

## Curriculum Vitae

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***Associate Professor in Rehabilitation Science.***

### **Educational Qualification**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Specialization</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Ph.D.	Social Work ( Mental Retardation )	Bharathidasan University, Trichy	2006	<b>Highly Commendable</b>
	<i>Thesis : Family Correlates in Children with Mental Retardation</i>			
MSW	Social Work (Specialization in Clinical Social Work)	Bishop Heber College, Trichy	1982 - 1984	I Class
	<i>Thesis : Drug Abuse Among College Students</i>			
	❖ Was awarded the <b>Gold Medal</b> for outstanding student in Clinical Social Work ❖ <b>Was awarded Gold Medal for General Proficiency in Social Work</b>			

BA	English Literature	Madras University	1979 - 1982	I Class
	❖ <b>Was awarded the Gold Medal for General Proficiency in English Literature</b>			

### Teaching Experience

- ❖ Associate Professor Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College. Trichy since June 1984.
- ❖ Visiting Faculty, Nanjing Technical College of Special Education, Nanjing, **China**
- ❖ Student Support Officer – Student Exchange Programme- Zuyd University, **The Netherlands**
- ❖ Faculty Haggai International , Leadership Training
- ❖ Lecturer from 1984
  - ♣ 34 years of teaching Under Graduate students
  - ♣ 31 years of teaching Post Graduate students.
  - ♣ Guest faculty for Economics and Human Resources Department.
  - ♣ Conducted Human Resource Development Courses
  - ♣ Subjects Handling
    - ☞ General Psychology, Case Work and Counseling, Sociology, Personality Development
    - ☞ Group Work and Group Dynamics, Abnormal Psychology, Emotional Intelligence,
    - ☞ Communication, Human Development, Clinical Social Work,
  - ♣ Subjects related to Disability and Rehabilitation
    - ☞ Autism, Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy, ADHD, Learning Disability, Sensory Integration, Therapeutic Interventions.

### Research Interests

- **ICSSR – IMPRESS Major Research Project** On “*Developing Skills for Employability and Entrepreneurship of Rural Mothers of Children with Special Needs: An Integrated Family Centered ‘EEE’ Program*” -(2019-2021) - INR-11,00,000/-
- **ICSSR – IMPRESS National Seminar** on “*Youth- The Voice of Swatch Bharath*”- August 2019- INR 2,00,000/-
- Organizing Secretary of the **International Conference on Networking, Research and Innovation in Higher Education for a Sustainable Society- Challenges and Channels-** July 25 – 28, 2018 Organized by Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli
- **United Board for Christian Higher Education - Bamboo Grants Program**, Project sanctioned on *Entrepreneurial Skill Training on Preparing Traditional Home Foods for Under Graduate Students.* US\$2,345 (2018-2019), INR 1,61,525.95
- **UGC Major Research Project** on “*Early Identification and Intervention for Children with Learning Disabilities in Primary Schools*” Amount sanctioned for Three Years – (2015-2018), Rs. 9,89,460/-
- Completed **UGC Minor Research Project**, ‘*Developing Communication through Cue Cards in Children with Autism*’- funded by the University Grants Commission, (UGC) New Delhi. (Rs. 85,000/- INR) (2008-2010)
- *Peer Referee for Journals*
  - ✓ *Peer referee* for the *International Journal of Social Science and Humanity*, is an international academic journal which gains a foothold in Singapore, Asia and

opens to the world. It aims to promote the integration of social science and humanity (2013 onwards).

- ✓ *Peer Referee*- for the *Journal of Disability, CBR & Inclusive Development'* (formerly *Asia Pacific Disability Rehabilitation Journal*) ( 2012 onwards).
- ✓ *Peer Referee* for the *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, (JADD). (2009 onwards) *The Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders* is a leading peer-reviewed, scholarly periodical (Monthly) published by **Springer** focusing on all aspects of autism spectrum disorders and related developmental disabilities.
- ✓ *Peer Referee and Member of Scientific Board for International Center for Economics, Humanities and Management.*
- *A Volunteer @ the Multi- Agency International Training & Support (MAITS) The UK.*- to contribute to the development and delivery of multidisciplinary training packages to staff working in the disability sector in resource-poor countries.(September 2012 Onwards)
- *Registered Research Advisor/Guide in Social Sciences* for PhD and M.Phil, Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, India ( 2013 Onwards)
- *Registered Research Advisor in Rehabilitation Science* for PhD and M.Phil. Bharathidasan University, Trichy
- **Guiding 5 PhD Research Scholars. 2 have Submitted**
- *Doctoral Committee member – Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University – Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension- Gandhigram , Tamil Nadu, India*
- Guiding four PhD Research Scholars in Rehabilitation Science.
- *An expert Committee Member in - Setting The Research Priorities for Developmental Disabilities, Including Intellectual Disabilities and Autism: An Exercise for Systematic Priority Setting in Research Investment, A WHO initiative. (2010)*
- *Writing Book Reviews for Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders, (JADD). (2009, 2010,2011)*
- Member of the Asia-Pacific Meeting of IASSID in Singapore - Asia-Pacific Research to Practice Roundtable June 2009, Research Approaches Workgroup
- Member of the Research Advisory Committee, Institute of Rehabilitation Science, Trichy.
- Guiding M.Phil Research from Mother Theresa University, Kodaikanal.
- Has guided nearly 50 Post Graduate students to produce research thesis as a part of the end semester curriculum fulfillment on various topics related to Social Work, Disability and Education.

## Publications

- Touch hypersensitivity in children with autism – An analysis, *International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews*, Approved by UGC I Journal No. 43602, E ISSN 2348-1269 Print ISSN 2349-5138 Impact Factor 5.75, COSMOS Impact Factor 4.236, volume 6, Issue 2, April – June, 2019.
- Autism- Yet Gifted –A Case Study, *International Journal of Scientific Research* Volume : 7 | Issue : 10 | October 2018 • ISSN No 2277 – 8179, Journal DOI: 10.15373/22778179 (**Impact factor 4.758 IF : 4.758 | IC Value : 93.98"IMPACT FACTOR OF IJSR : 4.176 (SJIF-2016)"** PRINT ISSN NO 2277 – 8179 INDEX COPERNICUS IC VALUE : 93.98
- Hyper tactile Dysfunction in Children with Autism, *International Journal of Scientific Research* Volume : 8 | Issue : 2 | March 2018 • ISSN No 2277 – 8179, Journal DOI: 10.15373/22778179 (**Impact factor 4.176 IF : 4.176 | IC Value : 93.98"IMPACT**

FACTOR OF IJSR : 4.176 (SJIF-2016)” PRINT ISSN NO 2277 – 8179 INDEX COPERNICUS IC VALUE : 93.98

- Children with Reading Disability – Intervention Through Multisensory Approach, *International Journal of Education and Society - Academia and Society*, Volume: 3 | Issue: 1 | October 2016 • Print: ISSN No 2393 – 9419, Online: eISSN No 2393 – 8919 (**Impact factor 1.8651**)
- Reading Skills Among Children with Specific Learning Disabilities Before and After Intervention, *International Journal of Education and Society - Academia and Society*, Volume : 3 | Issue : 1 | October 2016 • Print : ISSN No 2393 – 9419, Online : eISSN No 2393 – 8919 (**Impact factor 1.8651**)
- A Study on Teaching Strategies of Teachers of Children with Learning Disabilities, *International Journal of Education and Society - Academia and Society*, Volume: 3 | Issue : 1 | October 2016 • Print : ISSN No 2393 – 9419, Online : eISSN No 2393 – 8919 (**Impact factor 1.8651**)
- Social Skills & Imitation in Children with Autism- Understanding Through Case Study, *International Journal of Education and Society - Academia and Society*, Volume: 3 | Issue : 1 | October 2016 • Print : ISSN No 2393 – 9419, Online : eISSN No 2393 – 8919 (**Impact factor 1.8651**)
- Social Skills in Children with Autism with Special Reference to Social Interaction, *International Journal of Education and Society - Academia and Society*, Volume: 3 | Issue : 1 | October 2016 • Print : ISSN No 2393 – 9419, Online : eISSN No 2393 – 8919 (**Impact factor 1.8651**)
- Communication with Visual Support in Children with Autism, *International Journal of Education and Society - Academia and Society*, Volume : 3 | Issue : 1 | October 2016 • Print : ISSN No 2393 – 9419, Online : eISSN No 2393 – 8919 (**Impact factor 1.8651**)
- Sibling Support Groups – Supporting Siblings of Children with Autism, *Journal of Rehabilitation Council of India, (JRCI)* Volume: 9, No 1 & 2 January to December 2013 (Published December 2015) • ISSN No 0973– 2497.
- Stress in Families of Children with Mental Retardation, *Academia and Society*, Volume : 2 | Issue : 1 | October 2015 • Print : ISSN No 2393 – 9419, Online : eISSN No 2393 – 8919 (**Impact factor 1.8651**)
- Understanding Anxiety in Children With Learning Disability - Key to Mental Health, *International Journal of Scientific Research* Volume : 4 | Issue : 10 | October 2015 • ISSN No 2277 – 8179, Journal DOI: 10.15373/22778179 (**Impact factor 3.2416**)
- “Social Skills in Children with Autism”, *Indian Journal of Applied Research* Volume : 5 | Issue : 1 | Jan 2015 | ISSN - 2249-555X (**Impact factor 2.1652**)
- ‘*Kingdom Principles for Management Excellence – Management Devotional 2015 - Week 50 on Listening*’, Published by Christian Institute for Management, Chennai, India, November 2014.
- Co-authored a book titled, ‘*A Guide for Community Workers: Promoting Development and Independence in children with Neurodevelopment Disabilities through Support in Daily Activities*’. Published by: Multi-Agency International Training and Support (MAITS) Queen Anne Mansions, 86/87 Wimpole Street London W1G 9RL UK [info@maits.org.uk](mailto:info@maits.org.uk) UK Registered Charity No: 1126268. (2014)
- “Creating Better Outcomes for Patients with Heart Diseases Reducing Depression through Early Detection and Interventions” *Indian Journal of Applied Research* Volume : 4 | Issue : 11 | November 2014 | ISSN - 2249-555X (**Impact factor 2.1652**)
- “An Impact of Learning Styles in Children with Learning Disabilities”, *Academia and Society* Volume : 1 | Number : 1 | Oct 2014 | Print : ISSN - 2393-9419, Online: ISSN 2393-8919

- “Job Satisfaction among Teachers of Children with Learning Disability”, *International Journal of Scientific Research* Volume : 3 | Issue : 9 | August 2014 • ISSN No 2277 – 8179, Journal DOI: 10.15373/22778179 (**Impact factor** 1.8651)
- “Perceived Social Support After Cardiac Diseases and Events: A Systematic Review”, *International Journal of Scientific Research* Volume : 3 | Issue : 9 | August 2014 • ISSN No 2277 – 8179, Journal DOI: 10.15373/22778179 (**Impact factor** 1.8651)
- “Understanding Siblings of Children with Autism” *International Journal of Scientific Research* Volume: 2 | Issue : 10 | October 2013 • ISSN No 2277 – 8179, (**Impact factor** 0.3317, 2012)
- “Picture Cue Cards – A Tool in Enhancing Communication in Children with Autism”, *International Journal of Scientific Research*, Vol:2, Issue:9, September 2013. ISSN No. 2277-8179 (**Impact factor** 0.3317, 2012)
- “Vestibular Hypersensitivity in Children with Autism”, *Disabilities and Impairments – An Interdisciplinary Research Journal*, Vol:27, Issue 1, April 2013, ISSN 0970 356X
- “A Dyslexic Child- A Case Study”, *Indian Journal of Health and Well Being*, Vol:IV, Issue 2, Part II, March 2013, ISSN: 2229-5356 (**Impact factor** 0.47, 2012)
- “Innovative Pedagogical Strategies for Children with Learning Disabilities”, *Progressive Outlook - A Refereed National Research Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol:III, No.:1-A, Special Issue-Jan 2013, ISSN: 2231-2358
- “Early Identification of Learning Disabilities Among Primary School Children” , *Progressive Outlook - A Refereed National Research Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol:III, No.:1-B, Special Issue-Jan 2013, ISSN: 2231-2358
- “Disability and Rehabilitation – A Global Perspective”, *Emerging Trends in the Practice of Social Work in the New Millennium* (2012), Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, India, ISBN-978-93-81208-13-7
- “Inclusive Park – A Community Initiative”, *Public Policy and Governance* (2012), Vol.II, pg.340-342, Excel Publishers , New Delhi.- ISBN-9789382062592
- “Empowering Parents of the Disabled– The Ripple Effect”, *Social Development in India - Retrospects and Prospects*(2011) , Authorspress, New Delhi- ISBN- 978-81-7273-510-4
- “Parent to Parent – Connecting Families of Children with Special Needs”, *Professional Social Work, Best Practices and Innovations in Teaching, Research and Extension*,(2011) , Authorspress, New Delhi- ISBN- 978-81-7273-607-1
- “All Abilities Park – A Community Initiative”, *Reinventing Public management and Development in Emerging Economies*,(2011), Macmillan Publishers India Ltd., New Delhi, ISBN 023-033-273-0
- “An Alliance with a Mainstream School- A Step Forward in Inclusion of Disabled” (2010), *Inclusive Development – A Social Science Perspective*. Rock City Publications, Trichy- ISBN-978-93-80767-03-1, pp. 298-306
- *Book Review* of - Nicole Martin - Art as an Early Intervention Tool for Children with Autism, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, London, UK, 2009, pp.156, ISBN 978 1 84905 807 0 (Paper), ISSN 0162-3257 (Online), *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, DOI 10.1007/s10803-010-0994-y, published online 17 March 2010 (**Impact factor** 3.8)
- Autism Hotline – A Centre for Recourse Network (2010), *Professional Social Work in India - Contributions to Welfare and Development*, Allied Publishers, New Delhi. ISBN 978-81-8424-575-2
- Visual Learning – A Boon for Children with Autism, Proceedings and Reports of NCIDEEE – National Conference on ICTs for the Differently Abled, Under privileged Communities in Education, Employment and Entrepreneurship 2009. ISBN 978-81-910217-07, pp 97-103.

- Book Review of - Pamela J. Wolfberg : Play and Imagination in Children- for *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*: ISSN – 0162-3257 (Print) 1573- 3432(Online), DOI: 1007/s10803-009-0871-8, Editorial manuscript number: JADD-09-345. September 17, 2009 (**Impact factor 3.8**)
- Book Review of - Rebecca Chilvers: The Hidden World of Autism: Writing and Art by Children with High Functioning Autism, Foreword by Uttam Chowdhury, (2009), *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*: Volume 39, Issue7 Page 1094 -1095. ISSN 0162-3257 (Print) 1573-3432 (Online), Publishers- Springer Netherlands (**Impact factor 3.8**)
- *Broken Yet Beautiful-* A Short Story for children on accepting disability, Subha Publications, Trichy (2009). Published with Grant from the University Grants Commission (UGC) for Minor Project, New Delhi.
- Learning together leads to living together: *An Inclusive Education Lesson From Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan*, abstract of paper, *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*, Volume 6, Number 2, (2009), Page 100. (Impact Factor 0.803)
- An alliance with a mainstream school: A Step Forward In Inclusion, abstract of paper, *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*, Volume 6, Number 2, (2009), Page 100 (Impact Factor 0.803)
- Sibling Support Groups- An Initiative for Siblings of Special Children, (2009), *Quality Enhancement Of Social Work Profession In India - Issues And Challenges*, Allied Publishers, New Delhi. ISBN No. 978-81-8424-446-5
- Universal Primary Education –A Lesson from SSA, (2008), *Millennium Development Goals: A Social Science Perspective* Allied Publishers, New Delhi. ISBN No. 978-818424-419-9
- Hypersensitivity in Children with Autism, (2008), *Making a Difference*, Excel Publishers, New Delhi, ISBN No. 81-9071 96-7-X
- Editor - *Making a Difference*, (2008), Excel Publishers, New Delhi. ISBN No. 81-9071 96-7-X
- Edited Book - *Channeling the Challenges of Disability Vol. II (2007)* Subha Publications, Trichy
- Imitation in Children with Autism, (2007), *Channeling the Challenges of Disability Vol. II* Subha Publications, Trichy
- Play Behavior in Children with Autism, (2006), *Channeling the Challenges of Disability, Vol. I*, Macmillan India Ltd. New Delhi. ISBN No. 13: 978-0230-63007-9
- Family Burden in Families of Children with Mental Retardation, (2005), *Social Problems in India – Perspectives for Intervention*, Allied Publishers, New Delhi.
- Parenting children with ADHD, (2005), *Social Problems in India – Perspectives for Intervention*, Allied Publishers, New Delhi.

### **Paper Presentations in International / National Conferences**

- Participated in the II Annual NICE Conference, Autism Beyond Core Therapies, St Isabel's Hospital , Chennai 4th March 2018
- Participated in the Three Day National Conference on “*Idea of a National University*”, Organised by Centre for Education beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC), Christ University, Bengaluru on 26-28 July 2017
- *Access Abilities Expo and International Conference on Access Ability for Persons with Disability 2017*, Under the Patronage of H.H. Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum President of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman of Dubai Airports,

Chairman and Chief Executive of Emirates Airline Group, 7th -9th November 2017, Hall 7&8, Dubai, International Conventions and Exhibitions Centre, DWTC, **Dubai, UAE**

- National Conference on Holistic Management of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Presented paper on *'Touch Dysfunction in Children with Autism'*, Organised by National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMED), Chennai and St. John of God College of Special Education, Kottayam, 22-23 November 2017. Pampady, Kottayam, **Kerala**.
- International Conference on Humanities, Literature and Management, (ICHLM'15) , Presented paper on *"Inclusive Education –A Lesson from Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)"*, Organised by International Centre for Economics, Humanities & Management, Jan. 9-10, 2015 , Jan. 9-10, 2015 , **Dubai (UAE)**
- Adjudged **Best Session Paper** in International Conference on Humanities, Literature and Management ,(ICHLM'15) , Presented paper on *"Inclusive Education –A Lesson from Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)"*, Organized by International Centre for Economics, Humanities & Management, Jan. 9-10, 2015 , Jan. 9-10, 2015 , **Dubai (UAE)**
- SAARC Conference on Best Practices in Rehabilitation Therapy, Presented invited paper on - *Best Practices in the Institute of Rehabilitation Science and Special Education*, 10-12 Dec. 2014, organized by **USAID & Mobility India, Bangalore**
- Invited Lecture on *"Biopsychosocial Aspects of College Students"*, National Seminar on Today's Youth , organized by Bharathidasan University, Trichy 29 & 30 Oct. 2014 Sponsored by ICSSR .
- Workshop for Parents of Children with Special Needs on Invited lecture – Enhancing life Skills Through Brain Gym, Pravaag Transitional Center for Children with Autism, 31, Oct.2014.
- Chairperson- National Conference on Psychological & Social Development of Adolescents & their Impact on the Society. National Conference on Adolescence – Dept of Social Work , Holy Cross College, 6 & 7 Feb. 2014
- International Psychology Conference Dubai, Speaker -Invited Paper *Understanding Siblings of Children With Autism, A Study on their Self Concept"*, Organized by Herriot Watt University, UK, School of Life Sciences **Dubai Campus ,UAE** November 1&2 2013.
- II International Conference on Psychology and Allied Sciences, Presented a paper on , *"A Dyslexic Child- A Case Study"*, Organized by Center for Behavioral Science and Intervention, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar, Haryana, India and Indian Association for Health , Research and Welfare, India, 21 & 22 March 2013.
- International Conference on "Child and Adolescent Mental Health". Chaired a session on *"Children & Adolescents with Disabilities"* – Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Trichy 18 & 19 January 2013.
- International Conference on "Child and Adolescent Mental Health". Presented a paper on *"Innovative Pedagogical Strategies for Children with Learning Disabilities"* – Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Trichy 18 & 19 January 2013.
- International Conference on "Child and Adolescent Mental Health". Presented a paper on *"Early Identification of Learning Disabilities among Primary School Children"* – Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Trichy 18 & 19 January 2013.
- National Conference on Emerging Trends in the Practice of Social Work in the New Millennium, Keynote Address on *"Disability and Rehabilitation – A Global Perspective"*, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, India, 30 Nov. 2012
- International Conference on Public Policy and Governance Presented a paper on *"Inclusive Park – A Community Initiative"*, Department of Management Studies, Indian

Institute of Science, Bangalore, India and Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore, India, 4-6 Sep. 2012.

- National Conference on “Conflicts and Challenges Faced by Contemporary Women in India” *Plenary Lecture on “Employment and Multitasking of Women”*, Sri Krishna Arts and Science College. Dept. of Social work Coimbatore, India, 21 Feb 2012.
- National Conference on “Health and Development- A Social Work Perspective” *Plenary Lecture on “Disability, Health and Development”*, Bharathiar University - Dept. of Social Work Coimbatore, India, 13 & 14 October 2011.
- Annual International Conference of Workability Asia, Chair Person for the “*Employability and Disability*” Trichy, India, 5 & 6 June 2011.
- International Conference on “Relevance of Policy Reforms on Development: Challenges before Emerging Economies”, *All Abilities Park – A Community Initiative*, Organized by Department of Social Work, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), New Delhi-110025, **India**, February 24-26, 2011
- Chaired a session on Disability and presented a lecture on “*Empowering Parents of Disabled- The Ripple Effect*” in the UGC Sponsored National Conference on Social Development in India, New Vistas and Challenges. 10 & 11 Jan 2011- Organised by PG Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University – Trichy.
- Presented paper “*An Alliance with a Mainstream School- A Step Forward in Inclusion of Disabled*” in the UGC Sponsored National Conference on Inclusive Development – A Social Science Perspective. 10 & 11 Dec. 2010- Organised by PG Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College – Trichy- 17.
- Invited lecture on *Significance of Values*, In the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Sensitizing Values and Women Rights for Human Development, 9 & 10 July 2010, Cauvery College for Women, Trichy.
- Invited Lecture on “*Sibling Support Group- Providing Psychological Supports*” at the Dubai International Rehabilitation Forum - Rehab Dubai 2010, **Dubai** 15-17 March 2010.
- Invited lecture on ,*Visual Learning – A Boon for Children with Autism* ,in the International Conference on “The Academic Discussion of Autistic Children’s, Educational Rehabilitation “ Nanjing Technical College of Special Education, Nanjing , **China**, 15-16 Nov. 2009
- 2<sup>nd</sup> IASSID Asia –Pacific Regional Conference on Creating Possibilities for an Inclusive Society, **Singapore**, 24 – 27 June 2009. Paper presented on, *Learning Together Leads to Living Together: An Inclusive Education Lesson from Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan*.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> IASSID Asia –Pacific Regional Conference on Creating Possibilities for an Inclusive Society, **Singapore**, 24 – 27 June 2009. Paper presented on, *An Alliance with a Mainstream School: A Step Forward In Inclusion*.
- International Conference on “Rethinking Rehabilitation - Poster presented on “*Family Burden & Stress in Families of Children with Mental Retardation- The 20<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Rehabilitation International*, Oslo – **Norway**, 21 – 24 June 2004

### **Significant International Training Programmes & Workshops Conducted**

- Training Workshop on *Intensive Interventions for Children with Autism*, for Professionals & Parents of Children with Autism, Autism Care Nepal, KATMANDU, NEPAL 17- 21 March 2014
- Training on *Understanding Autism*, for Special Education Students of Nanjing Technical College of Special Education, NANJING, CHINA –16-20 Nov. 2009
- Workshop on *Handling Children with Autism*, for Parents of Nanjing Special School for Children with Special Needs, NANJING, CHINA –21 Nov. 2009



## **Disability Related Trainings attended**

- Undertook study trips and observation visits to special schools, residential facilities and vocational training centers for persons with special needs in **London –UK, Sydney - Australia , Dubai - UAE, Nanjing –China & Khatmandu –Nepal, Newzealand**
- “*Inclusive education for Persons with Disabilities*”- conducted by National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities. 19-23 August 2013, Trichy
- Advanced Leadership, Haggai Institute, **Hawaii, USA**, Sep/ Oct. 2007
- One month “Intensive Training on “Autism”, **National Autistic Society, London, U.K.** Sep/ Oct 2003
- Vojta Therapy, 1996, Chennai
- Early Diagnosis and Therapy of Development Disabilities in the First Six Months of Life, The Spastics Society of Tamilnadu., Chennai, 1993
- Education and Care of Mentally Handicapped Persons, INTERAID, Inc. Asian Bureau, 1992

## **Membership in Professional Bodies**

- Prestigious Member of Innovative Research Publications (IRP) Multi Conferences – Membership ID : 2016 - 1164
- Conference Co-Chair, *Eminent Association of Researchers in Humanities and Management (EARHM)* of *Eminent Association of Pioneers (EAP)*.
- Member of the Scientific Board of Economics, Management and Humanities- *International Centre of Economics, Humanities and Management (ICEHM)*
- Member of the Examination Board of the Department of Education, (Special Education) University of Kerala.
- *Member – International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) – Membership No. 488325000000219085*
- *Senior member –International Economics Development Research Center (IEDRC) Membership No: 10080194*
- *Senior member –International Association of Computer Science and Information Technology (IACSIT) Membership No: 80344318*
- *Member –Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) New Delhi–Rehabilitation Social Worker- Membership No:A05782*
- Visiting Expert for Assessment & Evaluation of programmes recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)
- Member –Core Committee, Inter-University Centre for Disability Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.
- Member Academic Council , B.Ed Special Education Distance Mode, offered by IGNOU
- Member Academic Council , B.Ed Special Education Distance Mode, offered by TNOU
- Member Core Committee, UGC Merged Project ‘Facilitating Center for Differently Abled
- TNPSC Expert member- Syllabus Committee for Rehabilitation Science.
- Resource Person for Training on Cross Disability Management for Special Education- Sarva Siksha Abiyan,-Inclusive Education for Disabled, Tamil Nadu Government.
- Head of the Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College- 2009-2010
- Head of the Department of Social Work, Holy Cross College – 2009-2010.

- Joint Secretary of the *Mission to the Blind* – an NGO working for the Visually Impaired.
- Member of the Examination Committee of the Department of Social Work, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
- Member of the Examination Committee of the Department of Social Work, Holy Cross College, Nagercoil.
- Member of the Examination Committee of the Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Coimbatore, TN
- Member of the Board of Studies, Department of Special Education, Avinashalingam College for Women, Coimbatore.

### **Administrative & Organizing Capacity**

- Dean of Student Affairs, Holy Cross College, Trichy- 620 002, since June 2013
- Coordinator of the Post Graduate Programme Master in Rehabilitation Science (M.R.Sc.). (1995-2009)
- Coordinator and Faculty In-charge of Field Work, Block Placement and Practicum for the Post Graduate Programme (M.R.Sc.). (1995-2009)
- Conferences Convened - Organizing Secretary for the *International Rehab Conferences* - 2006 & 2008 held at Trichy in which around 400 delegates from across the globe participated in each.
- President of the International Conference on Autism, Sangamam 2010, at Trichy, India
- Has organized 7 International Short Term Courses and training programmes on disability.

### **Role as the Dean of Student Affairs**

#### **The mission of the office of the dean of student affairs**

- To serve as the primary 'link' between the students and the faculty, administrators and staff.
- To respond to student issues, concerns and emergencies.
- To help extend the learning environment beyond the classroom, to encourage the intellectual, emotional and ethical development of the students.

### **Consultancy and Extension Activities**

- Consultant for autism and autism related programmes.
- Designing innovative programme for special children.
- Providing consultancy to various NGOs in Planning, budgeting, and assistance in staff recruitment.
- Provide professional training in Behavior Modification, Curriculum designing, (IEP), Sensory Stimulation, Early Intervention & inclusion.
- Evaluation and assessment of special programmes.
- Co-coordinator of the *Buddy Club* – a programme designed for the support of children of special children & students of the Dept. of Rehabilitation Science.

- Co-coordinator of the *Parent to Parent Counseling Programme* – a programme designed for parents of special children who will serve as mentor parents.
- Co-coordinator of the *Sibling Support Group* – a programme designed for the support of siblings of special children.
- Resource person for Human Resource Development Programme on Personality Development, Self concept, Emotional Intelligence, Team Building & Leadership, Time Management and Stress Management in many forums.

### **Countries Visited**

- The UK, The USA, UAE, Australia, Singapore, China, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Nepal, New Zealand & Malaysia

### **Other Credentials**

- Editor of the Department / Institute newsletter ECHO from the time of its inception 1997.
- Editor of the college magazine ‘Holy Rood’ for 5 years.
- Cultural coordinator of the College Cultural Club from 1989-1999.
- Faculty in-charge of the College Quiz Club 2002 onwards
- Member of the Research, Extension and Consultancy Team which worked for Accreditation of the College by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 1998 and 2004.
- Coordinator of the Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Team which worked for Re-Accreditation of the College by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2012.

### **As A College Student**

- ☞ Was the President of the College Student Council / Leader of Holy Cross College Student Council (1981-1982)
- ☞ Won many prizes in inter-collegiate Elocution, Quiz , Singing, Drama Competition

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