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Professor of Malayalam & Member of Senate,  
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Adjunct Professor, Department of Cultural Education and India  
Studies, Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham, Kochi.

Winner of prestigious awards as Student, Teacher, Literary  
Critic, Biographer, Researcher and Research Guide.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

**2019 onwards**

Adjunct Professor, Department of Cultural Education and India Studies, Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham, Edappally, Kochi - 680 024.

**2011 onwards**

Professor of Malayalam,  
School of Distance Education (SDE),  
University of Kerala.

Professor, SDE, University of Kerala w.e.f. 28.01.2011.

Chief duties include teaching, co-ordinating the programmes and evaluation of examinations.

Co-ordinator of Malayalam Under Graduate (U.G.) and Post Graduate (P G.) programmes since joining the School.

Co-ordinator of Tamil and Sanskrit programmes from 2011 to 2014. Chairman of examiners for UG & PG programmes - 2011 onwards.

Member of the PG Board of Studies, Malayalam of the University of Kerala and Central University of Kerala, Kasargod.

**2015-16**

Academic co-ordinator of Malayalam, Central University of Kerala (CUK), Kasaragod (on deputation).

Accepting the invitation of the Central University of Kerala, joined there as Academic co-ordinator on 12th August 2015, to be the founder head of the Department of Malayalam.

The CUK is one of the 15 Central Universities established under the Central Universities Act, 2009 passed by the Parliament.

The Department of Malayalam, is the 18th Department of study and research, set up under the Central University of Kerala. With Malayalam being conferred the status of a classical language, there has been a renewed interest in the study of the

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language across the world. This Department aims to conduct authentic study and research on Malayalam language, literature and Kerala culture. The contribution of Malayalam language, literature and the culture of Kerala to Indian nationalism, and the status of Malayalam literature in the context of world literature are some of the areas of research in this department. This Department undertakes studies with the aid of modern research techniques, with the objective of sharing the results with the public and the academia.

Chief duties include admission, teaching, co-ordinating the programmes, evaluation of examinations and supervision of research.

Served as a member of the Academic Council of CUK. Conducted a grand inaugural function of the department on 26th September 2015. Organized Literary Club, Arts Club and Women's Club. Published a handwritten magazine. Conducted film festival, performance of Kathakali, Yekshaganam, etc, and invited lectures.

**2006-2011**

Associate Professor of Malayalam, Baselius College, Kottayam, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

**2002-2006**

Reader in Malayalam, Baselius College, Kottayam, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

The Department offers UG programme in Malayalam. Apart from regular teaching activities, also served as Managing Editor of College

Annual Magazine, Editor of House Journals and Vice President of Malayalam Association which conducted several programmes like national seminars, live performances of Kathakali, Koothu, Nangiar Koothu, Koodiyattam, Thullal, etc. by exponents.

Was General Convener of year-long Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Department 2006-07, as part of which Adoor Gopalakrishnan Film Festival was organized.

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All these activities were organized with the aim of enhancing the knowledge of students in the areas of art, culture, heritage, language and literature.

Served as teacher-in-charge of Arts Club, Literary Club, Debating Club, Histrionic Club and of Merit Day Celebrations.

Baselius College is a pioneering institution in higher education founded in the year 1964. In 2009, composed the college anthem used for all institute events which was selected from numerous entries submitted by students and teachers.

The Department produced several well-known authors, artists, media persons, leaders of political parties and academicians.

Was instrumental in boosting the reading habits of students by effectively using my capacity as teacher-in-charge of the Department Library.

Was a member of College admission committee, Election Committee and Editorial Board of the biannual research journal (Baselius Researcher).

Organized study tours successfully.

### 2005-2006

Assistant Director of the State Institute of Languages (SIL), Thiruvananthapuram (on Government deputation)

Was the academic head.

Was convener of Book Publication Committee. Duties included inviting scripts for publication, reviewing the received scripts and presenting selected scripts before the publication committee; supervision of editing, printing and publishing of such works.

In-charge of 'Vijnanamudranam' press which prints books and journals for the institute, as well as the Department of Cultural Publications of the Government of Kerala.

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More than a hundred books and journals were printed in this press during my chargeship.

Edited 12 books in the disciplines of language, literature, art, culture and history which were published by the Institute.

Edited 12 issues of 'Vijnanakairali', a monthly research journal of the Institute, which is recognized by all the Universities in Kerala.

Most of these issues were special issues covering specific disciplines. The special issue on Agriculture was released by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the then Honourable President of India at a function held at Kerala Raj Bhavan.

### 1996-2002

Lecturer in Malayalam, Baselius College, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

### 1987-1996

Lecturer in Malayalam, Kuriakose Gregorios College, Pampady, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

Was Head of the Department of Malayalam during 1992-1996.

Served as Staff Advisor to College Union, Editor of College Annual Magazine and teacher-in-charge of Literary Club.

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

2019

Re-nominated as Member, Senate of the University of Kerala by the Chencellor (Governor of Kerala) from the constituency reserved for 'authors'.

2015 - 2016

Academic Co-ordinator, Central University of Kerala

2014 - 2018

Member, Senate of the University of Kerala

2012

Special Invitee, Advisory Committee of Thunchath Ezhuthachan University of Malayalam, Tirur, Malappuram district. The nomination for special invitee was the result of several initiatives

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undertaken to garner public support for the establishment of a Malayalam University. PK Parameswaran Nair Memorial Trust, Thiruvananthapuram, which was instrumental in getting the Malayalam University established entrusted me with the duty of drafting a 'blueprint' of the university to be submitted to the Government. Government accepted many of the proposals in the 'blueprint' and Malayalam University was established in 2012. In addition to it, I have published several articles in print media, participated in programmes in All India Radio and visual media, campaigning for a Malayalam University.

2011-2015	Co-ordinator of Malayalam, School of Distance Education, University of Kerala.
2005-2006	Asst. Director of SIL, Academic Head, Administrator of Vijnana mudranam Press, Convener Book, Production Committee
1992-1996	Head, Department of Malayalam, K.G. College, Pampady

### EDITING AND PUBLISHING:

2019	Edited a book for Current Books, Kottayam and another for University of Kerala
2018	Edited a book for Current Books, Kottayam and another for University of Kerala
2015	Edited a book for Current Books, Kottayam
2000-2006	Edited 13 books for State Institute of Languages, Kerala.
2003	Edited a book for Theertham Books, Thiruvananthapuram.
2001	Edited a book for Poorna Publications, Kozhikode.
2005-2006	Edited 12 issues of 'Vijnanakairali', research magazine published monthly by State Institute of Languages, Kerala.

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- 2010 Edited 5 issues of Aagamasara Sarani, a spiritual & cultural monthly published from Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2014-15 Edited 2 issues of DEK Researcher, a multi-disciplinary biannual research journal of SDE, University of Kerala.

### RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

- A. Research guide at University of Kerala since 2003
- i) 16 Scholars successfully completed Ph D. under my supervision.
  - ii) Currently Research guide of 8 Ph D. and 3 M Phil. students at the University of Kerala.
  - iii) More than 100 articles published in approved research journals like Vijnanakairali, Grandhalokam, Sahityalokam, Samskarakeralam, Pracheenakairali, Vivekodayam, Bhashaposhini, Pragati, Malayalam Research journal, etc.
  - iv) Essay included in Chinthasaurabham, prescribed text book by Mahatma Gandhi University for B A. Model II, 2006 onwards.
  - v) Essay included in M A. Malayalam syllabus of Kannur University in Semester 01, Malayalam Literary criticism programme from 2014 onwards.
  - vi) Essay included in M A. Malayalam Syllabus of Central University of Kerala in semester 02 Malayalam Literary criticism programme from 2015 onwards.
  - vii) Authored 15 books and edited 20 books. Details on pages 7 to 9.

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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

Year	Course	University	% of marks /Grade
2009	Post Doctoral Research	University of Kerala	UGC Research award 2009
2002	Ph D.	University of Kerala	Dr. K M George Research Award for the thesis on the topic:  Modernism in Malayalam Short story under the guidance of Dr. P V Velayudhan Pillai, Professor of Malayalam and Dean of Oriental Faculty, University of Kerala.
1992	M Phil	University of Kerala	'A' grade
1986	M A Malayalam	University of Kerala	First Class I Rank

### AWARDS / HONOURS:

1. Swarasandhya Sahitya Puraskaram 2019
2. Malayattoor Award of Upasana Samskarikavedi 2019
3. Aksharamudra Award by All India Malayalee Association (AIMA) 2019 for the outstanding contributions in the field of literature especially literary criticism (Book: Naveenotharaniroopanam)
4. The first Kerala Kaalidasa Kerala Varma Award for the Best Work on Literary Criticism: Desam, Samskaram, Sahityam, 2018
5. Govind Rachana Award for the biography: Sreenarayana Theerthapadhar, 2017
6. The first Dr. N A Kareem Award for the Best University Teacher, 2017



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7. The first Ph D. thesis produced has been awarded Bhashakkoru dollar award 2009 instituted by Kerala University and Federation of Kerala Association in North America (FOKANA).
8. UGC Research award 2009 for Post Doctoral Research for 2 years.
9. Rev. Fr. T A Mathias National Award for Innovative College Educator 2009, instituted by All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE).
10. Prof. S Sivaprasad Award for the Best College Teacher in Kerala 2009.
11. Durgadathan Award 2008 for literary criticism, instituted by Tapasya Kala Sahitya Vedi.
12. Dr. Samuel Chandanappally Research Award 2004  
(For the best Research Publication- awarded once in two years).
13. Dr. K M George Research Award 2003 (This is a global award, given once in five years for the best Ph D. thesis in Malayalam).
14. Dr. K Goda Varma Memorial Prize ( Awarded by the University of Kerala for securing first rank in M A Malayalam in 1986).
15. Kuttippuzha Memorial Prize ( Awarded by Kuttippuzha Smaraka Samithi for securing first rank in M A Malayalam in 1986).
16. Prof P Karunakaran Nair & Prof. G Balakrishnan Nair Endowment (Awarded by University College, Thiruvananthapuram for securing first rank in M A Malayalam in 1986).

### OTHER CAREER DISTINCTIONS:

- 1 Member, Grant in Aid Committee, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. Nominated by the Minister for MHRD, Govt. of India
- 2 Member, Academic Council, Central University of Kerala
- 3 Chairman, Board of Studies, Central University of Kerala
- 4 Member, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Kerala.

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- 5 Co-ordinator of Refresher course in Malayalam Language and Literature at UGC HRD Centre, University of Kerala, Kariavattom
- 6 Chairperson of Viva voce board for Ph D., MG University, Kottayam
- 7 Editor, DEK Researcher with ISSN 2349-6924.
- 8 Special invitee, PG Board of Studies (Malayalam), University of Kerala.
- 9 Syllabus setter (MA Malayalam) for School of Letters, MG University, University of Kerala, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University & Central University of Kerala.
- 10 Resource person of SCERT and UGC Academic Staff College, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 11 Expert, Central Board of Secondary Education.
- 12 Examiner of Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.
- 13 Examiner of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
- 14 Examiner of University of Kerala.
- 15 Examiner of Calicut University.
- 16 Examiner of Central University of Kerala, Kasargod.
- 17 Examiner of Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
- 18 Juror of many literary & cultural awards including Kerala Sahithya Akademi.

### PUBLICATIONS:

Books (Literary criticism, cultural history and biography)

- 1 Aazhathil Uyirkkunna Chodanakal (Sahiti Publications, 2019)
- 2 Desam Samskaram Sahityam (Kerala Book Trust, 2017)
- 3 Sree Narayana Theerthapadar (State Institute of Languages, 2016)
- 4 Neyyattinkara A P Nair (State Institute of Languages, 2016)

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- 5 Naveenothara Niroopanam (Current Books, Kottayam, 2015)
- 6 Samskrithiyude Veendeduppukal (State Institute of Languages, 2014)
- 7 Mahitha Malayalam (Priyadarshini Publications, 2013)
- 8 Neyyattinkara A P Nayarum Jnanapradayiniyum  
(Theertham Books, Thiruvananthapuram 2012)
- 9 Punarvayana (Paridhi Publications, Thiruvananthapuram, 2012)
- 10 Verukalile Jeevathalam (Current Books, Kottayam, 2010)
- 11 Bhavaprabhavam (Theertham Books, Thiruvananthapuram, 2004)
- 12 Chithayum Chidaakaasavum (Current Books, Kottayam, 2003) 2nd edition 2012,  
by SPCS Kottayam.
- 13 Vakkupalikkunna vakkukal (Current Books, Kottayam, 2002)
- 14 Aksharakanthi (Current Books, Kottayam, 2000)
- 15 Mukundante kala: Asthitwathinte Arthantharangal (DC Books, Kottayam, 1993)

### BOOKS EDITED:

- 1 Ozhivilodukkam Athava Sivabodhachandrika by Sree Narayana Theerthapaadar  
(State Institute of Languages, 2000)
- 2 Suryakanthi by Dr. P V Velayudhan Pillai (Poorna Publications, 2001)
- 3 Kaivalyanavaneetham by Sree Narayana Theerthapaadar (Theertham Books,  
2003)
- 4 Thekkan Kathaganangal by Dr. Thikkurissi Gangadharan  
(State Institute of Languages, 2005)
- 5 Edakka Aksharangalil by Pazhampalacode Prakasan  
(State Institute of Languages, 2005)
- 6 Kerala Niyamasabha: Charitravum Dharmavum by K G Parameswaran Nair  
(State Institute of Languages, 2005)

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- 7 Kumaranasane Orkkumpol by Prof. K P Suseelan  
(State Institute of Languages, 2005)
- 8 Sahityasallapam by Dr. Vellayani Arjunan (State Institute of Languages, 2005)
- 9 Kadalil thangiya Kanthabhumi by Dr. B V Sasikumar  
(State Institute of Languages, 2005)
- 10 Ucharanam Nannavan by Dr. V R Prabodhachandran  
(State Institute of Languages, 2005)
- 11 Malayala Sahityacharitram by Dr. Kalpetta Balakrishnan  
(State Institute of Languages, 2005)
- 12 Keralathile Chuvarchitrangal by Dr. M G Sasibhushan  
(State Institute of Languages, 2005)
- 13 Sinimayude Neethisaram by P. G. Sadanandan (State Institute of Languages,  
2006)
- 14 Adhikaram Sathayum Swaroopavum by Dr. E Banargy  
(State Institute of Languages, 2006)
- 15 Lipikalum Manavasamskaravum by Prof. Mohammed Ali  
(State Institute of Languages, 2006)
- 16 Kairaliyude Kaavalaal along with Sri. P Ravikumar (Current Books, Kottayam,  
2015)
- 17 Balamaniyamma Padanangal (Current Books, Kottayam, 2018)
- 18 Sahityasidhantavum Charitrapadavum (SDE, University of Kerala, 2018)
- 20 Malayala Bhashapadangal (Current Books, 2019)
- 20 Navasahityam Navasamskaram Dharakal, Dharanakal (SDE, University of Kerala,  
2019)



### **PREFACES TO SOME NOTED BOOKS**

- Malayalavum Malayalikalum (Grammar) by Prof. Panmana Ramachandran Nair (Current Books, Kottayam, 1999)
- Suryakanthi (Studies) by Dr. P V Velayudhan Pillai (Poorna Publications, Kozhikode, 2001)
- Professor (Novel) by Prof. Joseph Mundassery (D.C Books, Kottayam, 2004)

### **OTHER CREATIVE WORKS:**

Published more than 1000 articles in periodicals like Mathrubhoomi daily, Malayala Manorama daily, Keralakaumudi daily, Deepika daily, Mathrubhoomi weekly, Kalakaumudi weekly, Samakalika Malayalam weekly, India Today, Kilippattu, Ullezhuthu, Kesari weekly, Malayalasaahithyam, Janapadham, etc. and books.

Did many programmes in All India Radio, Doordarshan, Surya TV, Kairali TV, Amritha TV and Janam TV.

More than 1500 lectures, talks and public speeches.

- Presented more than 1500 papers in National and International Seminars
- Delivered memorial lectures
- Gave keynote addresses
- Delivered inaugural address in seminars and symposia
- Chaired sessions in National Seminars
- Gave lectures on Ramayana, Bhagavad Gita, Vedantic books in Tamil like Ozhivilodukkam, Kaivalyanavaneetham
- Delivered speeches in Temples, Churches and Mosques
- Gave lectures on Bharanabhasha Malayalam in Government institutions
- Gave lectures in educational, cultural and spiritual institutions.



### **HONORARY POSITIONS HELD:**

1. President of Jnanapradayini Library, Neyyattinkara. (2011-2017)  
Jnanapradayini Library was established in 1909 by Neyyattinkara A P Nair, devoted freedom fighter, Member of Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, editor, orator and a pioneer in the field of library movement of Kerala. For the past decade, I have been holding several honorary positions in the Library Executive Committee. The library got grant from Raja Ram Mohun Roy Foundation, Kolkata and a two storeyed building was constructed in the year 2012 when I was President of the library. The library takes active interest in encouraging children, women and youth to cultivate reading habits, to create awareness in the society about several social issues.
2. President and Secretary, P K Parameswaran Nair Memorial Trust, Thiruvananthapuram Est. 1991.  
The Trust gives away two awards every year: PK Parameswaran Nair award for the best biography and S Gupthan Nair Award for the best book on literary criticism published in Malayalam. It also conducts seminars on important topics in the fields of literature, culture, history, heritage and language. A total of 31 books have been published till date.
3. Member, Executive Committee, Samastha Kerala Sahithya Parishat, est. 1927. Rendering service to the committees, headed by Prof. M Achyuthan and Dr. M Leelavathy, consecutively.
4. President, Staff Club of SDE, University of Kerala, 2012.
5. Treasurer, Alumni Association of SDE, University of Kerala, 2011-2013.
6. President, 'Vivekadarshanam'. Under the banner of 'Vivekadarsanam', organized many seminars during 1999-2000. The speakers include Dr. NR Madhava Menon, Prof. Vishnu Narayanan Namboothiri, Dr. N Gopalakrishnan, Dr. TP Sankarankutty Nair, Dr. S Umadevi, Adv. Philip M Prasad, etc.
7. Founder Secretary of S Sreekumar Memorial Balaniketan and Children's library, Kudappanakkunnu, Thiruvananthapuram Est. 1998.

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The institute offered free education for children in art, culture, language and literature, health and computer education till 2013.

8. Member, Editorial Board, Pragati – Quarterly Research Journal with ISSN 0975 – 377 X since 2007.
9. Chief Editor, Karayogavarthakal, a bi-monthly newsletter published by Sahodarasamajam NSS Karayogam, Karamana, Thiruvananthapuram.

### ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION:

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