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## Educational Qualifications

- Post Doctoral Study in UK with Commonwealth Fellowship from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), London, “in an extremely competitive year”
- Fulbright Senior Fellowship (USA) from the United States Educational Foundation.
- Ph.D., in Education - Specialization in Application of Educational Technology
- M.Ed. (Educational Administration)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching of English (Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages), Hyderabad
- Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Education (Indira Gandhi National Open University)
- M.A., in English
- M.A., in Distance Education (MADE) IGNOU
- M.A., in Sociology
- Diploma in the Cultural Heritage

## Various Capacities Served

- Advisory Committee Member for the Central University of Tamilnadu at present
- Research Co-ordinator for the UGC – special Assistance programme for 5 years
- Director, University Grants Commission – Human Resource Development Centre for 4 years
- Dean, Faculty of Arts for 3 years
- University Syndicate (Board of Management) Member for 3 years
- University Head of the Department for 13 years
- As University Professor of Educational Technology and Education for 17 years
- Vice- Chancellor of a reputed State University for 3 years
- He has successfully completed the distinguished consultancy assignment for UNESCO on “Learning to learn through Information Technology” and developed Prototype Modules on Multimedia Learning.
- He has served as a Consultant for Commonwealth of Learning, Canada and conducted Capacity Development Programmes abroad on Instructional Design Skills.
- He has successfully completed three International Projects including a prestigious three year British Council – Department for International Development Higher Education Link Project.
- Currently, he is the Principal Investigator for the ICSSR sponsored Major Research Project on “Digital Culture in Teacher Education” for Rs.8 Lakhs.
- Travelled widely across the world on various academic assignments, he has visited USA, UK, Germany, France, Netherlands, . Russia, Finland, Greece, Italy, China, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Brunei, Indonesia, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Hongkong and Sudan (Africa)
- He has visited world-renowned Philadelphia University, USA, Oxford University, Cambridge University,

UNESCO-Paris, UNESCO-APEID, Bangkok, International Institute of Education Planning, St. Peters University, Russia, Athens University, Greece, Konkuk University, Seoul, South Korea, University of Melbourne, Australia and Nagoya University, Japan.

- He has delivered Key-Note Speeches and Plenary Presentations in many World-Summits on Education, International Conferences, UNESCO Meets on Education and National Seminars, Symposia and Panel Discussions.

### **Significant Contributions in Quality Assessment and Accreditation**

- He has conceived, experimented and successfully implemented pioneer projects like Assessment and Accreditation of Schools, the first of its kind in India through School Assessment and Accreditation Council (SAAC), established by him under Bharathidasan University School Linkage Cell (BSLC).
  - Expert in the National Assessment and Accreditation Council - National Council for Teacher Education (NAAC-NCTE) Expert Committee for evolving critical benchmark for the assessment and accreditation of all Teacher Education (TE) and Physical Education (PE) Institutions.
  - Served as Chairman for the NAAC Model Assessment and Accreditation Teams in many Universities, which later got A Grade from NAAC
  - Conceived and implemented an academic audit exercise among all the departments of the university and a mechanism with quantifiable parameters for evaluating the faculty members was evolved.
  - An Academic with outstanding record of three decades, he is associated with National Apex Bodies like UGC, NAAC, NCTE and NCERT in various key responsibilities for Policy Making.
  - Served as University Grants Commission (UGC) Expert at UGC, New Delhi for the Evaluation of Major Research Project Proposals in Education and as Chairman of the UGC Committee for the Assessment of the Performance of the autonomous colleges and Universities.
  - Conceived and Established the International Professional Body in Educational Technology in the name and style of Society for Educational Technology, Research and Development, with more than 500 life members for promoting excellence in Education and served as its Founder-Secretary for 6 years. He has been organizing International Conferences/Workshops/Symposia every year on crucial themes and emerging trends and also publishes the outcomes periodically.
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### **Academic Innovations**

- He has conceived, developed and successfully implemented many innovative academic programmes like B.Sc.B.Ed.(Mathematics), M.Sc. Media & Communication, a five-year integrated programme, PG Diploma in e-Learning, PG Diploma in Educational Administration and PG Diploma in Higher Education Technology. Also initiated M.A in Parent Education as an innovative programme.
- He has initiated rural based innovations like Village Adoption Scheme by Madurai Kamaraj University and Rural Experience as a part of the Curriculum component
- He has extensively contributed as an Expert for National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in the formulation of National Curriculum Framework 2005 and for Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) in the development of National Policy on ICT in School Education for the XII Plan Period
- Founder-Professor and Head of the new Department of Education at the Central University of Tamilnadu and Pioneer in the development of B.Sc.,B.Ed.,(Maths) Programme.

### **Courses Taught**

- Ph.D - Recent Advances in Education , Research Methodology
- M.Ed - Sociology of Education, Philosophy of Education, Educational, Management, e-Learning, Comparative Education, Teacher Education, Educational Technology, Educational Psychology
- M.Phil - e-Content Development, Pedagogy of Teaching and Learning
- He has guided and produced 11 Ph.Ds and 8 more Ph.D Scholars nearing Completion.

### **Awards Received**

- Jacky McAleer Fellow Award by the Association of Common wealth Universities, London "in an extremely competitive year" 2002
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Fellowship Award by the J. W. Fulbright
- Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) in Washington D.C.
- Award of Eminence in Teacher Education by the Indian Association of Teacher Educators in December 2012
- Best Educational Administrator Award by the Confederation of Indian Universities, New Delhi & The Educational Standards and Testing Council of India during the World Management Congress in December 2009.
- Best Educationist Award by Pondicherry Psychology Association (2003), received from the Chief Minister of Pondicherry.

### **International Conferences Organised**

- Integrating Technology into Teaching and Learning, 2002
- Quality Improvement in Educational Systems, 2003
- Beyond Chalk and Talk: Challenges and Opportunities in the Digital Age, 2005
- Educational Technology for Disadvantaged Communities, 2005
- Tomorrow's Technology for Education: Visions, Directions, Issues and Concerns, 2007
- Quality Enhancement in Educational Communication, 2008
- Create, Connect and Collaborate: New Dimensions in Teaching and Learning, 2011
- Recent Trends in Educational Technology, Implications and Future Directions, 2014

### **Publications**

- To his credit, he has published/edited prestigious International and National Journals with ISSN/ISBN numbers,

Books, Reports and Research Papers in large numbers on themes of social relevance and current interest. Founder cum Editor – in – Chief of the International Journal of Educational Research, Development and Extension, ISSN Number 0974-889X, also served as Editor for the Journal of Educational Research and Extension (ISSN 0973-6190) for 5 years.

- Editorial Board Member for the journal “Experiments in Education” (ISSN 0970-7409), the official journal of the S.I.T.U.Council of Educational Research.
- Reviewer for the NCERT's Indian Journal of Education, International Editorial Board Member for the International Journal of Web-Based Communities and Jury for the selection of Research Papers in the International Conference on “Networking Communities” at Portuguese.
- He is a Reviewer for the International Review of Research in Open and Distributed Learning, Athabasca University, Canada.
- He is the Executive Editor for the Annual Report of the Central University of Tamilnadu.

### **Extension and Outreach Activities**

- He has effectively organised and conducted Hundreds of Extension programmes across the State as well as to other States of India and other country like rural Bangladesh under the aegis of Commonwealth of Learning, (CoL) Canada.
- He is the Co-Ordinator of the Extension Cell, Central University of Tamilnadu.