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### **Educational Qualification**

Ph.D. (2018), M. G. University, Kottayam

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B.A History (1996), M.G. University, Kottayam

### **Work Experience**

**15-01-2002 to 15.11.2010**

**HSST History, NSS Higher Secondary School Thattayil**

**16-11-2010 -1-06-2011**

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Mahatma Gandhi College Thiruvananthapuram

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Assistant Professor, Department of History, N.S.S. College Pandalam

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### **Achievements**

University I Rank-Holder (U.G) 1996

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### **Membership in Professional Bodies**

**Life Membership** : South Indian History Congress

: Kerala History Congress

**Annual Membership** : Indian History Congress

## Details of Guide ship

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13. Dr. Sebastian Joseph; Dr. Lekha Pillai, Making of the Rawther Empire: 'U-Turns' in Timber Trade and Forest Politics of the Travancore State, Proceedings of the South Indian History Congress, (UGC Care List) 2024 November Vol 42.

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### **Seminar Proceedings**

1. Human Rights and the Elderly in National Seminar on “Protection of Human Rights in Kerala” Proceedings, Christian College Chenganoor 2011

### **Seminar Presentations**

1. Human Rights and the Elderly in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Protection of Human Rights in Kerala’ held at Christian College Chenganoor from 23-24 September 2011
2. From Trade to Tradition: Unravelling the Portuguese Cultural Influence in Kerala, in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on The Cultural Impact of the Portuguese in Kerala held at St. Cyril’s Aloor 10-12 October 2011
3. Colonial Forest Policy: The Travancore case in the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the Indian History Congress held at Mumbai University Mumbai from 28-30 December 2012
4. Turning Paddy Fields into Runways Aranmula Airport : An Ecological Disaster in the making, in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Indian Environmental Issues: Lessons From History held at St. Teresa’s College Ernakulum from 25- 26 November 2013
5. Problems of reclamation of Wetlands in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Colonial and Post-colonial Environmental History of India: Themes and Issues
6. The Deluge and Relief: On the great Travancore flood of 1924 in Kerala History Congress held at Union Christian College Aluva from 20-22 December 2016
7. Rescinding an Airport Project: An Epic Campaign against ecological destruction in Kerala History Conference held at Milad-E- Sherief Memorial College Kayamkulam from 10-11 November 2017
8. Human Progress and Nature’s retribution in the High Range: A retrospect into the Great torrent of 1924 in Kerala History Congress held at Farook College Kozhikode from 09-11 December 2017
9. Timber Trees of Travancore: Scientific Exploitation of the Forest Resources in Kerala History Congress held at University of Kerala Thiruvananthapuram from 20-22 December 2018.
10. Working Plan and Scientific Forestry: A Power site of the British Empire Arguments in National Seminar held at Milad-E- Sherief Memorial College Kayamkulam from 24-26 September 2019
11. Impact of Colonial Forest Policy in Travancore in Kerala History Congress held at Mahatma Gandhi University of Kottayam from 09-11 January 2020.
12. Triggering the Forest Memories of Kerala : Locating and analysing the sources for the study in Kerala History Congress held at Government Arts College Thiruvananthapuram from 18-20 March 2022
13. Oral History/Local History in 7th Annual International session of Kerala History Congress held at Government Brennen College, Dharmadam, Thalasseri, from 27-29 January 2023.
14. Making of the Rowther Empire: ‘UTurns’ in Timber Trade and Forest Politics of the Travancore State in 42nd South Indian History Congress held at University College Thiruvananthapuram from 28-30 October 2023.
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16. Thiruvananthapuram: A Balancing Act between Urban Development and Cultural Ecology, in 43rd South Indian History Congress held at Malabar Christian College, Calicut from 08-10 November 2024.