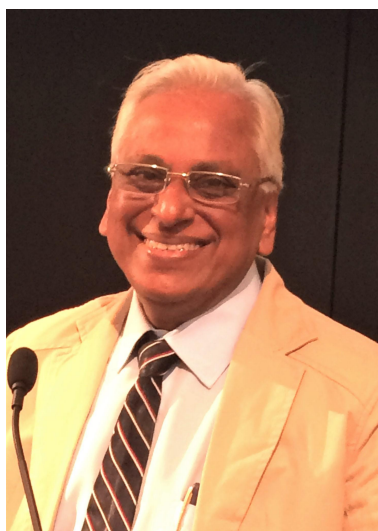


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Degree	Year	Name of the Institution	Major	Class	Marks
B.Sc.	1974-77	Loyola College, Chennai	Physics	First	
B.Ph.	1977-79	Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune	Philosophy	High Second	62%
M.A.	1980-82	Presidency College, Chennai	Sanskrit	Second Rank in Madras University	A Grade Point 5.48

M. Phil.	1987-89	Dept. of Jainology, University of Madras, Chennai	Jainology	First	
M.Th.	2005	Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi	Contextual Theology	First	67%
Ph.D.	1989-92	Dept. of Jainology, University of Madras, Chennai	Jainology		1994 Declared
Teaching and Post-doctoral Research	1998-99, 2003, 2006, 2010-11, 2019	Fordham University (New York), Georgetown University (Washington DC), Santa Clara University (San Francisco), U.S.A.	Religion and Politics in Post Independent India; Religions and Life		

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Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions, Aikiya Alayam, Chennai	Executive Director & Dean of research	1999-2001	
Department of Philosophy, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur	Assistant Professor	2001-2010 and 2011-12	
Department of Theology, Fordham University, Bronx, New York	Adjunct Professor	2010-2011	
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Research Interest

Indology, Comparative Religion and Texts, Secularism, Religious Diversity, and Interreligious Relations

Paper Presented in Conferences / Seminar (from 2017 till 2021)

Paper on	Level	Seminar on	Sponsor	Place	Date
“Theologizing Contextually - Sketches of an Indian Experience”		Exiting Violence – Texts to Theories	Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento	Trento, Italy	Oct. 10-12, 2017
“Our experience of God: In Dialogue with diverse points of view“		JESEDU 2017 (Educate Magis)	Colegio Sao Luis & Rede Jesuits de Educacao, Brazil	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Oct. 15-20, 2017
“Comparative Religion & Texts, Interreligious Education”		International Consultation & Presentation	John Mary Fraser Centre for Practical Theology	Regis College, Toronto, Canada	June 18, 2018
“Diversity Education: Conflicts, Harmony, And Integration”		Canada International Conference on Education	Porticus	Toronto University Mississauga, Canada	June 25-28, 2018

"Religions, Food, and Health"		Organizing the National Seminar	IDCR	Loyola College, Chennai	Aug 22-24, 2018
"Certitude in Philosophical Sciences: <i>Epistemological Issues related to Reason and Faith</i> "		Quest for Truth: A Spectrum of Certitude	St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Kottayam	St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Kottayam	Jan. 17-18, 2019
Writers & Researchers forum of Madurai Province		Organizing the National Seminar	IDCR	Loyola College, Chennai	Feb. 16, 2019
"The Story of Mahavira's Birth as narrated in the Kalpa Sutra of the Jains"		Exploring Religious Myths and their Contemporary Relevance	Dept of Philosophy	Arul Anandar College, Karumathur	Aug. 22-23, 2019
"Religions, Peace, and Harmony: Meeting the Challenges"		Religions: Ethics of Peace and Harmony	Dept of Human Excellence	Arul Anandar College, Karumathur	Dec. 17, 2019
"Secularism, Secularization and Interreligious Dialogue from Indian perspective"		Jesuit Higher Education, Secularization, and Interreligious Dialogue (JHESID)	International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) and ESADE, Barcelona, Spain		July 6-7, 2020
Writers & Researchers forum of Madurai Province		Organizing the National Seminar	Dept of Human Excellence	Arul Anandar College, Karumathur	Aug. 5-6, 2020
"Personal Summary and Open Discussion on Secularization and Interreligious Dialogue"		Jesuit Higher Education, Secularization, and Interreligious Dialogue (JHESID)	International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) and ESADE,		Nov. 21, 2020

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“Religious Literacy and Peace Ethics”		Jesuit Higher Education, Secularization, and Interreligious Dialogue (JHESID)	International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) and ESADE, Barcelona, Spain		Dec. 19, 2020
“Interreligious Education & Exposure: A Practical Approach to Understanding & Peace-building”		Interreligious Dialogue for Peace and harmony 2021	Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (CIID)	Dept of World Religions and Culture (WRC), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh	Feb. 17-18, 2021
“Imparting Values through Education and Exposure”		Emerging Trends & Adaptation of Spirituality in Management, Artificial Intelligence, Education, Health, Tourism, Science & Technology	FATER Academy of India		Feb. 19-21, 2021

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3. Religions in Public Life – A Practical Guide to Religious Harmony, Claretian Publications, Bangalore, 2004 (ISBN: 81-87804-53-X)
4. Practice of Interreligious Dialogue - A Formation Manual of Education and Training of Clergy and Religious, Claretian Publications, Bangalore, 2006 (ISBN: 81-87804-96-3)
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