

## **THE CONVENOR**



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### **Profile**

#### **Who am I**

A committed teacher with a passion for sharing the knowledge with young students, an energetic researcher having strong faith in Vivekanandlka's statement that if you give 100 youth, I can change the whole country, I have been in this field for more than a decade. After serving in different educational institutions for the past 20 years, currently, I am the Professor of English in Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute, Maduravoyal, Chennai devoting my time to teach, guide research scholars and extend my services as mentor of extra curricular activities.

#### **Academic Achievement**

My Postgraduation in English Literature helped me to realize the interrelationship of different subjects. So I decided to learn the nuances of linguistics having had a glimpse of it through my acquisition of Hindi and Sanskrit grammar. My close relation with CIEFL for pursuing ELT gave awareness of a new perspective on teaching. This inspired me to do my B.Ed. and M.Ed. Upon garnering knowledge of educational administration, I felt that this could be facilitated better only if I knew the intricacies of Management which is what gave me the urge to pursue my MBA. However I realized that my pursuit is widened and I wanted to narrow down to specific areas through my research.

My option for Indian Writing in English and reading a few women writers with my observation of women's status in India before 25 years made me opt for women's studies. I began to read the development of women's movement in other countries and also in India. The personal sufferings undergone by my young widowed mother made me involve in undertaking a few minor projects for women up gradation with an NGO.

#### **Onhand projects undertaken**

In Vellore I created an awareness of the need of undergoing family planning operation after two children. I was a standing example to them; so I could help them to come out of their misgivings. My perfect health after the operation encouraged them. I could answer their queries on sexual relationship after the operation. Further I took a campaign for girl children and also emphasized on girl's

education. As I belong to the first generation of women higher education, I could convince them the need of it. I convinced that education is a permanent asset whether they go for job or not.

My other projects are:

1. Collecting data on political awareness of ordinary women
2. Collecting opinion of women on the impact of passive smoking
3. Organising a NSS camp for Soka Ikeda college for Women in Madhanakuppam where we conducted medical camp, workshop on Tailoring, Basket making for Self-helped women of the area, creating awareness on wastage of water through Street Play
4. Making the girl students join the college from such backward area through door to door campaign
5. Publishing a monograph on the excellence of extraordinary women that have impressed the students
6. Creating modules on the system approach of Women's Studies.
7. Making the girls shed the inhibition and be courageous to face any situation –rather building morale
8. Make them members of Gandhian club and Rotaract to interact with the members
9. Convene meeting with Japanese students so that our girl students would be exposed to inter cultural activities
10. A pilot study on the need of teaching Functional English to the Self-helped women belonging to Ponneri

### **Research Project for Ph.D**

My Ph. D is based upon the works of Kamala Markandaya's works featuring on the Changing Facets of Women Characters through Self Education in Kamala Markandaya's Novels, which deals with the successful and unsuccessful Indian women

### **Publication**

- authored 4 books on *Feminism, Functional, Communicative English, a Travelogue, Letter Writing* and one book on *Business Writing* ready for publication

- edited 3 books on the Proceedings of the State level, International and National level seminars on *R.K.Narayan, Tagore, Charles Dickens, Shakespeare, Comics as Visual Literature, MGR Times and Sirji Comics*

-edited 4 monographs on Mini project report, Compilation of Book Review, on *Unknown Women* and on the *Three day workshop on Research Methodology*

-about 25 papers in National and International conferences on *Literature, ELT, Management and Women Studies*

-Monitored the Publication of the *News Letter of the University of Madras*, House Journal of the Literary Seminary

## **Organizer-**

- about 25 workshops on Communicative English, Soft Skill, Personality Development besides having organized State level, National level and International levels Seminars and conferences initiated by UGC and .in collaboration with British Council, Cambridge ESOL, UNICEF, Techfest Quiz in collaboration with IIT, Mumbai

-organized Book exhibition of the University of Madras in the Book Exhibition of Chennai

## **Academic Research**

-guiding about 8 scholars on Literature and Linguistics for Ph.D

- one scholar has got her degree and another has submitted the thesis.

-guided 3 scholars for M.Phil who got degree.

## **Literary Seminary**

This non technical club was started to encourage the students to hone their employability skills such as GD, presentation, facing an interview. I have been the mentor of this club encouraging the students giving a free hand to them to arrange Quiz, debate, creative writing, word game, reasoning, skill development, journal writing, creating web design, marketing, sponsorship, entrepreneurship etc.

## **Value Added Courses**

Conducting Value added course like BEC in collaboration with Cambridge ESOL. Four batches of students have completed this course. This has been pursued even by staff .Our dedication is published in the compendium published for its centenary celebration

## **Membership**

1.CII

2.EITAI

3.ELtec

4. British council Teaching English

5. Cambridge ESOL

## **Awards**

1. Award of Honour –Soka University, Japan

2. Special Award of Achievement –Soka Ikeda Arts and Science College for Women Chennai

3. Lifetime Achievement Award –AEE award

4. Certificate of excellence for research paper by academic research

5. Certificate of excellence for research paper by quality management system

## **Visits Abroad**

On appreciating my work as a Principal of Soka Ikeda College of Arts and Science for Girls in Chennai, I was invited by Dr. Ikeda the founder of Soka University, Japan. At first we visited Singapore to visit the schools run by the same trust and to have an interaction with Soka education. Then we were taken to Tokyo where we had a lot of opportunities to interact with girl students on the status of women of Japan and India. The academia of the University, after an interaction honoured me and I addressed them on Value Education. Finally, I had an interaction with Ikeda himself on Gandhism and on Women's Education over a Business lunch. We were taken to Hiroshima to pay homage to the lost families due to nuclear war. On our way back we could spend some time in Hong Kong to have an interaction with a woman entrepreneur.