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Prime Minister's YUVA Author



WORK EXPERIENCE

Christ Nagar College, Maranalloor

Assistant Professor of English Language & Literature

June 2025 – present

Trivandrum, Kerala

- **IQAC Member.**

Mar Ivanios (Autonomous) College

Assistant Professor of English Language & Literature

July 2023 – June 2024

Trivandrum, Kerala

- **Board of Studies Member. Designed 7 Skill Development Courses** and a **Multidisciplinary Course** for the new Four Year Under Graduate Programme (FYUGP) of the institution in alignment with National Education Policy (NEP).
- **Organized an Indo-Bulgarian cultural exchange programme** titled 'Kneading Cultures: Baking Bonds.'
- **Taught** undergraduate and post-graduate students English language communication skills, literature, cultural studies, linguistics, principles of ELT (English Language Teaching), and critical theory.
- **Managed** the debate club and theatre club. Organized open forums, debates, and street plays.

Sharpsell

Content Writer

Jan. 2023 – June 2023

Bengaluru, Karnataka

- Involved in **research, creation** and **management** of dynamic content for sales automation app Sharpsell in the industries of BFSI, NBFC, Healthcare, Automotive, and Consumer Durables.
- **Collaborated** with the design team to **write, edit, and proofread content** for the app including video scripts, PowerPoints, instruction manuals, brochures, posters, and marketing materials.
- **Engaged with clients** and stakeholders in the ideation, calibration, and grievance redressal stages on behalf of the company.

Prime Minister's YUVA Fellow

Author & Researcher

Dec. 2021 – Dec. 2022

New Delhi

- Among **top 75** selected **nationwide** from **15,000+** candidates.
- **Primary and secondary research** on the South Indian naval resistance against the Portuguese Empire in the 16th century. Consulted **100+ historical documents, journal articles, and theses.**
- Conducted extensive **qualitative research** using **In-depth Interviews, Focus group discussions, Hamlet Meetings, archival method** and **field visits.**
- **Wrote** historical fiction titled *Knight of the Sea: The Saga of Kunjali Marakkar IV* based on research findings. The book was published by the National Book Trust (Ministry of Education) and **launched by the Nobel laureate Annie Ernaux.**

EDUCATION

Institute of English, University of Kerala

MA in English Language & Literature

July, 2019

Grade A

Mar Ivanios (Autonomous College)

BA in English Language & Literature

Apr, 2017

Grade A

PUBLICATIONS

- [**Knight of the Sea: The Saga of Kunjali Marakkar IV**](#)

- Historical fiction novel that won the **PM-YUVA Fellowship**. It was published by the **National Book Trust**, and launched at the **New Delhi World Book Fair 2023**.
- Invited to the **Rashtrapati Bhavan** to interact with the **Hon'ble President Smt. Draupadi Murmu**.
- **Illam: The Manor of the Ancients**
 - Translated Dr George Onakkoor's **Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award** winning novel *Illam* to English.
 - Launched by former Ambassador T. P. Sreenivasan, IFS, at the **Kerala State Legislature Assembly Book Festival 2025**, with the first copy presented to K. Jayakumar, IAS (former Chief Secretary and founding Vice-Chancellor of Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University)
- **Letter to the Womb and Other Stories**
 - Short story collection. Blurb written by Shashi Tharoor MP, and the foreword by K. Jayakumar IAS.
- **Ether Ore: Chronicles of the Limitless**
 - Short fiction anthology based on the myths and legends of Kerala. Contributed a story titled 'Odiyan'. Found a mention in JCL (**The Journal of Commonwealth Literature**) 2022, Vol. 57(4) 821-858).
- **MBIFL Poetry Chain Anthology**
 - Contributed the two poems I was invited to read at **Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters (MBIFL)** 2019.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Reuel International Prize** for Fiction for the short fiction anthology *Ether Ore*.
- Shortlisted for the **National Bal Shree Honour** for Creative Writing - **highest national honour** for children.
- **Inaugurated** the **Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav 2023** under the aegis of the **Ministry of Education** at **Kendriya Vidyalaya Pattom**.
- Conducted two creative **writing workshops** for adults and children for the **British Council, India**.
- Invited to a **panel discussion** on 'The Nuances of Fiction: Plot, Characterization & Worldbuilding' at **IIT Mandi**.
- Invited to a **panel discussion** on 'History as Rediscovery & Reimagination' at the **Auroville Literature Festival 2023**.
- Served as a **judge** for the English writing and speaking competitions at the **All Kerala Technical High School Kalolsavam 2025**, organised by the Department of Technical Education, **Govt. of Kerala**.
- Gave a **lecture** on 'Navigating the Publishing Industry' for **All India Radio/Akashvani**.
- Member of Kerala International Centre – **foreign policy think tank** founded by T P Sreenivasan IFS.

CERTIFICATIONS

- UGC NET (National Eligibility Test) **July, 2018**
- Diploma in Computer Application (DCA) **May, 2015**

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

- Presented the paper 'Romanticization of Illness: Shifting Paradigms in 21st Century Young Adult Fiction' at the International Colloquium on Literature, Theory & the History of Ideas organized by M.S.M. College, Kayamkulam in collaboration with Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Kerala and supported by Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC).
- Presented the paper 'Bigg Boss is Watching You: Glocalization of the Gaze' at the International Webinar on Art & Culture: Intricacies of Research and Publishing organized by Govt. KNM Arts and Science College, Kanjiramkulam in collaboration with Kerala Lalithakala Academy.
- Presented the paper 'Queering Culinary Creativity: A Study of Queer Cuisine' at the International Seminar on Culinary Narratives, Discourses and Representations organized by Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore.
- Presented the paper 'Nouveau Femme: A Study of Popular Representations of Women in Select Post-2015 Movies of Bollywood' at the International Conference on Thrice Told Tales: Reconfiguring the Canon organized by All Saints' College, Trivandrum.
- Presented the paper 'Queer Politics in Diaspora: A Deliberation on the South Asian Community in Australia' at the National Seminar on South Asian Diaspora organized by the Institute of English, University of Kerala.
- Presented the paper 'Exploring the Allure of the "American Dream" with reference to Jhumpa Lahiri's *The Namesake*' at the National Seminar on Narrating Travel, Mapping Identities organized by the Institute of English, University of Kerala.