CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

PhD, Political Science **2022-**
Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod
Pursuing

MPhil, Political Science **2019-2022**
University of Hyderabad
Final grade: 7.5 CGPA

MA, International Relations and Politics **2017-2019**
Central University of Kerala, Kasargod
Final grade: 7.5 CGPA

BSc Physics **2013-2016**
University of Calicut
Final Grade: 60%

Research Experience

Radical Transformation and Accommodative Reformation: A Study of Class Movements and New Social Movements in the Agrarian Sector of Kerala. **2022-**
Guide: Dr. Gilbert Sebastian

- To analyse the new class composition in Kerala in the agriculture sector.
- To evaluate the difference in organisation structures of class-based and NSM movements in the agricultural sector in Kerala.
- To examine the modes and nature of the movements adapted by Kerala Karshaka Sangham and INFAM against class exploitation when a new class composition is emerging
- To gain insight into the mobilisation strategies employed by the Karshaka Sangham and INFAM in their respective movements.
- To study how the UDF and LDF governments engage with the trade union organisations and NSM in the context of agricultural distress.
- To understand how class movements and NSMs have responded to the policy changes in the agriculture sector
- examine farmers' and agricultural workers' attitudes and behaviour towards farmers' organisation in Kerala.

Agrarian Distress and State Response in Kerala **2022**
Guide: Prof. K.C. Suri, University of Hyderabad

- To understand the agricultural distress in India, the major manifestations and causes behind the same
- To examine the effects of the distress in Kerala, its manifestations and causes specified to the state after the economic reform
- understanding similarities and differences with reference to the policies and measures initiated and implemented in the agrarian sector by the United Democratic Front (2011-2016) government and the Left Democratic Front (2016-2021) government in Kerala, who have different perspectives on economic reform.
- The research also enquires about the importance of quasi-federalism for resolving the agrarian distress in Kerala.
- Submitted a dissertation including the results and findings from the study conducted

Agricultural Distress and the Response of the Farmers' Movements since 1991: With Special Reference to Maharashtra **2019**
Guide: Dr Gilbert Sebastain, Central University of Kerala

- Analysis of how the liberalisation policies have affected the agriculture sector in Maharashtra.
- Analysis of the factors that led to the protest in Maharashtra after 1991
- Analysis of the farmers movement in Maharashtra led by All India Kisan Sabha
- Submitted a dissertation including the results and findings from the study conducted

Research Area

Agrarian Distress, Social Movements, Regional Politics, Comparative Politics, Elections, Inequality, Political Economy, Public Policy.

Academic achievements

- **MANF JRF |** The Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students is funded by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for Research. **2020**
- **National Eligibility Test |** Acquired eligibility to teach in Indian colleges as an Assistant Professor **2019**

Technical Skills

- **MS Office**
- **SPSS Software**

Extracurricular Activities and Community Service

Positions of Responsibility:

- **School Board Member,** School of Social Science, University of Hyderabad (2019-2022)
- **Council member**, Students Council, Central University of Kerala (2018-2019)
- **University Union Councillor**, University of Calicut – (2015-2016)

References

1. Prof. K.C Suri (Rtd), Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad
2. Prof. Sanjay Palshikar, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad
3. Prof. M.S John, (Rtd), Department of International Relations and Politics, Central University of Kerala
4. Dr.Gilbert Sebastain, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and Politics, Central University of Kerala.