

Bio-note Prof. N. Manimekalai

Founder Director, Department of Women's Studies(Retd), Bharathidasan University, (BDU) Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu India, nmanimekalai@gmail.com 9443923839, specialized in Industrial Economics, Gender, Entrepreneurship, livelihood needs, skill, and capacity building of women, and Intersectionality with 35 Years of Teaching & Research Experience in MIDS and BDU in Economics, Management Studies, Women's/Gender Studies

Served in various capacities as Dean of Arts, Senate Member, Chair, BoS, Chair of World Class Curriculum Development of Social Sciences, Chair, World Class Curriculum Development Social Sciences, Research Committee, IQAC, Co-Ordinator, RUSA Social Sciences, Coordinator, Resource Mobilization Indian Social Science Congress, Member Academic Council, Management/Governing Council-BDU affiliated colleges, Advisory Committee Member in NSS BDU, Anna University, UGC Centre for Women's Studies, Member Faculty Recruitment, Promotion, Internal Complaints Committee at the State and National Levels.

Member of UGC, National Commission for Women in Major Research Project Selection ; Consultative member for National Policy for Women 2016, TN State Policy for Women 2020, and TN Child Rights Policy.

As Founder Director, introduced M.A, M.Phil, MSc. Fashion Technology, Diploma, PG Diploma, Ceicate & Ph.D. and Instrumental in incorporating Foundation Course on Gender Studies to all UG programs in BDU

17 Ph. Ds got awarded, and eight others are working- Economics, Women's Studies, and Management Disciplines, guided 50 M.Phil. candidates in BDU, Mother Teresa, and Karunya Universities.

Completed More than 20 Major Research Projects and 30 Minor Research Projects with International, National, and State Level Funding and contributed to Policy Research on issues of the Marginalized with the funding from UNICEF, UNDE-CSR, Asia Foundation-NIT, Ford Foundation-CWDS, US Aid, EU GENIE TREC_STEP, UGC, ICSSR, DST NRDC, NABARD, MHRD, MoRD, MoT, EDII, SSA, Tamil Nadu Nutritious and Social Welfare, IIHS, ChargeBee Technologies, Canara Bank, BHEL, Punjab National Bank, IIFS-CDI,etc.

Trained & placed more than 1000 Rural Youth in employment with Skill & Capacity Building Centre. Organized more than 100 Workshops on Capacity Building Programs, Gender Sensitization Training, etc, and conducted more than 20 Short Term Programs, FDPs, Refresher Courses, etc.

Undertook more than 50 Action Research Projects and introduced women entrepreneurs in Auto, taxi, Lorry, Bus driving, Engineering and Fabrication, innovative marketing of SHG products at the Educational institution campuses, Masonry training for women, transgender, etc.

Published more than 100 Research papers in referred journals, chapters in books, and review articles, in Economics, Women's Studies, and Management Studies.

Published one book with Academic Press Washington DC, two text Books in Gender Studies, a handbook on Menstrual Hygiene Management, a Training Manual for Gender Sensitization, Menstrual Hygiene Management, etc. Delivered more than 500 invited lectures on National and International invitations and visited overseas including Spain, France, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Nepal etc. Collaborated and networked with more than 100 organizations at National and International levels.

Founded institutions say the Women Entrepreneurs Association of Tamil Nadu (WEAT) Menstrual Hygiene Management Consortium (MHMC), Regional Association for Women's Studies (RAWS) Instituted Gender Clubs, Annual Women's Day Awards, Family Counselling Centre (FACC) , Centre for Skill and Capacity Building, etc. Focus on Student centric & empowering the marginalized, instituted Student Aid Fund, Raise CSR Scholarship support the students in need. Elected by Indian Association for Women's Studies for 3 consecutive terms as Office Bearer & EC member, Secretary RAWs, Treasurer, Indian Association of Life Skills Education, & Indian Society of Victimology.

