Indian Classics in English Translation</i>	Text Book for M. A. Programme through Distance Education for Alagappa Univesity		
Dr. Vinod Balakrishnan , Dr. S. Lakshmi	<i>Literary Theory</i>	Text Book for M. A. Programme through Distance Education for Alagappa Univesity		