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Academic Background:

M.Sc. Anthropology with Archaeological Anthropology specialization from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

Pursuing Ph.D. in Prehistoric Archaeology from Department of Anthropology, S.V. University, Tirupati.

Teaching Experience:

Courses Taught for M.A. and I.M.A. Students:

1. Archaeological Anthropology
2. Physical Anthropology
- 3.. Prehistoric Cultures
4. Physical and Archaeological Anthropology Practical
5. Introduction to Anthropology
6. Fieldwork Methods
7. Fieldwork and Research Methods
8. Qualitative Research Methods
9. Biocultural Evolution of Man
10. Applied Biological and Archaeological Anthropology

Areas of Research Interest:

Archaeological Anthropology
Prehistoric Archaeology
Indian Prehistory
Ethnoarchaeology
Museum Anthropology

Research, Fieldwork, Exploration and Excavation Experience:

Guided about 30 M.A. dissertations. Conducted Fieldwork among the Tribes of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh along with M.A. Students.

Carried out explorations in Velikonda and Palakonda hill regions of Eastern Ghats in Kadapa, Nellore and Chittoor Districts of Andhra Pradesh Participated in Two Excavation Programmes at Attirampakkam, Tamil Nadu (February, 2002) and Kurnool Caves, Andhra Pradesh (August-September, 2003) directed by Archaeologists from Sharma Centre for Heritage Education, University of Cambridge and Karnatak University.

Administrative Experience:

Coordinator, NSS (National Service Scheme) during October, 2009 to June, 2012.
Joint Organizer for number of National and International Seminars/Conferences/Workshops organized by the Department.
Member of number of different Committees at Department, School and University Levels.

Research Publications:

2005. Early Hunter-Gatherer Adaptations in the Tirupati Valley, South India, in Gurudakshina: Facets of Indian Archaeology (Essays Presented to Prof. V. N. Misra) (Alok Kumar Kanungo Ed.) pp.114-125. Oxford: British Archaeological Reports International Series. (with Jacob S Jaya Raj)

2012. Early Hunter-Gatherer Adaptations in the Tirupati Valley, South India, in Studies in Prehistory and Ethnoarchaeology of South Asia (in honour of V.N. Misra) (Ed.) by A.K. Kanungo, New Delhi: Research India Press, pp.150-162, (ISBN 978-81-89131-57-9), (with Jacob S. Jaya Raj),

Paper and Posters Presented in the Conferences / Seminars /Workshops:

Title of the Paper:

Prehistory and Palaeoenvironment of Kambalkunta Site from Velikonda Hills of Eastern Ghats, Andhra Pradesh, India (with R. Premathilake).

At the International Seminar on Anthropology and Global Climate Change: Local Knowledge, Cultural Adaptation and Resilience among the Indigenous Peoples organized by the Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, during 15-16 February, 2016.

Title of the Poster:

Prehistoric Cultures of Velinkondas, Eastern Ghats, India.

At the One Day Seminar on “New Perspectives on Pre and Protohistory in India” organized by Department of Archaeology, Deccan College, Pune during 18th August, 2015.

Title of the Poster:

Early Hunter-Gatherer Cultures of Velinkondas, Eastern Ghats, India

At the INQUA-HaBCom One Week Training Workshop on “Palaeoanthropological Perspective on Plant Communities in SouthAsia” organized by Sharma Centre for Heritage

Education (Chennai) & French Institute of Pondicherry, during 27th October to 2nd November, 2014.

Title of the Paper:

Kambalakunta and Indluru: Two Palaeolithic sites on the Cheyyeru River Bank in Kadapa District of Andhra Pradesh.

At the International Seminar on Archaeology and Language and The Joint Annual Conference of ISPQS-IAS-IHCS, organized by Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute, (Deemed University), Pune during 6-9 October, 2014.

Title of the Paper:

Explorations in the Velikonda hill area of Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.

At the National Seminar on Studies on History and Archaeology of Rayalaseema, organized by Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology, S.V. University, Tirupati, A.P. during 23-24 August, 2014.

Title of the Paper:

Prehistoric Archaeology Research, Teaching and Training in Andhra Pradesh

At the Workshop on Facets of Anthropological Research, Teaching and Training in Andhra Pradesh: A Retrospect and Prospect, Organized by Anthropological Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, Mysore & Dept. of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad during 27-28 January, 2011.

Title of the Paper:

Material Culture among the Gonds of Adilabad District of Andhra Pradesh

(with Amrita Sahu)

At the National Seminar on Governance, Technology and Development organized by the Academic Staff College, University of Hyderabad, during 20-21 November, 2006.

Title of the Paper:

Representing Anthropological Knowledge in Museums: The case of Anthropological Museum of University of Hyderabad

At the National Seminar on Acquisition and Augmentation of Anthropological Artefacts: Problems and Prospects organized by Jointly by Government Museum, Chennai & Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata during 16-18 March, 2006.

Awards and Fellowships:

1. UGC-NET-Junior Research Fellowship Award, June, 1999
2. Best Research Scholar Award in the Department of Anthropology for the year 2003-04, Instituted by Deans Council, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati
3. First Rank in M.Sc., Archeological Anthropology specialisation and Second Rank in M.Sc., Anthropology (1996-1998).
4. Outstanding Award in the Refresher Course on Care of Museum Objects organized by Chemical Conservation and Research Laboratory, Government Museum, Chennai

Languages Known: English, Hindi, Telugu, Urdu

Professional Membership:

1. Life Member of Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies (ISPQS), Pune.
2. Life Member of Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA), Pune.
3. Life Member of Indian Association for the Study of Conservation of Cultural Property (IASC), New Delhi.
4. Life Member of Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society (EFCS) Lucknow.
5. Life Member of The Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA), Kolkata.
6. Life Member of Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA), Jhargram, West Bengal.
7. Life Member of Indian Academy of Social Sciences (ISSA), Allahabad.
8. Life Member of National Environmental Science Academy (NESA), New Delhi.
9. Life Member of Andhra Pradesh History Congress (APHC), Guntur, A.P.
10. Member (2001-10) of Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association (IPPA), Australia.

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