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EMPLOYMENT:

- Sept 2021 onwards as **Lecturer (English)** at the Department of English, SRR & CVR Govt Degree College, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- Sept 2018 – Sept 2021 as **Lecturer (English)** at the Department of English, Sri Aravinda Sathajayanthi Govt Degree College, Narayanapuram, W.G.Dt, and Andhra Pradesh.
- Oct 2010 – July 2013 as **Soft Skills Trainer** at Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions, Chittoor Dt, Andhra Pradesh.

EDUCATION:

Aug 2013 – Aug 2018	PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) English (Cultural Studies), Department of Cultural Studies, Hyderabad, TS. Thesis Title: <u>Dalits and Christianity: Religious Conversion and Social Change in Colonial Rayalaseema, 1850-1930.</u> Supervisor: Prof. K. Satyanarayana Awarded – Dec 2019
Aug 2008 – Sept 2010	MPhil (Master of Philosophy) English (Cultural Studies), Department of Cultural Studies, Hyderabad, AP. Thesis Title: <u>A Study of Dalit Caste Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh.</u> Supervisor: Prof. Maya Pandit 4.63 (GPA - out of 6) Awarded – Nov 2010
July 2006 – June 2008	MA (Master of Arts) English Department of English Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Rajasthan 60% - First Class
June 2003 – May 2006	BA (Bachelor of Arts) English, History, Economics, Political Science Govt Degree College for Men, Kurnool, AP 60% First Class

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2020. Qualified UGC National Eligibility Test (**NET**) in English for Lectureship.
2017. PhD research grant under the supervision of Prof. Rupa Viswanath in accordance with **DAAD** (German Academic Exchange Service) funded “A New Passage to India”

- visiting fellowship at the Center for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), **George-August-Universitat Gottingen**, Germany (October 2017 to January 2018).
2016. **Charles Wallace** Grant for International Archival Research (May-June 2016).
2016. **AHRC-Network** (UK-funded international Network on “Writing, Analyzing, Translating Dalit Literatures”) Visiting Fellowship (May-June 2016).
2016. **ICSSR** Grant for Data Collection Abroad. 2016 (I did not avail it).
2014. Qualified UGC National Eligibility Test (**NET**) in Women Studies, for Lectureship.
2013. Qualified Andhra Pradesh State Eligibility Test (**SET**) in English, for Lectureship.

PUBLICATIONS:

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

2021. “Dalit Women and Colonial Christianity: First Telugu Bible Women as Teachers of Wisdom” in *[Economic and Political Weekly](#)*, Vol.56 (11), March 13, 2021. Pp.57-63.
2019. “In Search of a Touchable Body: Christian Mission and Dalit Conversions”, in Special Issue in *[Religions](#)* on ‘*Dalits and Religion: Ambiguity, Tension, Diversity and Vitality*’ edited by Cosimo Zene and Meena Dhanda, Vol 10 (644), 2019. Pp.1-14.

Book Chapters

2020. ‘Dalits and the Spectacle of Victimhood in Telugu Cinema’ in a *[Dalit Text: Aesthetics and Politics Re-Imagined](#)* (ed) Judith Misrahi-Barak, K.Satyanarayana and Nicole Thiara, Routledge, 2020. Pp 213-228.

Forthcoming

- “Burning Hunger: The Great Famine, Caste Differences and Social Christianity in Colonial India” (Accepted), ***South Asia Research*** (2022).
- “An Advent of a Modern Christian Womanhood: The Case of Vivekavathi – First Telugu Christian Woman Journal in Colonial India.” (Accepted), ***South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*** (2023).
- “Recovering the Legacy of Nanchari among Telugu-speaking Christians” (Accepted), ***Dalit Studies II***. Eds. by Ramnarayan Rawat, Satyanarayana and Sanal Mohan. Stanford UP (2022).

INVITED LECTURES:

2022. “Career Guidance” invited guest talk to M.A students at the Department of English, **Andhra University, Visakhapatnam** on 14 March 2022.
2021. “Dalit Women and Missionary Christianity: Telugu Bible Women as Teachers of Wisdom” – invited lecture (Online- via Zoom) in IHR Seminar Series organized by **Christian Missions in Global History**, School of Advanced Study, the **University of London** on 27 April 2021.
2019. “Religious Conversions, Colonialism and Historiography and Archival Use.” – invited lecture in Summer Institute of “Theologies of Life: Re-inventing Religion in the context of Systemic Oppression”, by **Collective of Dalit Ecumenical Christian Scholars, Bangalore**, May 18, 2019.

RESOURCE PERSON

2022. Worked as a Master Trainer for five day Trainer of Teachers programme on Business Communication organized by the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education (CCE) from 3rd to 7th of Aug 2022.

TEACHING:

- Teaching British Drama to postgraduate students in sem II from Aug 2022.
- Teaching History of English Language and Literature for Special English graduate students in sem I, & II from 2021.
- Teaching English for graduate students in semesters I, II & III, from 2018 to the present
- Taught Communication and Soft Skills for graduate students in semesters II, III & IV, from 2018 to 2021.
- Teaching Business Communication in Semester II from 2021 to the present.
- Teaching Personality Enhancement and Leadership in Semester III from 2021 to the present.

CONTENT DEVELOPER

- Developed content for the Business Communication Course, assigned by the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education (CCE), Andhra Pradesh.

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS:

International

2020. “Unsung Hero: Nanchari and Anti-Caste Social Movement in South Asia.” *Exploring Christianity in Asia, German-Iranian Summer School (11 weeks online)*, sponsored by **DAAD - Ferdowsi University of Mashhad**, Oct 12-Dec 24, 2020.
2019. “As Dalits Speak for Themselves: Religious Conversion as a Socio-Spiritual Experience.” *Fifth International Conference on the Unfinished Legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, New York, USA*. Oct 24-26, 2019. (**Via Skype**).
2017. “Famine, the Famished and the ‘Fraternity’ of the Mission: Untouchables and Christian Missionaries’ Intervention in Colonial South India.” *Workshop on Famine Stories and Survival Legends: Legacies to the Following Generations, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden*. Sep 27-30, 2017.
2017. “Tilling the Ground: Dalits responses to British Christian Missions in 19th Century Andhra Pradesh.” *Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Victoria, BC, Canada*. Mar 3-5, 2017. (**Via Skype**).
2017. “Missionary Knowledge and Dalit Social History: Records on Rayalaseema in the Archives of the London Missionary Society.” *Workshop on Mapping Entanglements: Dynamics of Missionary Knowledge and “Materialities” across Space and Time (16th-20th centuries), German Historical Institute, Washington DC, USA*. Feb 10-11, 2017.

National

2019. "Transforming the Untouchable Body: Christian Missions and Dalit Conversions." *National Conference on Religion in Cultural and Comparative Perspectives*, **University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana**, Feb 26-28, 2019.
2016. "Conversion and Its Impact: A Study of Dalits Conversion to Christianity." *International Conference on Pluralism and Multiculturalism in teaching & Research of English Language and Literatures*, **VIT University, Vellore, Tamilnadu**. April 15-16, 2016.
2016. "Ambedkar's Theory of Religion and Conversion." *National Seminar on Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and the Making of Modern India*, **Acharya Nagarjuna University, Andhra Pradesh**. March 19-20, 2016.
2016. "Role of the Religion in shaping the Culture and Identity of the Dalits." *National Seminar on Re-interpretation of the Past: The Discourse of Cultural Identity in South Asia*, **NEHU, Shillong**. March 17-18, 2016.
2015. "Dalits and Conversion to Christianity in Colonial Rayalaseema, 1822-1950." *International Conference-Cum-Workshop in ELT, Literature & Cultural Studies*, **Vidyamandir College, Perumba, Kerala**. Dec 28-30, 2015.
2015. "Caste and Gender: Portrayal of Dalit Persona in Telugu Cinema." *International Seminar on Cast(e)ing Gender in Dalit Literature*, **Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune**. Dec 14-15, 2015.
2015. "India's Daughter: A Terrain of Struggle of Culture and Representation." *International Conference on Landmarks in Indian & World Literature*, by Indian Society for Commonwealth Studies in collaboration with **Osmania University, Hyderabad**. Nov 26-28, 2015.
2015. "Representation of Conversion in Telugu Literature." *International Interdisciplinary Conference on Language, Literature, Cultural Studies and Knowledge Resources*, **Vignana's University, Andhra Pradesh**. Feb 5-6, 2015.
2014. "Representation of Prostitutes and Prostitution in Recent Telugu Cinema." *National Seminar on Dialectics of Language & Literature*, **Vikrama Simhapuri University, Andhra Pradesh**. Nov 3-4, 2014.

CONFERENCES, SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATED:

2020. **German – Iranian Summer School** on *Exploring Christianity in Asia* (11 weeks online), DAAD - Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Oct 12-Dec 24, 2020.
2020. Seven Day **International Online Workshop** on *Sensing the Past: Thematic Departures and 'Archival' Searches*, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kerala, 30th Sept – 31st Oct, 2020.
2019. **Summer Institute** of "*Theologies of Life: Re-inventing Religion in the context of Systemic Oppression*", by Collective of Dalit Ecumenical Christian Scholars, Bangalore, May 15-25, 2019.
2018. **International workshop** of "*Global Southern Epistemologies*" University of Birmingham, UK and EFL University, India. Dec 2018.
2016. **International Seminar cum Workshop** on "*Researching and Writing Colonial Cultural History: London and India in the 19th Century*." Dept. of English, University of Hyderabad. Feb 2016.
2014. "*Research Methodology*." Dept. of Communication, University of Hyderabad. Sep 2014.

2014. **National Conference** on “*Understanding Emancipation Today: Theory, Philosophy, and Politics.*” Dept. of Cultural Studies, English and Foreign Languages University. Feb 2014.
2008. **International Conference** on “*Performing the Post-Colonial: Imaging/Imagining India through Film, Theatre, Music and Dance.*” Dept. of English, Mohanlal Sukhadia University. Jan 2008.

COORDINATOR:

2022. Organized one-day International Webinar (with speakers from Mexico, Saudi Arabia and India) on *Research Methodologies of Contemporary Times: Exploring English Language, Literature and Teaching* on 5th Feb 2022, held by the department of English, SRR & CVR Govt Degree College, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Assisted in identifying speakers, theme, fund mobilization, and coordinating logistics of the webinar.
2020. Organized one-day International Webinar (with speakers from USA, Saudi Arabia and India) on *Contemporary Research Trends in Language, Literature and Interdisciplinary Studies* on 27th June 2020, held by the department of English, Sri Aravinda Sathajayanthi Govt Degree College, West Godavari Dist, Andhra Pradesh.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT:

2014. Research Assistant for the **TISS**-Research council funded project on “*Compilation of Theoretical Debates on Caste and Gender in Telugu*” for Prof. K. Satyanarayana, Dr. Uma Bhrugubanda, EFL University, Hyderabad and Dr. M. Murali Krishna, TISS-Hyderabad, from Aug 2014 to July 2015.

REFRESHER COURSE /FACULTY INDUCTION/SWAYAM/ FDPs:

2022. Attended UGC Sponsored **Faculty Induction Programme**, organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Andhra University, from Feb 16th to March 15th, 2022, obtained ‘A+’ grade.
2020. Attended ‘Multi-Disciplinary **Refresher Course** in Environmental Sciences,’ UGC sponsored and organized by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Andhra University, from 21 Sept to 4th Oct, 2020, obtained ‘A’ grade.
2020. Participated in 5-day **Faculty Development Programme (FDP)** in English, organized by Commissionerate of Collegiate Education (CCE) from 31st Aug to 04th Sep, 2020.
2020. Participated in a one-week online **FDP** on *Literary Criticism* organized by Tiruvalluvar University, Kallakurichi, Tamilnadu, from 30th July to 5th August, 2020.
2020. Participated in 5-day **FDP** in *Learning Management System (LMS) video and Pedagogy*, organized by CCE from 3rd Aug to 7th Aug, 2020.
2019. I did **Swayam Online ARPIT Course** in *English Language Teaching*, from Sept 2019 to Feb 2020, and obtained ‘B’ grade.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

- **Academic Coordinator** at Sri Aravinda Sathajayanthi Govt Degree College (SAS GDC)-Narayanapuram from 2018 to 2021
- **JKC Coordinator** at SAS GDC-Narayanapuram from 2019 to 2021

- **English Club Coordinator** at SAS GDC-Narayanapuram from 2018 to 2021
- **Career Guidance Cell Coordinator** at SAS GDC-Narayanapuram from 2019 to 2021
- **College News Letter** Coordinator from January 2021 to Sept 2021 and from June 2022

REFERENCES:

1. Prof. K.Satyanarayana
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2. Prof. Robert Eric Frykenberg
Emeritus of History & South Asian
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3. Dr. Ramnarayan Rawat
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