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Short Bio

Dr. Thangapandian is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, at the Central University of Tamil Nadu. His academic expertise and research focus lie primarily in the Socio-Economic history of Medieval South India and Tribal Studies. He completed a doctoral degree from Madurai Kamaraj University, where his dissertation explored the State and Society Pandya under the rule of the Panyas of Tamil Nadu, specifically covering the period from circa 1251 to 1308 A.D. Before joining the faculty at CUTN, Dr. Thangapandian served as a Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Post-Doctoral Fellow at Rajapalayam Rajus' College, where he was engaged in academic research for two years. He has contributed significantly to his fields of study by publishing scholarly articles in internationally recognized journals and edited volumes. Additionally, he has actively participated in academic conferences by presenting his research papers at various conferences related to his areas of specialization.

Academic Qualifications

Course	University/ College/School	Marks obtained	Division	Year
Ph.D. (History)	Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.	-	-	2016
M.Phil. (History)	Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai	76%	First Class	2010.
M.A. (History)	Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.	66%	First Class	2009.
B.A.(History)	Vivekananda College, Thiruvedakam.	62%	First Class	2007.

Teaching Experience

- Working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of History, Central University of Tamil Nadu, since October 2019.
- Worked as an Assistant Professor in the Department of History, Arignar Anna Arts and Science College, Pollupalli, Krishnagiri, from Feb 2017 to 2017.

Research Experience

- Doctoral research State and Society Under the Rule of the Pandyas of Tamilnadu (c.1251-1308 A.D.) from the Department of Medieval History, School of Historical Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, under the supervision of Prof. B.S. Chandrababu, 2012-16.
- Worked as ICSSR Major Project Field Investigator on the project titled, The Primitive Tribal Women of Tamil Nadu: An Investigation into their Socio-Economic Conditions and ways and means to empower them, from 14th Mar 2013 to 14th Mar 2015.

Research Project

- Ongoing ICHR-sponsored research project on “*Vaishnava Alvars’ Nalayaira Divyaprandham; Its Contribution to Enrichment of Tamil Language, Culture, and Environmental Consciousness (7th Century to 13th Century C.E.)*”. Total amount sanctioned Rs. 300000/-

Fellowships Awarded

- Awarded Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Post-Doctoral Fellowship for the year 2017- 18.
- Awarded ICSSR-Doctoral Research for the year 2013-2014.

Area of Specialization

Socio-Economic History of Medieval South India
Tribal Studies.

Lesson Development for Post-Graduate Subjects:

Lesson writer for PG course on “History of Select Civilizations (Excluding India)”, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Periyar University, Salem

Research Supervision

Ph.D- Supervision

1. Sneh: Empowerment of Women through Representation: A Political Journey of Women Legislators in Haryana State (1966-2009).
2. Arul Doss: Empowerment and Advocacy of the Disabled in Tamil Nadu (1890-1996).
3. Kovarthanan: Merchant Capitalism in the Southern Coromandel Coast during the late Medieval to Early Colonial period.

4. Devilalitha S: Religious Endowments: The Tradition of Temple Patronage in the Kaveri Delta Regions (From 9th to 13th century C.E)

PG Project Supervision:

- Anaswara.S: Navigating the Past: A Study of Panthalayani Kollam Port, Year of Completion: 2025
- Deepika.S: *Panchabootha Sthalas* in Salem District: A Historical and Cultural Study. Year of Completion:2025
- Ragavan.S: Economic Practices and Cultural Identity of The Paliyars in Kodaikanal Hills, Year of Completion:2025.
- Athram Tharun: The Raj Gond Tribes of Adilabad District, Year of Completion: 2024.
- Akthar KP: Keezhavenmani Massacre: Unveiling the Role of Communist Party of India (Marxist) In Thanjavur, Year of Completion: 2024.
- Hridya K V: Theyyam ritual art in North Malabar, Year of Completion: 2024.
- Alina H Chishi: The Battle of Kohima 1944, and the Changes brought forth in the Naga Society, Year of Completion: 2024.
- Ganesh Raman C.P. Historiography of Agricultural Science and Technology in 19th and 20th Century India, Year of Completion: 2023.
- Augustin George: The Role of Kunjali Maraka IV in the Zamorin Kingdom of Calicut, Year of Completion: 2023.
- Athira C P: Endosulfan Pesticide exposure: With special reference to Kasargod District on Kerala, Year of Completion: 2023.
- Gandhrala Shyamala: Thousand Pillar Temples of Kakatiyas, Year of Completion: 2022.
- Manuprasth M.V: A Comparative study of St. Anglo fort and Palkkad fort, Year of Completion: 2022.
- Gedam Akash: The Socio-Cultural perspective of Pradhan Tribes in Adilabath District, Year of Completion: 2022.
- Devilalitha S: The Temples in Sivakasi Region, Year of Completion: 2022.
- Chattu Ramakrishna: Ancient Maha Stupa in Nelakondapalli, Year of Completion: 2021.
- Shoan K Manesh: Impact of International Trade on the Society and Culture of Calicut, Year of Completion: 2021.
- Jollu Rakesh: Forts in Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh: With special reference to Vijayanagar Empire, Year of Completion: 2021.
- Madhavi: Ahamednagar and Mughal Political relations (1595-1636), Year of Completion: 2020.

Publications (Journals, Books, and Conference Proceedings)

Published Articles in Peer-reviewed /UGC Listed Journal:

- “Women Legislators in Haryana: Symbolic Representation and Its Implications for Women Empowerment from 1966 to 2009, *Journal of the K.R.Cama Oriental Institute*, Vol. No.78 (November 2024), pp.59-66, (ISSN0970-0609) (With a co-author).
- “Evolution of Disability Education in Tamil Nadu: A Historical Perspective from Precolonial Times to Independence”, *Review of Research*, International Recognition Multidisciplinary Research Journal (Peer Reviewed journal), Feb. 2024. (ISSN 2249- 894X) (With a co-author).
- “Role of Dalit Intellectuals in Transforming the Tamil Society” in *YMER (A Peer-reviewed Journal) published by the Swedish Society for Anthropology and Geography*. (ISSN: 0044-0477), Volume 22: Issue 01 (Jan) – 2023, 1765-1773. (With a co-author).
- “The Seminal Role of Devadasis in Medieval Tamil Nadu” in *Bhavaveena (UGC Care-listed Journal)*, Vol: 19, Issue 9(2), Sep. 2022, (ISSN No: 2456- 4702), pp.151-157. (With a co-author).
- “Viduthalai Poratta Veerar Thalpathi Sundaralinganar” *Thittam Magazine*, (Yojana) Nov.2022, (ISSN-09718362). pp.27-32.
- “Temples as an Employer during the Second Pandyan Empire,” *South Indian History Congress Fortieth Annual Session Proceedings*, Organized by Department of History, Annamalai University, Chidambaram on 31st January-2nd February 2020, ISSN 2229- 3671, pp. 938- 940 (UGC-Care listed journal).
- “The Role Played by the Cholamandalam- Region Born Alvars in the Promotion of Bhakti Cult in Tamil Nadu”, *Journal of Xi’an University of Architecture and Technology*, (Peer-Reviewed) ISSN No: 1006-7930, Volume, XII, Issue IV, pp 1598-1603. (www.xajzkjdx.cn) (With a co-author).
- “Irrigation System of the Later Pandyas in Tamil Country (c. 1190- 1308 A.D)”, *Research Guru Online Journal of Multi-Disciplinary Subjects* (UGC-Care listed journal), Volume 13, Issue 1, June 2019, ISSN 2349- 266X, pp 923-929.
- “Tribals in Tamil Nadu with Special Reference to Western Ghats: A Study on Socio-Cultural Perspective”, *Literary Endeavour, an International Peer Reviewed Journal* (UGC- Care-listed Journal) Volume IX, Special Issue: 1, July 2018, ISSN 0976-299X, pp316-319. (www. www.literaryendeavour.org)
- “History and Developments of Mandapas in Thirupparakundram Temple”, *Shanlax International Journal of Arts, Science and Humanities*, Volume 5, Special issue 2, Nov 2017, ISSN 2321- 788X, pp 176-178. (With a co-author).
- “Military Exploits and relationship of Maravaman Sundarapandya I (c.1268- 1308 A.D)”, *South Indian History Congress, 38th Annual Session Proceedings*, Organized by Dept of

History, University of Calicut, Kerala, 28-30 January 2018, ISSN 2229- 3671, pp. 246- 248. (ISSN No. 2229-3671)

- “Socio-Economic Conditions of Untouchables- A Study on Medieval Tamil Society (7th– 14th Century A.D)”, Shanlax International Journal of Arts, Science and Humanities, Vol. 2, Special Issue 1, October 2016, (ISSN 2321- 788X), pp. 35- 38.
- “Brahmadeya in the Later Pandya Country” *South Indian History Congress Thirty-fifth Annual Session Proceedings*, Organized by Department of History and Tourism Management, Kakatiya University, Warangal on 20-22 February,2015, (ISSN 2229- 3671), pp. 697- 700.
- “The Role of Artisans under the Rule of the Later Pandyas” *South Indian History Congress Thirty-fourth Annual Session Proceedings*, Organized by Post Graduate & Research Department of History, Veeriyar Vandayar Memorial Sri Pushpam College, Poondi, Thanjavur on 28th Feb, 1st &2nd March 2014, ISSN2229-3671, Pp293-297.
- “The Artisan Community and Crafts Production During the Later Pandyas” *Indian History Congress Seventy-fifth Annual Session Proceedings* (collaborating with JSTOR to digitize), Organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 28-30 December 2014, (ISSN 2249-1937), pp 239-245.
- “Pattern of Land Ownership under the Later Pandyas (1251-1308 AD)’ *South Indian History Congress Thirty-third Annual Session Proceedings*, Organized by Department of History, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on 15th-17th Feb 2013, (ISSN 2229-3671), pp. 424-427.
- “Military Exploits of JatavamanSundarapandya – (c.1251 -1268 A.D.)” *South Indian History Congress Thirty-second Annual Session Proceedings*, Organized by Dept of Modern History, University of Madras, Chennai – 05 on 3rd,4th, and 5th Feb 2012. (ISSN 2229-3671), pp115-117.

Chapters in Edited Books

- “Saiva temples in Kaveri delta region” in *Holistic Tourist Destinations and Inseparable Hospitality*, edited by Dr. P. Raja, Aksharaa Books, An imprint of Aksharaa Muthra Aalayam Pvt. Ltd., ISBN: 978-93-95856-25-6, pp: 75- 86
- “The Medieval Tamil Society and Interpretation of its caste with class formation- A Study”, Edited by Dr. K. Mavalirajan and Dr. V. Palanichamy, *Land and Society in Medieval South India*, Kalpaz Publication, New Delhi,2021. ISBN 9789353243166, pp, 267-277.
- “Agriculture and land revenue policies of the Second Pandyan Empire”, edited by Dr. K. Mavalirajan and Dr. V. Palanichamy, *Land and Society in Medieval South India*, Kalpaz Publication, New Delhi,2021. ISBN 9789353243166, pp, 303-309.

- “Temple and Religious Endowments during the Pandyas”, Edited by Dr. K. Mavalirajan, *Temple and Society in South India*, Kaveri Books, New Delhi, 2016. ISBN978-81-7479-188-7.

Papers Published in Conferences and Seminars

- Published a paper on the topic *Origin of the Tribal development* in a one-day National level Seminar on State, Society and Culture of Tamil Nadu, organized by the PG & Research Dept of History, APA College for Women, Palani, on 25th March 2019, ISBN 9789388398787, pp. 164- 170.
- Published a paper on Caste land and property rights in Medieval Tamil Country (9th- 14th C.A.D.) in the International Conference on *Inter Faith Reflections on Humanism Ecology and Global Harmony*, Organized by Inter Religious Scholars Forum, MKU, 6th March 2018, ISBN 978-93-8656-8-21-2, pp 657-661.
- The role of NGO’s in the upliftment of Kurumbas in the Nilgiris District, published in the proceeding of a two-day ICSSR Sponsored seminar on *Empowerment, Social Justice, Inclusive Development: Issues & Perspectives of Tribal Tamilnadu*, Organized by Dept of History, DDE, MKU, February 2018, ISBN 978-93-5174-212- 2, pp,374-380.
- “*Economic Condition under the rule of Jatavarman Sundara Pandya I (c 1251-1268 A.D.)*” Published at the 43rd Annual Session of All India University Tamil Teachers Association, held at Bangalore Tamil Sangam, Bangalore, on 19th and 20th May 2012, ISBN 789380342573, pp3904- 3908.
- “*Contribution of Jatavarman Sundara Pandya-I to the Development of Religious Institution in the Pandya Country (1251-1268 A.D.)*” Published in the International Seminar on “Literature and Other Disciplines” conducted by TRS Association, School of Tamil Studies, M K U, Madurai -21st, on 22nd Jan 2013. ISBN 978-81- 909097-2-3,pp1327-1330,

Paper Presentation

- Presented a paper on Artisans and Temple Architecture in the Chola Region: A Study of Craftsmanship and Contribution in the two-day international Seminar on Echoes of the Past: Exploring the Regional History and Cultural Legacy of Bankura’ on 18th-19th June 2025 at Government General Degree College, Ranibanth, West Bengal.
- Presented a paper on “*The Traditional Knowledge System of Irula Ethnic Community in Tamil Nadu*”, in a two-day International Seminar on *Resilience and Revival: Tribal Knowledge System and Practices in South India*, organized by the Dept of History, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur on 24 and 25 March 2025.
- Presented a paper on ‘*Trade and Merchants in the Southern Coromandel Region in a one-day national Conference on Past, Present, Future Trends in History and its Sustainable*

Development, organised by the Dept of History, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai on 17th Feb 2025.

- Presented a paper on ‘*Trading Activities of Merchant Capitalists on the Southern Coromandel region*’, 43rd Annual session of the South Indian History Congress, Malabar Christian College, Calicut, on 8th-10th Nov 2025.
- Presented a paper entitled “*Land ownership pattern in Medieval Tamil Country*” in the *Indian History Congress*, 81st session, Madras Christian College, Chennai, on 27-29 Dec. 2022.
- Presented a paper entitled “*Craft Workers and Their Industries in Chola Mandalam*” in 41st Annual sessions of *South Indian History Congress* held at GTN Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul from 26.08.2022 to 28.08.2022.
- Presented a paper entitled “*Saiva temple in Kaveri delta region*” in the ICSSR-sponsored two-day National seminar on “*Pilgrimage Tourism in Kaveri Delta Region*” in the Tourism and Hospitality Management, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur on 2-3 Nov. 2022.
- Presented a paper titled “*Freedom Struggle and Imprisonment Life of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi*”, in the two-day national seminar on “*150th Birth anniversary of Gandhiji: Relevance of Gandian principles in present scenario*” organized by the PG & Research Dept. of History, RajapalayamRajus College, Rajapalayam, Sponsored by ICHR, On 18th & 19th October 2019.
- “*Panchalamkurichi General Sundaralingam as a Freedom Fighter*”, Presented at UGC Sponsored National Seminar Held at Sri S.Ramasamy Naidu Memorial College, Sattur, On 19th, 20th March 2012.
- “*Women’s Education and Mrs. Annie Besant*”, Published in the 16th Annual Session of the Tamil Nadu History Congress, held at the National College, Tiruchirapalli- 1 on 11th October 2009. ISSN 2319- 3808, pp241.

Orientation, Refresher, FDP, and Short-Term Courses Attended

- Participated in the Online STC on Community Engagement in Higher Education from 22.10.2024 to 28.10.2024, organized by the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
- Participated in an online Refresher course in Human Rights from 20th July 2022 to 2nd August 2022, organized by UGC-HRDC, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
- Participated in the online Faculty Induction Programme from 23 February 2021 to March 2021, organized by UGC-HRDC, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
- Participated in an online Faculty Development Programme from 20 August 2020 to 26 August 2020 on Moodle learning management system, organized by Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice, Jodhpur.

Invited Lecture Delivered in Seminar/Conference/College:

- Invited to deliver a sectional presidential Address on '*Origin and Development of Saiva Monasteries in Tamil Nadu*' in the UGC Sponsored national seminar on *Contributions of Saiva Mutts to Culture and Literature in India*, organized by Dharmapuram Addhinam College, Mayiladudhurai, on March 5th and 6th, 2025.
- Invited to Deliver a lecture on "*The Changing Cultural Profile of the Todas Tribes in Nilgiri District of Tamil Nadu*" in the International Seminar on "*The Changing Profile of the Tribal Culture in India*" Organized by Shaldia College, Bankura, West Bengal in collaboration with Mushirabad University, Mushirabad, West Bengal from 26.04.2023 to 27.04.2023.
- Invited to deliver a lecture on *Demographical settlement of Tribes in Nilgiri District of Tamil Nadu*, in an international hybrid conference on *Sustainable Tribal Development*, organized by the Department of History, PSGR College for Women, Coimbatore, on 21 March 2023.
- Invited to deliver a lecture on "*Socio-Cultural perspective of Primitive tribals in Nilgiri District of Tamil Nadu*" organized by Department of History, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thiruppattur, on 11/12/2021.
- Invited to deliver a lecture on "*Indigenous Element of Nilgiri District- A Research Analysis*" in a two-day capability Enhancement program organized by the PG & Research Department of History, APA, College for Women, Palani, on 11/06/2020.

Seminar/Conference/Workshop Organized:

- Organised a two-day international Seminar on "Resilience and Revival: Tribal Knowledge Systems and Practices in South India", on 24th and 25 March 2025.
- Organized a two-day National Seminar on "Contribution of Tamil Nadu to the Indian Freedom Struggle: Focus on Salt Satyagraha" on 27th and 28th March 2024.
- Organized a field trip to Historical places in and around Madurai (Meenakshi Amman Temple, Mangukam, Arittapatti, Kalaignar Centenary Library, and Keeladi) on 7th and 8th August 2023.
- Co-organizer of the Symposium on "Heritage of India" in Collaboration with Heritage Club of CUTN & Temple Survey Project, ASI, Chennai Circle as a part of World Heritage Day Celebration on 18th April 2023.
- Organized a three-day National Workshop on Recent Trends in Historical Research and Publication Ethics for Ph.D. Research scholars and faculty members from 6th to 8th March 2023.
- Organized a field trip to Darasuram, GangaikondaChozhapuram (UNESCO World Heritage sites), Poombuhar, and Tharangampadi on 23.04.2022.

- Convenor of the ICHR-sponsored National Seminar on “Understanding the Cultural Heritage of Tamil Nadu: Focus on Thiruvavur Region” held on 17th & 18th March 2022.
- Organized ICPR-sponsored Three-day National Webinar on Emerging Trends in Indian and Western Philosophy (24-26 Nov 2021) in collaboration with the Department of English Studies to celebrate World Philosophy Day.
- Organized an online special lecture on the History of Disability Rights Movement in India in collaboration with the Department of English Studies to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 22.12.2020 at CUTN.
- Organized a one-day National webinar on “Women in Post-Independent India: Problem of Gender-bias and Prospects of Development” on 11th September 2020 at CUTN.

Workshops/ Participated in Seminars

Workshop

- Department of Political Science & Dept of Public Administration & Political Science, DDE in collaboration with ICSSR, IFP, LISSTAR, IDCR, and ISS, a National Workshop on “*Caste, Hierarchy and Politics of Exclusion in India: Revisiting Louis Dumont*” held at M.K.U, Madurai on 15th and 16th December 2014.
- Participated in the 21-day National Workshop on “*Research Methodology and Historiography*” organized by the Indian Council of Historical Research, Southern Regional Centre, Bangalore, from 11th June to 1st July 2012 at Bangalore.
- Participated in a One Day National Level Workshop on “*Socio-Religious Philosophies of Pragmatism*” Organized by the P.G. & Research Department of History, APA College for Women on 21st March 2012.
- Participated in the Two-day workshop on “*Epigraphy*” organized by the Department of History, Vivekananda College, Tiruvudakam West, on 14th, 15th September 2006.

Participated and Attended Seminars

- Participated in the Inter-Collegiate Seminar on *Iconography*, Organized by the Department of History, Vivekananda College, Tiruvudakam West, on 24th February 2005.
- Participated in a one-day seminar on *Religious Reform Movement in Tamilnadu(19th and 20th Centuries)* organized by the Department of History, Tiruvudakam West on 24th January 2006.
- Participated in the 30th Annual *Session of South Indian History Congress* held under the auspices of the Post Graduate Department of History, Co-operative College Madayi, Kannur on 6, 7, and 8 February 2010.

- Participated in the three-day National Seminar on *Recent Trends in Historical Research* held at School of Historical Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai- 625 021 during 23rd 24th and 25th March 2011.
- Participated in the CICT-sponsored three-day National Seminar on *Agrarian Folk life: From Sangam to Modern Lierature* organized by the Dept of Folklore and Culture Studies, M K U, Madurai, on 6,7, and 8th March 2014.
- Participated in the one-day State Level Seminar on *The Tamil Culture as Gleaned from Archaeology*, organized by the Department of History, G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul on 3rd April 2014.
- Participated in a two-day ICHR-sponsored National Seminar on *Koils in the Vaigai and Tamiraparani Regions* organized by the School of Historical Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai on 29th and 30th January 2015.

Membership of Various Committees/Boards

- Member Board of Studies, Dept. of History, Bon Secours College, Thanjavur.
- Member Board of Studies in History (PG), Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore.

Membership in Professional Bodies:

- Indian History Congress (Annual Member)
- South Indian History Congress (Life member)
- Tamil Nadu History Congress (Annual Member)

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