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Training, Research and Management

Academic And Educational Training

Communication And Life Skills
Development

Staff Development And Motivation

Presentations And Writing Skills

Academic Goals

- To revamp advanced English studies in India by propagating a unique methodology of teaching and resource development. This methodology incorporates postmodern and learner-centric practices suited to the changing socio-cultural scenario of the digital age.
- To produce a thoroughly comprehensive set of learning resources essential for the English literature professional. These resources would be transdisciplinary in scope and multimedia in nature and will include the current practices of gaming and cooperative peer learning.
- To explore the diverse career options of English literature professionals beyond the traditional choices of school and college-level teaching. This would include imparting training and skill-enhancement programs to English literature professionals in different sectors as well as initiating new professions of interdisciplinary nature with strong social applicability.

Professional Experience

- Founder-Director and chief resource person, TES, Trivandrum, since its inception in 1998. This institution offers services in coaching for competitive exams, teacher training, editing, research consultancy, communication and corporate training.
- Founder of the NGO called E-ProF (incepted in 2015) which is committed to offering training to graduates and postgraduates of English literature in various academic and non-academic professions.
- Founder of a gaming club for English literature professionals called Ace of Clubs (incepted in 2016) which explores the possibilities of gaming and gamification in higher education.
- Member of Editorial Board, Littcrit: An Indian Response to Literature since 2006. Littcrit is an academic journal with international readership, incepted in 1975.
- From July 2016 - Director, Young Communicators Club (YCC), Kerala Chapter under Public Relations Council of India, grooming young people in communication and leadership skills.
- From February 2017 – Vice President, International Federation for Professional Trainers (IFPT), Kerala VB
- Industry Expert in the Board of Studies, Department of English, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam, Kerala
- Founded a literary magazine for students and scholars called Trivandrum Literary Supplement (ISSN 2454-8227, Registration No. KERENG/2015/60835)
- Has edited publications of UNESCO, WHO and World Bank, such as Heal Women, Heal India: Empowering Women with Traditional Wisdom (2007).
- Visiting Faculty for Communication and Life Skills Development and Corporate Training at various management institutes, companies and corporations in various institutes in India and abroad.
- Has been Guest Faculty at government institutions like BSNL, Institute of Management in Government (IMG), Police Training College, Trivandrum, and IIT (Madras).

- Has organized, and has been the chief resource person at, one-day and three-day Orientation Workshops on Western Intellectual History, conducted by TES at over 100 colleges throughout India, from 2005 to the present.
- Guest faculty for postgraduate classes at the Institute of Distance Education, University of Kerala, 2004-2012.
- Assisted Dr. Ayyappa Paniker (renowned Indian poet, critic and academic) in the revision of Encyclopaedia of Indian Literature, a Kendra Sahitya Akademi project, from 2000 till his death in 2006.
- Worked under Dr. Ayyappa Paniker (1998-2000) in an Indira Gandhi Fellowship Project on Indian Narratology.
- Worked under Dr. Ayyappa Paniker (1998-2000) in the translation of the Complete Works of Shakespeare into Malayalam, published by DC Books.

Workshops and Seminars organised from 2014

- 4 day UGC NET Orientation Program , Nov 2014, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
- 4 day UGC NET Orientation Program , May 2015, Nagpur, Maharashtra
- 4 day UGC NET Orientation Program , 2-5 Oct 2015, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
- Seminar on: "Current Trends in Literary Studies: Cross-Cultural Debates", 21 August 2015 at Trivandrum. Conducted in association with Alliance-Francaise, Trivandrum and Goethe-Zentrum, Trivandrum.
- One-day Life Skills Orientation Programme, 27 September 2015 at Ernakulam. Conducted in association with IALSE, Chennai.
- 5-day Trainers' Training Programme in Life Skills, 28 November to 2 December 2015 at Trivandrum. Conducted in association with IALSE, Chennai.
- Orientation Workshop on Creative and Developmental Dramatics, 19 December 2015 at Ernakulam. Conducted in association with Helen O'Grady International.

- Expressions: Engage, Experience, Empower, an International Workshop on Creative and Developmental Dramatics with Markus Schmidt, 10 January 2016 at Ernakulam. Conducted in association with Helen O'Grady International.
- UGC NET Orientation Programme, 12 January 2016, NSS College, Vazhoor
- UGC NET Orientation Programme, 22 January 2016, Ettumanoorappan College, Ettumanoor
- 20th Century German Fiction: An Interactive Interdisciplinary Workshop, 29-31 January 2016 at Trivandrum, Conducted in association with Goethe-Zentrum, Trivandrum.
- SpeakOut, a one-day programme on Communication Skills enhancement, 12 February 2016 at Vimala College, Thrissur. Sponsored by Jos Alukkas.
- One-day Communication Skills Enhancement Programme for undergraduate students at Government College, Ambalapuzha 27 February 2016
- UGC NET Orientation Programme, 8-9 March at Baselius College.
- Interview Training for undergraduate students at Government College, Ambalapuzha, 19 March 2016.
- 'Clowning & its Immense Benefits' Workshop by Mr. Bisharad Basnet associated with Helen O' Grady International , 25 April 2016
- Ongoing one-year School Teacher Training Programmes at Carmel GHSS, Trivandrum; Navajeevan Bethany Vidyalaya, Trivandrum; Mar Thoma HSS, Kozhencherry and at five Chinmaya Vidyalaya schools in Kannur and Kasaragod, starting from May 2016.
- 'What's in a Quiz', a literary Quiz Competition for literature students conducted at TES@Udyan on the occasion of its inauguration on 13 July 2016
- 'Stories & more'.... An Interactive Workshop on Story Telling as a medium for teaching for Teachers, Trainers & Educators By Kusumika Chaterjee (Renowned Educator, Legendary Story Teller & Queens Award Winner From Coventry, United Kingdom) associated with Helen O' Grady International, 24 July 2016
- Daughters' Day Celebration at St. Teresas College, Ernakulam, 29 July 2016
- "Message Matters', one-day communication workshop on content writing and copy writing in association with Kerala Academy Skills Excellence, 27 August 2016.

- National Seminar on Contemporary Shakespeare: Culture, Language & Politics organised by School Of Distance Education, Kerala University, associated with English Language Teachers Association of India (ELTAI) & British Council, 6 -7 September 2016
- 'Bottom Line' All Kerala College Level Quiz Competition for students of media, management and Communication in association with Kerala Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 30 October 2016
- 4 day UGC NET/SET Orientation Program, 17- 20 Nov 2016, Jyoti Nivas College and Christ University, Bangalore
- 3 day UGC NET/SET Orientation Program, 16 – 18 Jan 2017, EMEA College of Arts & Science, Kondotty, Kerala
- 1 day UGC NET/SET Orientation Program, 19 Jan 2017, Ansar Womens College, Perumpilavu, Kerala
- 3 day UGC NET/SET Orientation Program, 13 – 15 Feb 2017, M K Bhavanagar University, Gujarat.
- Commonwealth Games, a Literature Games Fest, 25 – 31 October 2017
- 3-day NET Orientation Workshop, 25-27 January 2018, PTM Government College, Perinthalmanna
- 5-day NET Orientation Workshop, 5 – 9 February 2018, Assam Central University, Diphu Campus

Publications for UGC NET and other competitive examinations

Authored, compiled and edited 20 books on English Literature for competitive examinations, published by Bodhi Tree Books and Publications. These include books on British Literature, American Literature, Commonwealth Literature, Indian Writing in English, ELT, Literary Theory, Literary Criticism, European History, Western Philosophy, and multiple-choice questions books containing over 5,000 questions in all. The entire set is the most comprehensive and a highly popular study material on English Literature in the entire country.

International Publications

- Part of Ph.D Thesis published in 2011 in CIFEJ Info, a periodical publication of CIFEJ (Centre International du Film pour l'Enfance et la jeunesse or International Centre of Films for Children and Young People)
- Paper on "Hollywood versus Children's Films of La Fete: Issues of Reality, Fantasy and National Identity" in the journal Canadian Children 30.1, Spring 2005, published from Ontario, Canada.

Other Publications

- Two research articles on English Language Teaching: "Pradesika English: Oru Bhasha Keezhadangunnu" and "English enna Avasya Vasthu," published on 31 August 2007 and 7 September 2007 respectively, in Janayugam Daily.

- Translated Kovilan's "Mother and Son" published in Malayalam Literary Survey, Sahitya Akademi, Thrissur, 2006.
- Paper "Towards Defining Children's Cinema" in English Activities Update, July 2005.
- Article "Children's Films of La Fete and Hollywood: Issues of Reality, Fantasy and National Identity" published in Canadian Children, Journal of the Canadian Association for Young Children, Ontario, Canada, Vol. 30 No. 1, Spring Issue, 2005, pp. 9-15.
- Translated from Malayalam to English Rajalakshmy's "Atmahatya" and E.V. Krishna Pillai's "Kukkuda Yuvathi," both published in Twentieth Century Malayalam Literature, Ed. Ayyappa Paniker, Trivandrum: NERC, 2000.
- Poems published: "The Spider" and "Insufficient" in Samakalina kavita: A Journal of Poetry and Poetics 7 (Jan 1996): p. 449, and "Ganga" in A New Book of Indian Poems in English, ed. G.K. Kottoor. A Writers Workshop Redbird Book. Kolkata: Writers Workshop, 2000.
- Numerous Book Reviews published in various academic journals including Littcrit.
- Around 10 books (informative type as well as creative) written for children published by various publishers.

Paper Presentations / Lectures

Nearly 20 paper presentations / Keynote Addresses delivered in national and international seminars / conferences in India and Canada.

Academic Qualifications

Ph.D. in "Modes of Denial and Gratification in Children's Cinema" at the University of Kerala, Trivandrum. Research done at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 2003-2004, under Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Doctoral Research Fellowship. Degree awarded in 2008.

Passed UGC NET with JRF, December 1999

M. A. in English Language and Literature, 1998, First Class (72% marks), Institute of English, University of Kerala.

Awards and Distinctions

- Won Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) Doctoral Research Fellowship 2003-2004.
- Secured UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) with NET, December 1999.
- Awarded the Ministry for Human Resource Development Scholarship, Govt. of India, for Postgraduate Studies.
- Got the first Rank for BA English Language and Literature from the University of Kerala.
- Got several state level and national level prizes in literary competitions in school and college.
- Allama Iqbal Institute of Management, Peringammala honoured as one of the best Women entrepreneurs, in 'Entrepresario' function conducted at Vakkom Moulavi Foundation, Trivandrum, 11 January 2016

About Vallath

In the 25 years since its inception, Vallath (formerly TES) has grown into a premier institute in the country providing coaching in English Literature for competitive exams, especially UGC NET / SET / SLET.

Vallath offers courses round the year for students from across India. From the total number of students who pass UGC NET in English in recent years, 10-30% have been Vallath students who attended classroom /postal coaching. Many of them have passed with JRF.

Vallath has organized and conducted seminars and workshops for UGC NET in over 100 colleges / universities all over the country.

Vallath also offers innovative academic services like research consultancy and provides regular forums for the interaction of students and research scholars from English departments.