

## BIO - DATA

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### IV. Educational Qualification :

B.Sc. (Honours) Chemistry, Bangalore University, Bangalore 1973.

M.Sc. Chemistry, Bangalore University, Bangalore 1975.

D.I.I. Sc. (Post M.Sc. Diploma) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in Molecular Biophysics 1976.

### AWARDS

Recipient of the National Science Talent Scholarship and Certificate of Merit Awarded by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in 1970.

### V. POSITIONS HELD

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| 1976 - 1977 | Research Scholar, Department of Biochemistry, Regional Research Laboratory, Hyderabad.                                                               |
| 1977 - 1978 | Chemist, Sera and Vaccines Division, Biological Evans Ltd., Hyderabad.                                                                               |
| 1979 - 1982 | Research Scholar, Department of Chemistry and Department of Physiology and Biophysics, State University of New York at Stony Brook, New York, U.S.A. |
| 1982 - 1985 | Teacher at Krishnamacharya Yoga Manidram, Madras.                                                                                                    |
| 1986 - 1994 | Secretary, Patriotic and People Oriented Science and Technology (PPST) Foundation, Madras.                                                           |

1988 - 1994	Editor of Publications, Lok Swasthya Paramparam Samvardhan Samithi (LSPSS).
1992 - 1993	Director, Sree Chakra Foundation, Madras.
1993 September	Director, Centre for Indian Knowledge onwards Systems, Madras.

**Also –**

- Member, Board of Trustees, PPST Foundation - A Trust involved in Research into various aspects of Traditional Sciences and Technologies since 1986.
- Executive Committee Member of LSPSS (Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithi) - an all India Network of organisations involved in the task of strengthening local health traditions since 1986.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Industries, Tamil University, Thanjavur (1990-1992)
- Member of the Governing Council and Research Advisory Council, FRLHT (Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions) - an organisation for supporting various initiatives for the Revitalisation of Indigenous Traditions of Health since 1993.
- Member of the Board of Trustees, V.V.K. Memorial Netra Foundation - A Trust for promoting work in the Ayurvedic Tradition of Ophthalmology since 1994.
- Member of the Executive Committee of CIMH (Centre for Indian Medical Heritage) an Institution for promoting centres of excellence in Speciality areas of Traditional medicine.
- Member of the Board of Trustees, Koothu-P-Pattarai Trust - An Institution devoted to promoting and developing Traditional Tamil Theatre and Folk Art forms and training actors since 1995.
- Trustee, Vaidya M.P. Nanal Foundation, Pune since 1995.
- Member of the National Standing Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation of CAPART (Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology), New Delhi from March 1997 to 1998.
- Member of Expert Group of KVIC (Khadi and Village Industries Commission) on Herbal and Medicinal Plants Industries since December 1998.
- Member of the National Standing Committee on Rural Technology of CAPART (Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology), New Delhi from September 1998 to March 2000.
- Member, General Body of CAPART since 1999.

- Member, Executive Committee of Ecological Producers and Consumers Network (ECONET) since April 2000.
- Member, Board of Studies, KYM Institute of Yoga Studies since December 2000.
- Director, Gram Mooligai Company, since January 2000.

## **VI. PROJECTS**

1. Research Officer for a project Indigenous Institution for Rural development (Institute of Public Enterprises, Hyderabad) Sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, 1988.
2. Principal Investigator for a project on - "Investigating Indigenous Techniques of Metallurgy with Special Reference to Iron and Steel Technology". Sponsored by the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) (1982 - 1992).
3. Project Director for a project on producing a series of Audio Visuals on various aspects of Traditional Indian Sciences and Technologies. Three audio-visuals produced on - Traditional Indian Metallurgy and Metal Working, Yoga : An Introduction and Traditional Bone Setting Practices. Sponsored by the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (New Delhi) 1992 - 1993.
4. Coordinator of the "Health care and Nutrition" section of the congress on Traditional Science and Technologies of India (PPST Foundation and Indian Institute of Technology) 28th November-3rd December 1993.
5. Project Director for a project Documentation of Resources on Traditional Science and Technology. Sponsored by the Department of Science Technology, New Delhi 1993 - 1994.
6. Coordinator for a project to produce an audio visual - "Traditional Indian Astronomy". Sponsored by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Madras 1993 - 1994.
7. Coordinator for a project to produce an audio-visual on Traditional System of Health Care. Sponsored by Indo-German Social Service Society, New Delhi. 1994 - 1995.
8. Co-ordinator for a project to produce two books - "Plants in Traditional Medicine" and "Traditional Practices of Bone Setting", in English and Tamil. Sponsored by the Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore 1994 - 96.
9. Coordinator for an Action Research Project for "Comparing and Sustaining Traditional Agricultural Systems". Sponsored by Educational Training and Consultants (India) Ltd., New Delhi 1995.
10. Coordinator for a project to produce three audio visuals on Traditional Systems of Health Care. Sponsored by the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART), New Delhi, 1994 - 1998.

11. Convenor, Programme Committee for the Second Congress on the Traditional Science and Technologies of India 27th-31st December 1995 (Organised by PPST Foundation Anna University) Chennai, December 1994.
12. Coordinator for a project to produce three monographs on "Medicinal plants useful in Speciality Areas of Indian System of Medicine", covering three areas, namely - Dentistry, Ophthalmology and Mental Health. Sponsored by the Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore 1996 - 97.
13. Coordinator for a project for compiling and computerising database on Folk Health Practitioners of South India, sponsored by the Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore from August 1996 to March 2001.
14. Principal Investigator for a project to produce a "Source Document on Indigenous Techniques of Metallurgy and Metal Working with special reference to Iron and Steel Technology" (October 1997 to May 1998) sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi.
15. Coordinator for the Action Research project for "Comparing and Supporting Endogenous Development (COMPAS)" sponsored by ETC consultant, Netherlands during January 1998-December 2000 (First Phase) and January 2001 - June 2002 (second phase).
16. Asian coordinator for the project COMPAS (Comparing and Supporting Endogenous Development) sponsored by the ETC Consultant, Netherlands, from April 1999 to June 2002.
17. Principal Investigator for the project - "Testing and propagation of Methods based on Vrکشayurveda (Traditional Indian Plant Science) for Cultivation of the Rice Crop" sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India (November 1999-August 2001).
18. Coordinator of a project to survey the content of Traditional Medicine on the Internet, undertaken by CIKS in collaboration with Anna University-K.B.Chandrashekar Centre on Internet and Telecom Technologies, for April 2000-April 2001.
19. Coordinator of the thematic working group on "Health and Biodiversity" to prepare the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan from June 2000 onwards.
20. Coordinator of the CIKS-FRLHT joint programme on Vrکشayurveda and Mrgayurveda initiated in November 2000.
21. Principal Investigator for the project - "An action plan to enhance cover and biomass in the Kantangolathur panchayath area of Kanchipuram district of Tamil Nadu" sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, December 2000-November 2002.

## **VII. PUBLICATIONS**

### **A. EDITORIAL WORK**

1. Editor, PPST BULLETIN (1988 - 1994) : The PPST Bulletin is a quarterly publication of PPST Foundation, Madras devoted to exploring alternatives to Modern Science and Technology and examining the content and potential of Traditional Sciences and Technologies.
2. Editor, LSPSS Monograph Series (1988 - 1994) : The LSPSS (Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithi) produced fourteen monographs during this period. The first series consisting of eight monographs pertained to various aspects of Traditional System of Healthcare such as - Food and Nutrition, Mother and Child care etc., The second series of six monographs pertain to various aspects of Vrksayurveda - Traditional Indian Plant Science and Mrgayurveda - Traditional Indian Animal Science.
3. Editor KYM Darsanam (1991 - 1993) and Editorial Advisor 1994 - 1995 : KYM Darsanam is a quarterly journal published by Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram, Madras. The journal deals with Traditional Health Care System with special references to yoga and also various aspects of Indian Culture and Traditions.
4. Editor, Monograph Series, CIKS (1996 - 1998) : Joint Editor of series of Monographs produced on speciality areas of Indian Systems of Medicine, covering five topics, namely - Treatment for Poisons, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Mental Health and Adaptation to the seasons.
5. Member, Editorial Advisory Board of Arogyakalpam, published by the All India Ayurvedic Congress, Tamil Nadu.

### **B. AUTHORSHIP OF BOOKS**

1. Local Health Traditions : An Introduction by A.V. Bala subramanian and M. Radhika (Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithi, Madras) 1989.
2. Ayurvedic Principles of Food and Nutrition Part I by M. Radhika and A.V. Balasubramanian, (Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithi, Madras) 1990.
3. Mother and Child Care in Traditional Medicine : Part I by M. Radhika and A.V. Balasubramanian, (Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithi, Madras) 1990.
4. Marma Chikitsa in Traditional Medicine by V. Dharmalingam, M. Radhika and A.V. Balasubramanian, (Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithi, Madras) 1990.
5. Nidaana : Diagnosis in Traditional Medicine by R. Aruna, A.V. Balasubramanian and V. Sujatha (Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithi, Madras) 1991.

6. Bheshaja Kalpana : Pharmacology in Traditional Medicine by V.O. Saji and A.V. Balasubramanian (Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithi, Madras) 1991.
7. Patanjala Yoga Darsana : Text with chant notation in Sanskrit and Roman script and Adisesastakam of Sri T. Krishnamacharya by A.V. Balasubramanian, T.K.V. Desikachar, R. Prabhakar and R. Sriram (Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram, Madras) 1985.
8. Nidaana : Diagnosis in Traditional Medicine by R. Aruna, A.V. Balasubramanian and V. Sujatha (Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithi, Madras) 1991.
9. Prakruthi : An Ayurvedic Guide to Health by K.M. Shyam Sundar and A.V. Balasubramanian (Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems, Chennai) July 1997
10. Vrکشayurveda : Ayurveda for plants by Subhashini Sridhar, S.Arumugasamy, K.Vijayalakshmi and A.V. Balasubramanian (Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems, Chennai), August 2001.

### **C. ARTICLES WRITTEN**

1. Tamilnadu farmers at the crossroads : A note on the recent formation of the Indian Farmers and Toiler's Party, in Peasant Movement Today (Ed) Sunil Sahasrabuddhey (Ashish Publishing House, New Delhi), 1986 pp. 40-54.
2. Tamil folk sayings on agriculture : A study of the folk knowledge of agriculture in Indian tradition, PPST Bulletin No.9 (Dec. 1986) 60-89.
3. Utilisation of indigenous technology, Moving Technology, Vol.2 No.4 (1987) 6-8.
4. Apne loharon se sekhen (in Hindi) Jansatta (New Delhi) 25th Feb. 1987.
5. Yah saralta to ek mahanga avaran hai (in Hindi) Jansatta (New Delhi) 23rd Nov. 1988.
6. Vyakti ko kund math keejiye (in Hindi) Jansatta (new Delhi) 24th Nov. 1988.
7. Is Indigenous technology `Simple'? PPST Bulletin No.11 (1989) 45-58.
8. A Report on the peasant movement in Tamil Nadu 1966 - 1984, in Peasant Movement in Modern India (Ed) Sunil Sahasrabuddhey (Chugh Publications Allahabad, 1989) 110-144.
9. Indigenous system of health care, in Health for the Millions Vol. XIII. No.3, (1989) 10-12.
10. Traditional practices in the area of mother and child health PPST Bulletin No.19 & 20 (1990) 78-86.
11. The role of indigenous medicine in India's health care system, PPST Bulletin No.19 & 20 (1990) 78-86.
12. Irrigating the ery way, Centre for Environment Education, News Feature, Vol.5, 1991.

13. The life of Sri. Nathamuni (in two parts) Darsanam 1(1) 3 - 12 and 1(2) (1991) 17-22.
14. Siksa as a Vedanga : The Indian Science of Phonetics, Darsanam 1(4) (1991) 8 - 12.
15. Sri Patanjali, Darsanam, 2(1) (1991) 2 - 10.
16. Manasika Prakriti, KYM Darsanam, 1(1) (1992) 13-14.
17. Metallurgy : Past and Present, the India Magazine (May 1993) 54 - 63.
18. Putting Tradition to Work by A.V. Balasubramanian and C.N. Krishnan, The Hindu 23rd October 1993.
19. Towards self-reliance in health-care by A.V.Balasubramanian, The Hindu, 21st November 1993 (Sunday).
20. The glory of the Gayathri by A.V.Balasubramanian, Darsanam, Vol.2, No.3, November 1993, pp.31-32.
21. Traditional food habits by A.V.Balasubramanian, Health for Millions, Dec.1993, Vol.I (6), pp.25-26.
22. Can science and technology by Swadeshi ? The case of our Health care systems by A.V.Balasubramanian - Gandhian Perspectives, Volume VIII, No.1, Spring 1994. pp.19-22
23. The Vedic perception of leadership, by A.V.Balasubramanian, Darsanam Vol.3, No.1, May 1994, pp.18-19.
24. Ethnopharmacological research : Towards a new perspective based on Indian knowledge systems by A.V.Balasubramanian (Ed.) P.Pushpangadhan and V.George (Tropical Botonaical Garden and Research Institute, India and The Royal Danish School of Pharmacy, Copenhagen, Denmark), Trivandrum, 1995. pp.379-380
25. Contribution for Encyclopedia of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Non-western cultivation (Kluwer Academic publisher, Netherland, 1996).
  - a. Yoga pp.1046-48
  - b. Methallurgy in India pp.728-730
  - c. Knowledge systems in India pp.500-502
26. A Report on the Peasant movement in Tamil Nadu 1996-1984 in Gandhian perspective Vol. IX No.2 (1996) pp.67-79
27. The art that refuses to die by A.V.Balasubramanian and K.M. Shyam Sundar - Amruth Vol.1, Issue 3, June 1996, pp.3-6.
28. Vrکشayurveda : Giving plants the nectar of life by A.V.Balasubramanian, K.Vijayalakshmi, and K.M. Shyam Sundar in Amruth Vol.I, Issue NO.7, February 1997 pp.1-16.

29. Testing classical Indian Knowledge by A.V.Balasubramanian COMPAS Newsletter - February 1999 No.1 pp.26-27
30. Ayurveda cosmovision and traditional agriculture by K.M. Shyam Sundar and A.V.Balasubramanian in 'Food for thought : Ancient Visions and new experiments of Rural People' (Ed.) Bertus Haverkort and Wim Hiemstra (ETC / Compas, Books for Change and Zed Books, London / 1999) pp. 51 - 60
31. Uncultivated plant diversity for food, pest control and medicine : Examples from Tamil Nadu, India by K. Vijayalakshmi, A.V. Balasubramanian and Subhashini Sridhar. Proceedings of the South Asian Workshop on Uncultivated Food and Plants, at Bishunpur, Tangail, Bangladesh (UBINIG,Bangladesh) July 2000, pp67-75.
32. Vrکشayurveda : A tradition for today by A.V. Balasubramanian, K.Vijayalakshmi and S. Sridhar COMPAS Newsletter July 2000 No.3 pp.30-31.
33. The relevance of a vibrant tradition by A.V.Balasubramanian. Written in FOLIO - a Sunday Supplementary magazine with The Hindu, October 8, 2000.
34. Scientific basis of Indian systems of medicine by A.V.Balasubramanian in FOLIO - a Sunday Supplementary magazine with The Hindu, October 8, 2000.
35. Green Health boom by Darshan Shankar and A.V.Balasubramanian, FOLIO (Supplement to The Hindu) May 20, 2001, pp.30-33.

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## APPENDIX (Dated 28th August 2001)

### A. BOOK REVIEWS

1. "Prescription for the West". Review of the books 'Ayurveda : The science of self-healing : A practical guide' by Vasant Lad (Motilal Banarsidas publishers) Indian Review of Books 16th March 1995 - 15th April 1995 pp.22)
2. "Grafted for the West". Review of the book is 'The Yoga of herbs : An Ayurvedic guide to herbal medicine' by David Frawley and Dr. Vasant Lad (Motilal Banarsidas) - (Indian Review of Books, 16th June 1995 - 15th July 1995 pp.21).
3. "Gaping Holes Aplenty". Review of the book is 'The Lost secrets of Ayurvedic acupuncture' by Dr. Frank Ros - (Indian Review of Books, 16th June 1996-15 July 1996 pp.26).
4. "Enhancing Study". Review of the book is 'Ayurvedic Beauty Care : Ageless Techniques to Invoke Natural Beauty by Malanie Sachs (Motilal Banarsidass), (Indian Review of Books 16th April 1996-15th May 1996) pp.46.
5. "Staying healthy, Naturally". Reivew of the book 'Prakruti : Your Ayurvedic constitution' by Dr. Robert E. Svoboda (Indian Review of books 16th November 1996 - 15th December 1996, pp.34-35).
6. "Naturally yours". Review of the book is 'Natural Home Remedies for common ailments' by H.K.Bakhru- (Indian Review of Books 16th January 1997-15th February 1997, pp.56-57).
7. "Faithful but flat". Review of the book is 'The Roots of Ayurveda : Selections from the Ayurvedic classics; selection, translations and introduction' by Dominik Wujastyk - (Indian Review of Books - 16th November 1998 - 15th December 1998 pp.28).
8. "Dubious Therapies". Review of the books  

Ayurveda Revolutionised : Integrating Ancient and Modern Ayurveda by Edward F. Tarabilda.

Ayurveda and Life impressions body work : seeking our healing memories by Donald VanHowten.

(Indian Review of Books - 16th August 1999 - 15th September 1999 pp.23-24.)

### YOGA SUTRA ARTICLES

1. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.1 No.4, November 19, pp.39-44.
2. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.2 No.1, February 1992, pp.19-24.
3. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.1 No.1, May 1992, pp.15-19.

4. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.1 No.2, August 1992, pp.15-22.
5. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.1 No.1, November 1992, pp.32-36.
6. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.1 No.4, February 1993, pp.24-26.
7. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.2 No.1, May 1993, pp.30-31.
8. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.2 No.2, August 1993, pp.32-33.
9. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.2 No.3, November 1993, pp.45-46.
10. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.2 No.4, February 1994, pp.32-33.
12. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.3 No.1, May 1994, pp.30-33.
13. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.2 No.1, August 1994, pp.31-33.
14. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.3 No.3, November 1994 pp.31-33.
15. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.3 No.4, February 1995, pp.31-34.
16. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.4 No.1, May 1995, pp.33-34.
17. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.4 No.2, August 1995, pp.30-32.
18. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.4 No.3, November 1995, pp.36-37.
19. Yoga Sutra through stories - Darsanam, Vol.4 No.4, February 1996, pp.32-33.

### **C. PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES**

- \* Spoke on "Gandhi" as a Panelist in the seminar on "Social Equality and Economic Justice as viewed by Bharati, Gandhi and Deendayal" at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan on 25.09.1983, Organised by Democratic Youth Forum, Madras.
- \* Meeting on Science in Tamil, organised by Tamil University at Tanjore, 1983
- \* Seminar on "Peasant Movement Today" organized by the Gandhian Institute of Studies at Varanasi between 2nd and 4th February 1984.
- \* Delivered a talk on Yoga to the students of Davidson College, USA, "Terms in India" programme in Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai in September 1984.
- \* Workshop on - "Ayurvedic Principles of Food and Nutrition" organised by Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithy at Kaladur, Kerala - from 15th-21st December 1986.
- \* Meeting on "Alternatives" organised by Dr.Mukund Lath at Jaipur in April 1987.

- \* Seminar on "Metallurgy as practiced in Ancient India", organised by Madras Metallurgical Society on June 24th-25th 1988.
- \* Workshop on Traditional Medicine and Immunology organised by Lok Swasthya Parampara Samavandhan Samithy and hosted by Gujarat Ayurveda University from 23rd-25th September 1988 at Ahmedabad.
- \* National Convention on "Mother and Child Health in Traditional Medicine" organised by Lok Swasthya Parampara Samvardhan Samithy in New Delhi, December 1989. Presented a paper - "Traditional practices in the Area of Mother and Child Health Care : A Review of Literature".
- \* Indian Metallurgical Traditions : Retrospect and Prospect Congress on Traditional Sciences and Technologies of India 28th November - 3rd December 1993 (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay).
- \* Talk on "Towards evolving on Alternative methodology of Life Sciences based on the Traditional Systems of Life Sciences : A case study of Ayurveda" in the International Conference on "Redifining the Life Sciences: in Penang 7-10th July 1994 organised by Third World Network, Malaysia.
- \* Chief Guest at Sadbhavana Day organised by D.B.Jain College, Madras on 23rd August 1994. Delivered a fact on "Education to Reality".
- \* Delivered two talks on "Traditional Indian Science and Technologies and their contemporary relevance" as part of Orientation course for College University Teachers, conducted by Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi on September 25th and 26th 1994.
- \* Participated as a panelist on the theme - "Religion and Medicine" during the Ninth National Seminar as "Religion and Medicine" organised by the Niamth Science Academy in Madras on 1st October 1994.
- \* Talk on "Traditional Practices of Bone Setting" delivered at the Symposium on "Tribal Health in India", 26th - 27th October 1994, organised by the Jigyasu Tribal Revitalisation Centre, at New Delhi.
- \* Gave a talk on "Traditional Systems of Medicine" at a seminar on "Biodiversity Conservation, People's knowledge Intellectual property rights at New Delhi on 7th-8th November 1994 organised by INTACH.
- \* Talk delivered on "Alaternate Health Practices : Revival and Revitalisation" in the workshop on "Indigenous medicines and their applications in Health care" on November 21st-24th, 1994 at Wynad in Kerala organised for the staff of "Indo-German Social Service Society", New Delhi.
- \* Delivered a talk on "Indian Metallurgical Traditions" on 8th October 1995 at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras during the second Bharat Utsav.

- \* Resource person for a writers workshop to prepare a set of books on Indigenous Health Traditions, held at Courtallam, Tamil Nadu, 2-6th January 1997. Organised by State Resource Centre, Tamil Nadu and FRLHT, Bangalore.
- \* Spoken "Indian Medical Systems" at the Symposium on Health during the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Gandhigram Trust held at Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu on 8th October 1997.
- \* Delivered a talk on "Indian Traditional of Metallurgy and Metal working : Promise for the future" at Anna University, Madras on 9th October 1997.
- \* Presented a paper on - "Tamil Nadu Farmers at the Crossroads: A note on the recent formation of the 'Indian Farmers and Toiler's Party'."
- \* Faculty member for the General elective on "Traditional Knowledge Systems in India" offered at the Stella Mary's College, Madras during the June 1998-October 1998 semester and December 1998-April 1999 semester. Delivered talk on Traditional Indian Metallurgy and Health care.
- \* Bio-cultural practices related to the conservation of Biodiversity and Bioresources talk delivered at the Indira Gandhi Rastraya Manav Sangrahalaya (National Museum of Mankind) Bhopal, 3rd December 1998.
- \* Visited Indonesia in January 1999 to participate in a review of work of COMPAS project partner in West Timor, Indonesia.
- \* Participated in the "Date to share Fair" held at Hague, Netherlands in October 1999.
- \* Talk on "Traditional Indian Health Care Systems" on 26th February 2000 in Sri Sai Balaji Institute at Chennai to group of School teachers.