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4. Educational Qualification:

Graduation and above	Subject	University /Institution of Higher Learning	Remarks
B.A.	English, Philosophy and Sociology	BU, Bangalore, Karnataka	
B.Th.	Philosophy and Theology of World Religions	St. Peter’s Pontifical Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Bangalore	Passed out with Distinction
M.A.	English	SVU, Tirupathi, A.P.	
PG Diploma	Human Development	DSC, Holy Ghost College, Dublin, Ireland	Gold Medal (Student of the Year Award) for the Highest Distinction obtained
M.Phil.	English	MKU, Madurai, T.N.	
PhD.	English: “The Poor and the Oppressed in the Novels of Dickens and Anand”	UOM, Mysore	Conceived in Dublin, nurtured in London, and delivered in Mysore.

5. Teaching Positions Held:

	From	To
Lecturer at Teresian College, Mysore	July, 1983	Jan. 1998
Reader CAS at Teresian College, Mysore	Feb.1998	June, 1999
Reader – Direct at the University of Mysore	July, 1999	Jan. 2006
Professor – CAS at the University of Mysore	Feb.2006	Till date

6. Subject Taught / Specializations/Areas of Interest:

English: Language and Literature with reference to Contemporary Theories and Cultural Studies;
Poetry, Fiction, Criticism, and Comparative Literature;
ELT: New Approaches to Learning and Teaching English: Communicative English, Corporate and Business English, Creative Writing, Curriculum Development;

Philosophy: Indian Philosophy/ Indian Contextual Philosophy;

Human Development Studies: Political Economy, NGO Activism, and Human Rights vis-à-vis rights of deprived children, Environmental Issues and Eco-Aesthetics

7. Research Publications:

N.B.: A good number of the publications are cross-disciplinary in nature

7.1 Referred International/ National Journals:

- 1995 “Poverty and Inequality in India Today”. Journal: **International Journal of Dharma** – Bangalore: Vol. XX No.1, Jan- March, 1995.
- 1997 “Indian Polity Vs the People of India”. Journal: **Integral Liberation**. Ed. Ronald Serrao. Vol. 1 No.2, June, 1997.
- 2003 “Higher Education and Option for the Poor in the Context of Globalization”, (An Interview with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mysore, compiled by me) in **Jeevadhara**. Kottayam: Vol.XXXIII No.193, Jan.2003.
- 2004 “The Art of Being Human: Critical Realism in the Novels of Dickens and Anand”, in **The Journal of Indian Writing in English**, Gulbarga, Jan.2004.
- 2004 “Health and Culture: An Indian Holistic Perspective”, (Shortened version of the Lecture delivered in Rome, Italy in June, 2004). **Indian Theological Studies**, Bangalore: St.Peter’s Pontifical Institute, Sept – Dec.2004.

- 2005 **“Mulk Raj Anand: A Dissenting Pilgrim”** (Revised reprint), in **The Journal of Indian Writing in English**, (Commemorative Number on Mulk Raj Anand). Gulbarga: Jan. 2005.
- 2005 **“Health and Culture: An Indian Holistic Perspective”**, (Full Version of the Lecture delivered in Rome, Italy in June, 2004) **International Journal of Health, Culture and Migration**, Rome, Italy, Jan – April, 2005. pp. 6 – 11 (The same lecture was published in Italian simultaneously in the same Journal).
- 2006 **“Illness as Metaphor: The Burden of Metamedical Meanings”**. Full Version of the lecture delivered in Rome, Italy in Oct.2005) **International Journal of Health, Culture and Migration**, Rome, Italy, Jan – April, 2006. pp. 8-16 (The same lecture was published in Italian simultaneously in the same Journal).
- 2007 **“Learning Together: Social Goals of Cooperative Learning”**. **University News** – A Weekly Journal of Higher Education. Vol. 45 No. 40 Oct. 3-10, 2007. New Delhi: AIU, 2007.
- 2007 **“Questing for Truth: History – Fiction Interface in the Recent Indian English Fiction”**. **Littercrit**: Journal of Indian Response to Literature. No.64, Vol.33, No.2, Dec.07.
- 2008 **“Paradigms in Plurality: The Indian English Novel Then and Now”**. Trivandrum: Littercrit, 65, Vol.34, No.1, June, 2008. (Revised Reprint)
- 2008 **“Ethos of Human Connectivity: R.K.Narayan and his Legacy in the Recent Indian Fiction”**. **The Literary Criterion**, Dec. 2008.
- 2009 **“The Subaltern as Metaphor: Postcolonial Readings of Mahaswetha Devi’s *Breast Stories*”**. **Littercrit**, Jan. 2009.
- 2009 **“Do Things Fall Apart? – A Note on Polyvalent Umuofia and Achebe’s Art of Ambivalence”**. **The Literary Criterion** (Special Number on Achebe), Vol. XLIV Nos. 3 & 4, Dec.2009.

Forthcoming: Articles

- 2010 **“Proficiency Come(s) Calling: Addressing the Question of Mediocrity in Higher Education”**. **University News** – A Weekly Journal of Higher Education, New Delhi.
- 2010 **“Mind, Self, and Society: A Philosophical Perspective”**. **Suvidya** – An International Journal dedicated to Western, Indian, and Contextual Philosophy, Bangalore. June, 2010.
- 2010 **“Discursive Practices in Learning and Teaching English Language at PG level in the Indian Context”**. **University News** – A Weekly Journal of Higher Education, New Delhi.

- 2010 “Globalization’s Cultural Consequences: Implications for English Language Teachers”. Language and Linguistics Compass -- An international ELT On-line Journal.
- 2010 “Tuning in Tune with the Times: Redefining Priorities in Higher Education”. University News – A Weekly Journal of Higher Education, New Delhi.
- 2010 “An Indian Apology for the Poetic Legacy of T.S.Eliot in the Age of Postmodernism” – Kakathiya Journal of Indian Writing in English, Warangal, A.P.
- 2010 “Boredom and Glory of Existence: Paradoxical Aesthetics of Moral Imagination in the Poetry of T.S.Eliot”. Littcrit, Trivandrum.

7.2 Monographs:

- 1993 “Casteism, Communalism and Criminalization of Politics in India Today”. A booklet published by Goodwill Fellowship Academy, Mysore.
- 2004 “Mulk Raj Anand: A Dissenting Pilgrim”. Monograph of Centennial and First Anand Memorial Lecture, delivered at India International Centre, New Delhi): New Delhi: Lokayata – Mulk Raj Anand Centre, Dec.2004.
- 2008 “Paradigms in Plurality: The Indian English Novel Then and Now” (Second P.K.Rajan Memorial Lecture delivered at the University of Kerala, Trivandrum) Mysore: *Sahridayata*: Global Fellowship Academy, 2008.

Forthcoming:

- 2010 ‘Man / Woman as the Crown of Creation’ (Cross-cultural Perspectives on Human Rights in the backdrop of Global Knowledge Societies), to be published by *Sahridayata* – Global Fellowship Academy, Mysore, Sept- Oct. 2010.
- 2010 “Be Like a Swan: An Apology for Integral Spirituality”. A Revised and elaborated version of a write-up on ‘Integral Spirituality’ published in **Star of Mysore** on 8th March, 2010.
- 2010 ‘Glocalization as a Leveller of Cultural Hegemony’ – July/Aug. 2010. A Preamble to DLitt. Project, scheduled to be completed by June, 2012.

7.3 Books:

- 1993 Co-editor: *India – A People Betrayed*. Mysore: Goodwill Fellowship Academy, 1993.
Reviewed and considered as a significant contribution to knowledge capital on India’s Human Development with reference to current issues.

- 2006 Author: *The Rains and the Roots – The Indian English Novel Then and Now*. Mysore: Sahridayata – Global Fellowship Academy, 2006.
Reviewed in most of the literary Journals and Periodicals in India and two Journals abroad:
Sample Review: ‘No study of the Indian English Novel is complete without reading this book’ – Saros Cowasjee (Canada);

Forthcoming:

- 2010 Author: *A Dissenting Pilgrim - Artist: The Making of Mulk Raj Anand* (Dec.2010)
- 2010-11 Co-author: *New Approaches to Learning English* (Vol. I)
- 2010-11 Co-author: *New Approaches to Teaching English* (Vol.II)
- 2010-11 Co-editor: *Thus the People, So the Governance: Unveiling India’s Paradoxes*

7.4 Chapters:

- 1993 “**Development or Underdevelopment? Why Do people Stay Poor?**”. *India – A People Betrayed*. Ed. By A.S.Dasan and Bhamy V.Shenoy. Mysore: Goodwill Fellowship Academy, 1993.
- 1999 “**In Search of the Light That Has Gone**” a Poem in *Then Came Gandhi* - a Collection of Poems by C.N.Srinath, Mysore: Goodwill Fellowship Academy, 1999.
- 2000 "Anand'a Art of Fiction: A Journey into Existential Humanism", in *Makers of Indian English Literature*, ed. C.D.Narasimhaiah. New Delhi: Pencraft International, 2000.
- 2001 "Yeatsian and Achebean Visions of Terrible Beauty in the Gyres of History", in *Great Moments in Life and Literature* ed. C.D.Narasimhaiah and C.N.Srinath, Mysore:Dhvanyaloka Publications, 2001.
- 2004 “**Terrorism and its Impact: A Socio-cultural Analysis**”, *Combating Terrorism*, ed. John Sequierra. Mysore: Pushpashrama Publications, 2004.
- 2006 “**The Indian English Novel: Reminiscences and Perspectives**”. *El-Dorado : An Anthology on World Literature*. Ed. By Bhaskar Roy Barman. New Delhi: Authors’ Press, 2006 Vol. I
- 2006 “**Mulk Raj Anand: A Dissenting Pilgrim Artist**”. (Revised reprint) *El-Dorada: An Anthology on World Literature*. Ed. By Bhaskar Roy Barman. New Delhi: Authors’ Press, 2006 Vol. II

- 2007 **“Indian English Fiction Then and Now”**. Proceedings of the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on ‘Indian English Literature: Themes and Techniques’. Ed. By V.S.Joseph Albert *et all*. Palayamkottai: Dept. of English, St. Xavier’s Autonomous College, 2007.
- 2007 **“The Making of Mulk Raj Anand”**. Coauthored. *Mulk Raj Anand: The Early Phase*. Ed. by C.Vijayashree and T.Vijayakumar (Proceedings of the International Seminar on Mulk Raj Anand – Osmania University, Hyderabad).
- 2008 **“Anand as a Connoisseur of the Arts”**. *The Lasting Legacies of Mulk Raj Anand: A Tribute* . Ed. By Rizwan Khan. New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers, 2008. (A Seminal Contribution)
- 2009 **“The Postcolonial Novel: Theoretical Underpinnings”** in *Postcolonial Theories and Readings*, Ed. by V.Joseph Albert, St.Xavier’s, Palayamkottai, May, 2009.
- 2009 **“Arrivals as Departures: Cross-cultural Interstitiality in New Literatures in English”**. Keynote Address published in the Proceedings of the National Seminar, Ed. by V.Joseph Albert and S.John Peter Joseph, St.Xavier’s, Palayamkottai, Dec. 2009.
- 2010 **“A Turning of the Tide: Hybridization of Thought and Contours of Identity in the Post-19080 Indian English Fiction”**. Keynote Address delivered and to be published in the Proceedings of the UGC-sponsored National Seminar at Bishop Heber College, Trichirappali, T.N. Edited by Roopkumar Balasingh, Feb. 2010.

Forthcoming:

- 2010 **“India of the Mind: A Reading of the Imagination of Rohinton Mistry and Thrity Umrigar”**. (Scheduled to be a chapter in a Parsi Publication, Nagpur/Mumbai)
- 2010 **“Reclaiming Identities: Subaltern Ambivalence and the Art of Resisting”** in *Critical Perspectives on Dalit Literatures* Ed. by M. Dasan, Kannur University, Kerala.
- 2010 **“A Turning of the Tide: Hybridization of Thought and Contours of Identity in the Post-19080 Indian English Fiction”**. Keynote Address delivered and published in the Proceedings of the UGC-sponsored National Seminar at Bishop Heber College, Trichirappali, T.N.

7.5 Book Reviews:

- 2006 *The Mulk Raj Anand Omnibus*. (Penguin Edition) Ed. By Saros Cowasjee. Journal: **Littcrit**, Trivandrum: Jan – June, 2006.

- 2006 *A Raj Collection.* (OUP edition) Ed. By Saros Cowasjee. Journal: Littercrit, Trivandrum: Jan – June, 2006.
- 2007 *Selected Short Stories: by Mulk Raj Anand.* (Penguin Edition) Ed. By Saros Cowasjee. Littercrit. Trivandrum, June, 2007.
- 2007 *Strange Meeting and Other Stories.* by Saros Cowasjee. Littercrit. Trivandrum, June, 2007.
- 2007 *The Indian Imagination: Critical Essays on Indian Writing in English.* By **K.D.Verma.** (St.Martin's Press, New York) Mysore: The Literary Criterion, Vol. XLII No.3 &4, 2007.
- 2008 *George Orwell and the Radical Eccentrics: Intermodernism in Literary London.* By **Kristin Bluemel.** (Palgrave Macmillan edition), New York) Mysore: The Literary Criterion, Vol. XLIII, No.1, 2008.
- 2008 *When Magic Casements Open (A Travelogue).* By **Ragini Ramachandra and S.Rmachandra.** Trivandrum: Littercrit, 65, Vol. 34, No.1, June, 2008.
- 2008 *Private Life of an Indian Prince. A novel by Mulk Raj Anand.* Ed. by **Saros Cowasjee.** (HaperCollins – India Edition). Mysore: The Literary Criterion. Dhvanyaloka, Mysore – 570 006. Dec. 2008.
- 2009 *Postcolonial Literary History and Indian English Fiction* by **Paul Sharrad,** Cambria Press, New York, 2008. The Literary Criterion. Vol. XLIV No.2. Mysore: Dhvanyaloka, 2009.

8. Conferences:

8.1 Conferences Abroad:

- 1999 On invitation, participated in an International Seminar on ‘**Capacity Building and Human Development**’ held in Nairobi, Kenya, organised and sponsored by International Development Studies Centre, Kimmage Manor, Dublin Ireland - Four Days, June, 1999.
- 2001 On invitation, participated and presented a paper on ‘**Human Deprivation in India Today in the Context of Globalization**’ in an International Conference on ‘Human Needs Have No Boundaries: Transcultural Understanding of Values’, organised and sponsored by San Gallicano Institute, an Italian Govt. Research Institute, Rome, Italy, Five Days, April, 2001.
- 2004 On Invitation, participated and presented a paper on ‘**Health and Culture: An Indian Holistic Perspective**’ at an International Conference cum Workshop on Health and Culture’, organised by San Gallicano Institute, Rome, Two days, June, 2004.
- 2004 On invitation, participated and presented a paper on ‘**Migrations: Opportunities for Multicultural Community Experience and Holistic Health Perspectives**’ at the

Annual International Conference cum Workshop on ‘Culture, Health and Migration’, organised by San Gallicano Institute, Rome, Four days, Oct, 2004.

- 2005** On invitation, participated and presented a paper on **‘Illness as Metaphor: The Burden of Metamedical Meanings’** at the Annual International Conference cum Workshop on ‘Culture, Health and Migration’, organised by San Gallicano Institute, Rome, Four days, Oct, 2005.
- 2007** On invitation, participated and presented a paper on **“The Role of Transculturation in Defining Diasporic Identities”** at the Annual International Conference on “Migrations and Multiculturalism”, organized by San Gallicano Institute, Rome, Nov. 2007.
- 2008** Participated and presented a paper on **“Globalization’s Cultural Consequences: Implications for English Language Teachers”** at the 13th International Conference of English Language Teachers”, organised by ESEA in collaboration with National Institute of Education (NIE) of Singapore, Nanyong University, Dec.2008.

8.2 Other Lectures/Interactions during Visits Abroad:

- 2001** Visited Barcelona University, Spain, along with Prof. S.N.Hegde, the then Vice-Chancellor of UOM, and Prof.C.N.Srinath of UOM, and lectured on **‘Indian Writing in English’** in the Dept. of English at the invitation of Prof. Cathleen Firth – May, 2001
- 2001** Visited Terragona University, Spain, along with Prof. S.N.Hegde, the then Vice-Chancellor of UOM, and Prof.C.N.Srinath of UOM, and lectured on **‘Indian Writing in English’** in the Dept. of English at the invitation of Prof. Cynthia Wayatt – May, 2001.
- 2005** Visited Sorbonne University and interacted with the students of Philosophy and a few other disciplines on **‘Contemporary India’**, Nov. 2005.
- 2005** Visited Athens University, Athens, Greece, and lectured in the Dept. of English on **‘Indian Writing in English’**, Nov. 2005.

8.3 International / National/Regional Conferences in India:

- 1995** Presented a paper on **‘Poverty and Inequality in India Today: Social and Moral Implications’** at the Bi-annual Conference of Indian Philosophical Association (IPA) with theme on ‘Poverty and Disparities: A Philosophical Response’, Four Days/ Jan. 1995.
- 1995** Served as Co-ordinator of the Seminar and presented a paper on **‘Is Something Rotten in the Kingdom of Denmark?: Status of ELT in India Today’** at a State-level Seminar on ‘Ways of Eliciting Improved Response from Students in the Study of English Language and Literature’, organised by the Regional Joint-Directorate of Collegiate Education, Mysore, One day, Sept.1995.

- 1999** Participated and presented a paper on '**Mulk Raj Anand's Vision of Humanism**' at a National Seminar on 'Makers of Indian English Literature', organised by Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, and Central Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, Four Days, June, 1999.
- 2000** Participated and presented a paper on '**Aurobindo as a Critic**' at a National Seminar on 'Tasks before the Indian Literary Critic Today', organised by Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, and the Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, Four Days, June, 2000.
- 2000** Organised an interdisciplinary symposium on '**Promoting Human Values in and through Higher Education**' at Shukrodaya Animation Centre, Mysore, Two Days, Sept. 2000.
- 2000** Participated and presented a paper on '**Yeatsian and Achebean Visions of Gyration in History**' at a National Seminar on 'Great Moments in Life and Literature', organised by Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, Four Days, Nov.2000.
- 2001** Participated and presented a paper on '**Postmodern Ambiguities and Quest for Poetic Meaning**' at a National Seminar on 'Literature in the Global Village', organised by Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, Three Days, Nov.2001.
- 2002** Participated and presented a Paper on '**Jerusalem as a Metaphor for the Present and the Future**' at an International Seminar on 'Asian Identity in Literature', organised by Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, Three Days, Nov.2002.
- 2003** Participated and presented a paper on '**Christian Contribution to the Formation of European Union**' at an International Seminar on 'European Union in Transition', organised by DOS in Political Science, Mangalore University, Mangalore, Two Days, Feb. 2003.
- 2003** Participated and presented a paper on '**Socio-cultural Impact of Terrorism**' at a Regional Seminar on 'Combating Terrorism', organised by Pushpashrama – Institute of Philosophy, Mysore, Two Days, Jan. 2003.
- 2003** Participated and presented a paper on '**Paulo Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed**' at a National Seminar on 'Books in my Life', organised by Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, Four Days, June, 2003.
- 2004** Participated in a National Colloquium on '**Language and Space**', organised by CIIL, Mysore, One Day, March, 2004.
- 2005** Participated and presented a paper on '**Cultural Similarities Between Spain and India**' at an International Seminar on 'Catalonia: Multicultural Spain', organised by the University of Tarragona, Spain, and the University of Mysore, Two Days, July, 2005.
- 2005** Participated and presented a paper on '**Mulk Raj Anand: The Making of a Dissenting Pilgrim-Artist**' at an International Seminar on 'Mulk Raj Anand and the Early Indian English Novel', organised by Osmania University, Hyderabad, Three days, Dec.2005.

- 2006** Served as a resource person and presented a paper on **‘ELT: Dynamics of Co-operative Learning’** at a Regional Seminar on ‘English Language Teaching’, organised by Yuvaraja’s College, University of Mysore, Mysore, One Day, March, 2006.
- 2006** Participated and presented a paper on **‘The Malgudi Hub: The Literary Legacy of R.K.Narayan’** at a National Seminar on ‘A Tribute to R.K.Narayan’, organised by Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, One Day, Nov. 2006.
- 2007** Served as a resource person and presented a paper on **‘Ethos of Human Connectivity: R.K.Narayan and his Legacy in the Recent Indian Fiction’** at a State- level Seminar on ‘R.K.Narayan: Current Readings’, organised by the PG Dept. of English, Central University of Pondicherry, Pondy, Two Days, Jan. 2007.
- 2007** Served as a resource person and presented a paper on **‘Indian English Fiction Then and Now’** in a UGC - sponsored National Seminar on ‘Indian English Literature: Themes and Techniques’, organized by St. Xavier’s Autonomous College, Palayamkottai, , Two Days/Jan. 2007.
- 2007** Served as a resource person and delivered the keynote address on **‘Postcolonialism: Theoretical Trends’** in a UGC - sponsored National Seminar on ‘Recent Trends in Literary Theory and Criticism’, organized by St.Xavier’s Autonomous College, Palayamkottai, Two Days, Dec.2007.
- 2008** Delivered the Second P.K.Rajan Memorial Lecture: **“Paradigms in Plurality in the Recent Indian English Fiction”** at the University of Kerala, Trivandrum, organised by Littcrit and the Dept. of English, University of Kerala, Jan. 2008.
- 2008** Served as a resource persons and delivered the Inaugural/Keynote Address on **"Foregrounding the Other as Heterogeneous: Roots and Flowers of Postcolonial Theory"** in a UGC-sponsored National Seminar on ‘Literary Theories’ organized by Lady Doak Autonomous College for Women, Madurai, Two Days, Feb.2008.
- 2008** Served as a resource person and delivered the Inaugural / Keynote Address: **“New Approaches to ELT: Dynamics of Cooperative Learning”** in a State level Seminar on ELT organized by Luqman Degree College, Gulbarga, Two Days, March, 2008.
- 2008** Served as a resource person and delivered the Inaugural / Keynote Address: **“History-Fiction Interface in the Recent Indian English Fiction”** in a UGC-sponsored National Seminar organized by the PG Dept. of English, Kakathiya University, Warangal, Two Days, March, 2008.
- 2008** Delivered a Special Guest Lecture on **“Literary and Humanistic Concerns in the Context of Globalization”** at Pushpashrama – Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Mysore, March, 2008.
- 2008** Delivered series of Special Guest Lectures on **“Reading Literatures in the light of Contemporary Theories”** at the PG Dept. of English, Kakinada PG Centre, Andhra University, Two Days, Oct. 2008.

- 2008** Participated and presented a paper on **“Things Do Not Fall Apart: Achebe’s Umofia as a Metaphor for Change and Stability”** in a National Seminar on ‘Achebe’s Things Fall Apart @ 50’, organized at Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, Nov.2008.
- 2009** Facilitated the visit of Prof.Saros Cowasjee of Regina University, Canada, to the Dept. of English, Teresian College, Mysore -11 and participated in a workshop on **“Creative Writing: Reading Literature through Language”**. Feb.2009.
- 2009** Invited to deliver two special lectures on **“Postcolonial Theory and the Indian English Novel Today”** at UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, U.P., on the occasion of visit of Prof. Saros Cowasjee, an eminent scholar and critic from Regina University, Canada, Two days, Feb.2009.
- 2009** Served as a resource person and delivered the Inaugural / Keynote Address: **“The Postcolonial Novel: Theoretical Underpinnings”** in a UGC-sponsored National Seminar on ‘Postcolonial Theories and Readings’, organised by St.Xavier’s Autonomous College, Palayamkottai, Two Days, March, 2009.
- 2009** Served as a resource person and presented a paper on **“Social Goals of Testing and Evaluation in Education”** at a NTS – CIIL sponsored National Seminar on ‘Testing and Evaluation’, organised by the Dept. of English, Teresian College, Mysore, Two Days, May, 2009.
- 2009** Served as a resource person and delivered the keynote address: **“Capacity-Building for Communicative Proficiency: Effective ELT Strategies for the Indian English Class-room”** in a UGC-sponsored National Seminar on ‘English Language Teaching (ELT): Challenges and Strategies for Rural Class-rooms’, organised by SVM Arts, Science, and Commerce College, Ilkal, Karnataka, August, 2009.
- 2009** Served as a resource person and delivered the keynote address: **“Religious Fundamentalism and Recourse to Terrorism”** in a One-day Symposium on ‘Fundamentalism’ at St.Peter’s Pontifical Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Bangalore, Aug. 2009.
- 2009** Served as a Resource person and delivered a special Lecture (Extension Lecture) on **“Mind, Self and Society”**, organised by Suvidya – Institute of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Bangalore, Nov. 2009.
- 2009** Served as a resource person and delivered the Inaugural / Keynote Address: **“Arrivals as Departures – Cross-cultural Interstitiality in New Literatures in English”** in a UGC-sponsored National Seminar on ‘New Literatures in English’, organised by St.Xavier’s Autonomous College, Palayamkottai, Two Days, Dec. 2009.
- 2010** Served as a resource person and delivered the Keynote Address: **“A Turning of the Tide: Contours of Identity in the Post-1980 Indian English Fiction”** in a UGC-sponsored National Seminar on ‘Contours of Identity in New Literatures in English’, organised by Bishop Heber College, Trichirappalli, Two Days, Feb. 2010.

8.4 Organization and Coordination of Foreign Guests' Lecture Programmes:

- 2008** Organised and co-ordinated the visit of Prof. C.L.Innes (University of Kent, UK) to the Dept. of English, Mandya PG Centre, UOM in co-ordination with Prof.C.N.Srinath of Dhvanyaloka, Mysore, and Prof.Bala Kodandaraman (Hyderabad). She delivered a special lecture on the occasion on Chinua Achebe, Nov. 2008.
- 2009** Organised and co-ordinated the visit of Prof. Saros Cowasjee (Regina University, Canada), in co-ordination with the Dept. of English, on the occasion of the launch of Literary Club at the Dept. of English, Mandya PG Centre: The Club was launched by Prof.V.G.Talawar, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mysore, and Prof.Saros Cowasjee delivered a special lecture, Feb.2009.

9. Significant Contribution:

1. Has contributed significantly, by way of lectures and interactions, to the updating and enlightenment of teacher participants of Refresher Courses at several UGC-Academic Staff Colleges in the South and the UGC-Academic Staff College at Aligarh Muslim University. Has also been invited by departments of other disciplines to lecture on Political Economy, Human Rights, and NGO involvement in social causes. Widely appreciated for content, innovative modes of presentation, and interactive discussions.
2. Has also coordinated Refresher Courses on ELT and on Indian Literature.
3. Has resolutely pursued learning across disciplines and contributed to the enrichment of inter-disciplinary and cross-cultural thought in the backdrop of cultural globalization and emergence of new knowledge societies. Visits abroad, visits to several institutions of excellence, and publications in journals and periodicals reflect the predilection this teacher has towards learning across disciplines.
4. By way of outreaching to social activism and community services, has greatly contributed to social awareness learning and promotion of human rights (perspectives and praxis) by being actively associated with Sukrodaya Centre, an NGO based in Mysore. Social Projects concentrating on human centrality, worth more than two crores, have been executed through Shukrodaya under his team-leadership.
5. Has been closely associated with *Sahridayata* – **Global Fellowship Academy**, another Charitable and Educational Trust based in Mysore, in editing and publishing books of national importance – in themes and issues such as Cultural Education and National Integration, Capacity Building and Development of the Poor and the Marginalised, and Leadership formation of the youth, and Proficiency and Competency Building of underprivileged youth and children. Publishing activities worth more than two and half lakhs have been completed till date. The proceeds of *Sahridayata's* publishing activities go towards the cause of educating needy children, especially children of rural communities and children broken homes and from the street.

6. As a core group member of the Committee that prepared the document, “**Vision UOM – 2025**” (University of Mysore), has contributed to the germination and generation of new ideas, interactive discussions, and preparation of drafts, leading to the final document, scheduled to be launched in April, 2010.
7. Actively involved in conceptualizing and establishing a Centre for Language and Linguistic Studies, a Centre for Capacity Building in Communicative Sciences, Proficiency Development and Placement Liaisons, a Centre for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, a Centre for Studies in Testing and Evaluation, and a Forum for Inter-disciplinary Thought in the University of Mysore.

10. Contribution to Curriculum Development/Teaching/Evaluation:

1. Has contributed to new Pedagogical Approaches to Learning English at PG level for the benefit of students of mixed abilities by offering innovative optional courses.
2. Articles have been published in order to promote co-operative learning methods by way of replacing / improving / reorganising teacher up-fronted methods of teaching. A major project under SAP or any other UGC scheme is being envisaged so as to facilitate students at PG level to build up capacities and competencies vis-à-vis communicative proficiency, critical thinking, and creative articulations.
3. Participated and served as Resource Person at National level Workshops on Testing and Evaluation, organized by NTS, CIIL, Mysore – One at NITTTR, Chennai, in July, 07, and another at JNU, New Delhi in Aug. 07.
4. Served as Member of the Scrutiny Committee on Preparation of Training Modules on Testing and Evaluation on eight occasions at NTS, CIIL, Mysore, during 2007-2009.

11. PhDs Guided:

- One teacher-scholar awarded;
- One teacher-scholar awaiting the award, and
- Three teachers’ research writings in progress.

12. Awards and Recognitions:

1. Irish Government awarded the Student of the Year Prize for the highest distinction obtained in higher studies in the year 1989.
2. Had the privilege of being invited to deliver the **First Mulkraj Anand Memorial Lecture** at India International Centre in 2004 on the occasion of Anand’s Centennial Celebrations inaugurated by Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, and the **Second P.K.Rajan Memorial Lecture** at the University of Kerala, Trivandrum in 2008.

3. Invited and nominated to be the **Official Biographer** of Mulk Raj Anand, one of the pioneers of Indian English Fiction. Currently working on an exclusive book on Anand.

13. Membership and Fellowship in Professional Bodies:

1. **Honorary Founder-President** of Shukrodaya Animation Centre, an NGO based in Mysore, and actively involved in promoting social and humanistic causes;
2. **Visiting Fellow** at San Gallicano Institute for Migrations and Cultural Studies, Rome, Italy;
3. **Honorary Chairman**, Lokayata – Mulk Raj Anand Centre (Centre for promotion of arts and paintings espousing the cause of the common man), founded by Mulk Raj Anand;
4. **Life Member** of Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (IACLALS);
5. **Life Member** of Indian Theological Association (ITA), and
6. **Visiting Fellow** at Suvidya – Institute of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Bangalore, - Scheduled to teach Contextual Philosophy under Masters' Special Programme recognised by the University of Mysore.

14. Research Projects:

Current Project:

1. Working on a minor project on preparation of a training module on testing the Mastery of students in English language and literature at NTS, CIIL, Mysore (Rs.40,000/-)

Proposals in the Offing:

1. One on '**Capacity Building of Graduate Learners for Different Competencies**' for the consideration under UGC's Special / Innovative Programmes.
2. D.Litt Proposal: "**Globalization's Cultural Consequences: Glocalization as a Leveller of Hegemony**"

15. Academic Administrative Positions Held:

- Served as **Chairman** of the Department of Christian Studies, UOM, Mysore during a transition period for nine months (2002-03)
- Served as **Course-Coordinator** of the Dept. of English at Mandya PG Centre, UOM, for two years (2007-09)

16. Membership of University Authorities /University Journals

- **Member** of College Affiliation / Inspection Committees, till date, on behalf of CDC, UOM, Mysore;

- **Member** (recently nominated), Academic Council, Yuvaraja's Autonomous College, Mysore.
- **Member**, Board of Studies, Masters' and Research Programmes, Suvidya Institute of Philosophy, Recognised by the University of Mysore.
- **Member**, Editorial Board, **mySociety** Journal, University of Mysore.
- **Member**, Editorial Board, **University News Bulletin**, University of Mysore.

17. National/International Committees/Assignments:

- **Member** of the Scientific Committee for **The International Journal of Health, Culture and Migration**, published by San Gallicano Institute for Migrations and Transculturation and Holistic Health, Rome, Italy.
 - **Visiting Fellow**, San Gallicano Institute for Migrations, Transculturation and Holistic Health, Rome, Italy.
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