

Profile



Name : P. R. Muthumeena
Designation : Assistant Professor
Department : English
Institution : Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College,
Madurai.

Academic Qualifications

- B.A.English : Lady Doak College, Madurai (83%)
Project : Learn Basic Communicative Skills
- M.A. English : Lady Doak College, Madurai (82%)
Project : Psychosocial Perspectives in Select Short Stories of Edgar Allan Poe and H. P. Lovecraft
- M. Phil : Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli (83%)
Thesis : A Critical Study on Jodi Picoult's *My Sister's Keeper* as a Realistic Fiction with Reference to Disability, Illness and Bioethics
- UGC NET : 2018
- TN SET : 2018
- NTA NET : 2019

Areas of specialization : Cultural studies, Digital Literature

Orientation / Refresher / Short term courses attended

- Participated in Online Induction Training/ Orientation Programme organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from June 4, 2020 to July 2020
- Attended Fifth Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) organized by Madurai Kamaraj University from 14th September 2021 to 13th October 2021.
- Participated in the Refresher Course in English (Literature and Social Change) organized by the Human Resource Development Centre, University of Allahabad from 20th November 2023 to 3rd December 2023.

Books / Chapters Published in edited volumes /books published

- Published a Book Chapter titled “Approaches in Reading Fiction: Print vs Digital Media” in the book titled ‘Recent Trends in Digital Literacy’ by Shanlax Publishers with ISBN Number 978-93-89658-88-0 in February 2020.
- Self-published a Book titled Restless Ramblings: An Anthology of Poems through Kindle Direct Publishing through Amazon in July 2021.

Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals or Conference Proceedings

- Published a paper titled ‘Feminist Responses to Political Oppression with reference to Lajja’ in A One Day State Level Conference on ‘Evolution of Women’s Rights in India: Progress, Challenges and Future Avenues for Equality’ organized by the Department of History, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai on 12th March 2024.
- Published a paper titled ‘The Era of ‘Gram’: Proliferation of Gen Z Wisdom through Instapoetry’ in the International Conference on ‘Nature, Culture, Literature: Contemporary Perspectives’ organized by the Department of English, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai on 15th and 16th March 2024.

Paper publications in UGC-notified journals

- Published ‘Revolutionary Power of Feminism as Expressed through Toni Morrison’s *Sula* and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie’s *We Should All be Feminists* in UGC Approved journal IJELLH with ISSN Number 2321-7065 in Volume 7, Issue 5 with Impact Factor 4.287 in May 2019.
- Published ‘Dichotomy of Fidelity and Independence in Elif Shafak’s *The Forty Rules of Love*’ in UGC CARE listed journal ‘Our Heritage’ with ISSN Number 0474-9030 in Volume 68, Issue 30 with Impact factor 6.6 in February 2020.

- Published an article titled, 'Implications of Disability and Illness in Jodi Picoult's My Sister's Keeper' in UGC CARE listed journal Shodha, with ISSN No. 2249-0396 in January 2023.

Papers presented in Conferences / Seminars

- Presented a paper titled 'A Critical study and Comparative analysis of Nadine Gordimer's 'Six Feet of the Country' and 'The Moment Before the Gun Went Off' in the International Conference on 'A Dialectical Discourse on the themes of Resistance and Reconstruction in Subaltern' in Aditanar College of Arts and Science, Tiruchendur on 20.08.2018.
- Presented a paper titled 'Revolutionary Power of Feminism as expressed through Toni Morrison's *Sula* and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *We Should All be Feminists*' in National Conference on Gender Stratification in the Modern Era in Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli on 10.04.2019.
- Presented a paper titled 'Dichotomy of Fidelity and Independence in Elif Shafak's *The Forty Rules of Love*' in National Conference on 'Voicing the Voice of the Voiceless: Seeking Space Through Literature' in Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, Pollachi on 25.02.2020.
- Presented a chapter titled 'Approaches in Reading Fiction: Print vs Digital Media' in National Level Seminar on 'Recent Trends in Digital Literacy in the Areas of Management, Engineering', by Global Multidisciplinary Research and Academic Foundation (GMRAF) on 29.02.2020.
- Presented a paper titled 'Decrypting Female Psyche in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's *Palace of Illusions*' in the Online International Conference on 'Understanding Literature in the Context of Contemporary Theories: Indian and Western Perspectives' organised by Nallamuthu Gounder Mahalingam College, Pollachi on 07.05.2020 and 08.05.2020.
- Presented a paper titled 'Amit Chaudhuri's Fiction: An Overview' in a two-day International Conference organized on 'Inclusive Pedagogical Strategies in Language Classes: A Humanistic Approach' organized by Mepco Schlenk Engineering College (Autonomous), Sivakasi from 11.05.2023 to 12.05.2023.
- Presented a paper titled 'Deconstructing Beauty Fetish and Decoding Gender Normativity in Digital Discourse' at the 1st International Conference in Social Sciences and Humanities (ICIRSSH- 2024) held on 22nd and 23rd May 2024 organized by the Department of Liberal Arts, Departmental Institute of Liberal Arts and Humanities, Chandigarh University in collaboration with Asiatic Society of Social Science Research.

Faculty Development Programmes

- Challenges and Avenues in English Studies in Sri S. Ramasamy Naidu Memorial College, Sattur in collaboration with Christ University, Bangalore on 20th to 22nd August 2019.
- Participated in Two Weeks Faculty Development Programme on “Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCS” organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from April 20, 2020 to May 06, 2020.
- Completed a Three-day Outcome-driven Faculty Development Programme on “Teacher-Student Communication in a Virtual Environment” organised by the Association of Teachers & Scholars in English Language & Literature, Coimbatore from 11 May 2020 to 13 May 2020.
- Participated in an Online National Faculty Enrichment Programme organised by IQAC, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College from 13th May 2020 to 19th May 2020.
- Participated in One Week National Level FDP on ‘Possessing Two Wardrobes: Communication and Writing’ from 25th May to 31st May 2020 organised by BVRIT Hyderabad College of Engineering for Women.
- Participated in a 3 days National Level FDP organised by North Storm Academy from 30th April to 2nd May 2020.
- Participated in a 4 Day Faculty Development Programme, ‘The Deep and Sweeping Vistas of Literature’ held from 01.07.2020 to 04.07.2020, organised by the Department of English, PG Arts and Science College, Coimbatore.
- Participated in a Seven day Online International Faculty Development Programme ‘Language and Literature: A Pragmatic Approach’ organised by the Department of English, VET Institute of Arts and Science, Erode from 20.07.2020 to 26.07.2020.
- Participated in the Six Day Faculty development Programme on Professional and Communicative English organized by the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Bharathiyar University and Sree Saraswathy Thyagaraja College, Pollachi on 16.06.2021-22.06.2021.

- Participated in the Faculty Development Programme through NPTEL-AICTE, offered by IIT Madras during July to December 2021.
- Participated in two days “in-service Teacher Training” programme in English held at M.V.Muthiah Government Arts College for Women, Dindigul on 09.05.2022 and 10.05.2022.
- Attended a One Week Faculty Development Programme on ‘Artificial Intelligence and Language’ from 30th October 2023 to 4th November 2023 organised by the Department of English and Other Foreign Languages, College of Science and Humanities, SRM Institute of Science and Technology.
- Participated in the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Introduction to Indian Knowledge System (IKS) incorporating Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) organized by Bharat Vidya Prayojana Division of IGNCA, Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with NSS College, Pandalam, and Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Kerala from 11th to 15th March 2024.

Workshops

- Attended a two-day workshop on ‘Literary Theories’ organized by the Department of English, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai from 07.02.2020 to 08.02.2020.
- Participated in the Seven-day International Online Workshop organised by the Department of English, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai in collaboration with University of Madras, Mother Teresa Women’s University and Society for Literature and Culture on ‘English Language Teaching and Literature: Current Issues, Trends and Challenges’ from 08.07.2020 to 14.07.2020.
- Seven day International e Workshop on ‘Contemporary Critical trends in Literature’ organised by the Department of English, Pondicherry University from 22.06.2020 to 28.06.2020.
- A Two Day workshop on ‘Template Based Approach to Writing Research Papers’ on 20.06.2020 organised by AR Publications, Coimbatore.
- A Two day digital workshop on ‘Identifying Online resources for Writing Research Papers’ organised by Viyash Holistic Learning Consultancy on 13.06.2020 and 14.06.2020.
- 10 Day Free Online Workshop for Teachers from 3rd April to 12th April 2020 organised by Universal Teachers Academy, Puducherry.

- 10 Day Free Online Workshop for Teachers from 21st April to 30th April 2020 organised by Universal Teachers Academy, Puducherry.
- E-Workshop cum E-Quiz on “Positive Thought and the Ideal Life” organised by the Research Committee of Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College (Autonomous), Pasumalai, Madurai on 28.05.2020.
- National Level Workshop on Research Ethics: New Directions organised by St. John’s College, Palayamkottai on 31.08.2018.
- Storytelling/ Narration Workshop organised by SCILET, The American College on 27.01.2016, 28.01.2016.

Positions held at the College

- Red Ribbon Club Convener (from June 2019 till May 2022)
- B. Voc. in Software Development Co-Ordinator (from June 2019 till May 2021)

Resource person

- Served as a Resource Person for the webinar organized by the Department of English, Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore and addressed the students on the title ‘Preparation Tips for UGC- NET (English) on 20th July 2021.
- Served as a Resource Person for the webinar organized by the Department of English, Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore and addressed the students on the title ‘Teaching of Prose’ on 8th June 2021.
- Delivered a Guest Lecture on ‘Interpreting Feminism, Womanism & Feminazism in Literature’ at Sri Parasakthi College for Women, Courtallam, on 24th February, 2020.
- Served as a speaker in the International Webinar Series on “Women, Gender , Literature: Core Concepts and Perspectives” organised by Sri Parasakthi College for Women, Courtallam from 24.08.2020 to 30.08.2020, and delivered a lecture on ‘Digital Feminism: An Overview’ on 28.08.2020.

MOOCs/ Other Courses

- Completed a MOOC titled ‘Advanced Writing’ offered by University of California, Irvine in December 2021.

- Completed an NPTEL Course titled ‘Feminist Writings’ offered by IIT Madras in October 2021.
- Completed a MOOC titled ‘Sharpened Visions : A Poetry Workshop’ offered by California Institute of the Arts in July 2021.
- Completed a MOOC titled ‘Introduction to Public Speaking’ offered by University of Washington through Coursera in November 2020.
- Completed a MOOC titled ‘Science of Well-Being’ offered by Yale University through Coursera in November 2020.
- ‘Introduction to Philosophy: Online Course in Philosophy and Theory’ conducted by the Department of English, St. Berchmans College, Changanassery from 22.09.2020 to 30.09.2020.
- Completed a course on ‘ESL003: Upper-Intermediate English as a Second Language’ by Saylor Academy on April 5, 2020.
- Completed 5 days online Certificate course and assessment on “Strategies to Address the Soft Skill Gap “ organized by International Journal of Advance Study and Research Work from 27th April 2020 to 01st May 2020.
- Completed 2 days Online Assessment Course on “Level Your Proficiency in English” organized by International Journal of Advance Study and Research Work from 24th April 2020 to 25th April 2020.
- Completed the free course on ‘Summarising Text’ by Open University on 24th May 2020.
- Taken the pledge as well as the Online Course on “Time For Nature”, a registered international digital event under the UN Environment Programme organized by the International Youth Society - Tuticorin Chapter, in commemoration of the World Environment Day on 5th June 2020.
- Completed a One Week Online Certificate Course on ‘Digital Teaching Techniques’ organised by ICT Academy from 7th September 2020 to 12th September 2020.
- Completed the e-Course Ten Sessions on ‘Critical Theories Made Easy’ conducted by SOLIS, Tamilnadu in association with Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, during 11th May 2020 to 20th May 2020.
- Completed 5 days Online Course on ‘Stress Management’ conducted by Department of Management and Research, AVS College of Arts & Science, Salem, Tamil Nadu from 13th April to 17th April 2020.

- Taken the pledge as well as the Online Course on “We Have but One Earth”, a registered digital event under Earth Day Network (earthday.org) organized by the Department of English, A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College for Women, Thoothukudi, Tamilnadu, in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day on 22nd April 2020.

Programmes Organised

- On behalf of Red Ribbon Club, organised a Webinar on ‘Protective Measures in Cyberspace amidst COVID 19’ in collaboration with Cyber Intelligence Academy, Chennai, Youth Red Cross and Human Rights Club.

External Examiner

Served as one of the External Examiners for Lady Doak College during the academic year 2022-2023

Capacity Building Programmes -Workshop/Conference/FDP Attended in MTNC

- ‘Outcome Based Education organised’ by IQAC, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College.
- ‘E-Content Development and Digital Tools Usage’ organised by IQAC, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College.
- ‘Promotion of API Score and Career Advancement Scheme’ organised by IQAC, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College.
- ‘Quality Assurance and Sustenance in Higher Education’ (Seven Criteria) organised by IQAC, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College.
- ‘21st Century Skills’ organised by IQAC, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College.
- ‘Online National Faculty Enrichment Programme’ organised by IQAC, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College.
- ‘Positive Thought and the Ideal Life’ organised by IQAC, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College.

Webinars Attended:

- Webinar on ‘Literary Theory and criticism: An Overview’ organised by Emerald Dove Learning on 27.07.2020.
- Webinar on ‘Understanding Dreams’ organised by Department of English, Faculty of Science & Humanities, SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Vadapalanai, Chennai on 29th July 2020.
- Two Day International Webinar on ‘Contemporary Trends in Literature’ 18.07.2020 and 19.07.2020 organised by Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. MGR Arts and Science College, Madhanur in collaboration with Society of Literature and Culture.

- International webinar on ‘Postcolonial Negotiations: History, Literature and Culture’ organised by Department of English, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia, West Bengal and BBTM College, Purulia from 03.06.2020 to 05.06.2020.
- National Webinar on ‘Research Ethics’ organised by the Research Advisory Committee of St. Joseph’s College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli on 16.10.2020.
- Webinar on ‘A Post-Colonial Reading: Christianity & Colonialism in India before 1600 and its Relevance Today’ organised by St.Berchmann’s College on 24th September 2020.
- Webinar on “Bio Diversity” organised by Eco Club, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai on 22.05.2020.
- Webinar ‘Preparing your students for Cambridge English Qualifications online’ Wednesday 15 April 2020, 10.00 – 11.00 (UK time) organised by Cambridge Assessment English.
- Webinar ‘Getting started with teaching English online’ on 9 April 2020, organised by Cambridge Assessment English.
- Webinar on ‘Teaching Activities and Assessment’ on 7th April 2020, organised by Cambridge Assessment English.
- Attended the webinar “Resilience : Teaching in Tough Times” on 21st April 2020, organised by Cambridge Assessment English.
- ‘Teacher Development Certificate’ for attending 4 hour long Webinars from April 1st to April 28th, 2020 organised by Education First (EF).
- Webinar on “Preparing for Online Teaching” organised by Sacred Heart College, Kochi on May 21st 2020.
- Webinar on “Essential Academic Skills for Teaching Fraternity” organized by the Department of English and Other Foreign Languages, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Ramapuram Campus, Chennai-89, on 22nd May, 2020.
- International Webinar on “Sustainable Development” conducted by Department of English Language, NGM College on 14.05.2020.
- Webinar ‘Teachers for Future- Capacity Building Session’ organised by Annammal College of Education for Women, Thoothukudi on 27th April 2020.
- Webinar on “Writing a Winning Project Proposal” organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam on 11.05.2020.
- Webinar on “Activity Based Learning Method” hosted by the PG Department of English, GTN Arts College, Dindigul, on 27th May 2020.
- Webinar on ‘Myths and Architecture in Popular Culture’ organised by the Department of English, St. John’s College, Agra on 15.05.2020.
- Webinar on ‘Culture and Myth’ organised by Ayyanadar Janaki Ammal College on 27th May 2020.
- Webinar on “Literary Responses To Pandemic Disasters: An Overview”, organized by the Department of English and Other Foreign Languages, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Ramapuram Campus, Chennai-89, on 21st May, 2020.
- Webinar on “21st Century Skills and The English Classroom”, conducted by Prof. Dhanabalan College of Arts of Science on 13th June 2020.
- Webinar on ‘Ethics Through Teaching of English Language and Literature’ organized by Madras Christian College, Chennai and Globethics.net on 23rd July 2021.

- Webinar titled Fairy Tales and Ageing, organised by the PG & Research Centre of English, Lady Doak College and funded by United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia under the WPE Digital Content Development Grant - 2021

Other Achievements

- Best Outgoing Student and First rank in B.A, M.A and M.Phil., Degree Programmes.
- Certificate of General Honour in B.A and Certificate of Honour in M.A for consistent, creditable and excellent performance in academic and co-curricular activities of the college.
- Recipient of Wilcox-Davamani Prize for the best candidate in B.A. Degree Examination in English, TVS Mani Prize for Best candidate in M.A, Ms. Neena Pradeep-Prasanna Prize for the best student of B.A.English, A.V. Thilak - Ashok Prize for the best outgoing student of M.A.English, Dr. Rajalakshmi Parthasarathy Prize for Best Project in M.A.English, Sakunthala Sarada Memorial Prize and Tmt. Jane Mangalam Stephen Award for the best candidate in Linguistics in UG and PG, Prasanna Chandran Prize for the best candidate in History of English Literature, A.V. Thilak-Savitri Ashok prize for the best candidate in English Allied Courses, Sakunthala Sarada Memorial Prize for the best candidate in 'A Study of the English Language'.
- District 1st in SSLC Examination (10th Standard).