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EDUCATION

UGC NET in Women's Studies| University Grants Commission| 2012

Master of Arts in Women's Studies | Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai | 2012

- Thesis: Endosulfan ,Women's Health and Livelihoods: A study of socio economic impacts of pesticide use in Kasargod, Kerala. Distinction: Adjudged "Best Thesis" for its sensitive effort to explore the lives of women who have been subjected to exposure to the environmental toxin Endosulfan, and its gendered impact on reproductive health and socio-economic survival.

B.A History Hons | St. Stephen's College, Delhi University| 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- John, Y. V., & Kuruvilla, M. (2021). "The Plight of Migrant Women Workers of India During COVID-19: Looking at 'Ghar Wapsi' Through a Gender Lens." In I. George & M. Kuruvilla (Eds.), Gendered Experiences of COVID-19 in India (pp. 117–143). Palgrave Macmillan.
- Core Focus: Investigated the intersectional vulnerabilities and socio-economic displacement of female migrant workers during the "Ghar Wapsi" (return home) phenomenon, highlighting the breakdown of gender-sensitive social safety nets.
- John, Y. V. (2020). "Endosulfan ,Women's Health and Livelihoods: A study of socio economic impacts of pesticide use in Kasargod, Kerala." In Crimes Against Women:Technology and Crime Against Women. ISBN: 978-93-5407-091-4.
- Developed from Master's research at TISS and presented at a UGC-supported National Seminar.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- John, Y. V., & Jose, P.C. (2025). "Leveraging Technology – Effects of Wearable Devices on Women in Kerala: Insights from a Mixed Method Study.” Presented at

International Conference on Gender and Technology (ICGT). IEEE Xplore Digital Library.

- Core Focus: A mixed-methods evaluation of the socio-technical landscape in Kerala, providing evidence on how wearable health technology serves as a catalyst for digital health agency and increased productivity among women, while identifying a critical gap between consumer-led adoption and formal healthcare integration.
- John, Y. V., & Kuruvilla, M. (2022). "Are the Dispossessed More Battered?" *Journal of International Women's Studies*, 23(6), 9.
- Core Focus: Demonstrated the critical link between lack of asset ownership and the inability of women to escape or recuperate from domestic violence in Kerala.
- John, Y. V. (2021). "Effective Property Rights: A Pathway to Gender Equality and Empowerment." *Educreator Research Journal*, Vol. 8(5). ISSN: P-2455-0515, E-2394-8450.
- Core Focus: A comprehensive review of legal frameworks and socio-economic outcomes, gathering evidence on how property rights act as a fundamental catalyst for female agency.

INVITED TALKS/ RESOURCE PERSON

- Resource Person, National Seminar on "Crime against Women: Technology and Crime against Women," organized by St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, in support of the National Commission for Women, January 13–14, 2020.
 - Resource Person, Webinar on "Women and Gender Crisis in Covid 19," organized by the Women's Cell of Pazhassiraja College, Pulpally, Wayanad, September 30, 2020.
 - Resource Person, Webinar on "Understanding Gender during Covid 19," organized by the Women's Cell of Ideal International Institute of Education, Tavannur, Kadakkasery, 2020.
- Guest Speaker, Seminar on "Gender and Climate Change" for the National Conference on Climate Education organised by Bring Back Green Initiative, 2020
- Guest Speaker, Seminar on "Rights Equality Empowerment: Women in STEM" for the Students of Women Cell, St. Xavier's College for Women, Aluva, under the

aim to "Accelerate Action" for Youth (Leadership of YWCA Aluva), March 12, 2025.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND ACADEMIC PARTICIPATION

International Conferences

- Presenter, "Leveraging Technology - Effects of Wearable Devices on Women in Kerala: Insights From a Mixed Method Study," International Conference on Gender and Technology 2025, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri Campus, January 16–19, 2025.
- Presenter, "Are the Dispossessed More Battered?" 7th World Conference on Women's Studies 2021: Transnational Feminisms, organized by The International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM), May 20–22, 2021.
- Presenter, "Effective Property Rights: A Pathway to Gender Equality and Empowerment," Two-Day Online International Conference on Gender Mainstreaming: Global Perspectives, hosted by Bombay Teachers' Training College, Mumbai, February 2–3, 2021.
- Presenter, "Christian Women's Perceptions on Property Ownership in Kerala: Looking Back and Looking Ahead," Two-Day International Virtual Conference on Gender Gap and Sustainable Development Goals, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, October 29–30, 2021.

National Seminars & Workshops

- Presenter, "The Relevance of Ecofeminism with a Specific Case Study of Endosulfan Use in Kasargod," Two-Day National Seminar on Crime against Women: Technology and Crime against Women, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery (Sponsored by National Commission for Women), January 13–14, 2020.
- Participant, "Two-Day Virtual Conference on Women Migrant Workers: Issues and Challenges," organized by Dhruti, Centre for Women's Studies, St. Ann's College for Women, Hyderabad (Sponsored by National Commission for Women), October 14-15, 2020.
- Participant, "Seven Day Course on Gender and Development" organised by BECH, Bharatidasan University, 2020.
- Participant, "Two Credit Course on Research and Publication Ethics" jointly organized by University of Calicut and St Thomas College (Autonomous) Thrissur September 8-October 16, 2021.
- Participant, "7-Day International Workshop on Qualitative, Mixed and Participatory Methods in Research," Department of Women's Studies, University of Calicut, February 24 - March 5, 2022.

- Participant, "Feminist Research Methodology Workshop," Kerala Institute for Gender Equity (KIGE) and Dakshayani Velayudhan Centre for Women's Studies (DVCWS), Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, December 15–19, 2025.
- Participant, "One-Day National Workshop on Finding Your Voice: Research Themes and Academic Publishing in Women's Studies," Women's Studies Centre, CUSAT, February 4, 2026.

PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PhD Researcher in Women's Studies | University of Calicut | Expected by 2026-27

- Thesis: Women's Perceptions of Empowerment through Effective Property Rights.
- Key Coursework: Feminist Research Methodology, Gender and Ownership Rights, Feminist Theory.
- Field research involving Women Protection Officers in One-Stop Centres within Kerala to evaluate the implementation of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (2005) in relation to property restoration in 2022. (Previously detailed).
- Field Research on Leveraging Technology: Effects of Wearable Devices on Women in Kerala (2024). Investigated the adoption of wearable health technology (smartwatches/fitness trackers) among women in Kerala, focusing on health-seeking behaviour, data privacy perceptions, and the digital gender divide.
- Impact: Identified how wearable technology can empower women with health autonomy while also highlighting the barriers to digital literacy and access.

Programme Officer, The M-East Ward Transformation Project | TISS, Mumbai | 2012 – 2013

- Project Context: Targeted Mumbai's M-East Ward, documented as having the lowest Human Development Index (HDI) in the city.
- Core Contributions: Contributed to implementation of Participatory Micro-level Planning for the "M-Ward Transformation Project," focusing on sanitation, housing, and social security.
- Coordinated community outreach in Govandi and Mankhurd, bridging the gap between municipal authorities and the urban poor.

- Designed and facilitated capacity-building workshops for local women's collectives to enhance their bargaining power with state agencies.
- Analysed large-scale primary data sets to inform the "M-Ward Human Development Report published by Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

HONOURS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship | Indian Council of Social Science Research |2023-24
Awarded a highly competitive national-level fellowship for doctoral research in the social sciences.
- ASPIRE Scholarship/Fellowship | Government of Kerala (Department of Higher Education) |2022
Selected for the state-level research excellence award to support fieldwork and data collection.
- Best Thesis Award for M.A Thesis| Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai | 2012

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Research: Participatory Action Research, Thematic Analysis, Ethnographic Interviewing, Case Study Methodology.

- Languages: English (Professional Proficiency), Malayalam (Native) Hindi (Professional Proficiency), Tamil (Spoken Skills).

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Student Coordinator for International Workshop on Qualitative, Mixed and Participatory Methods in Research organised by Department of Women's Studies, University of Calicut, 2022.

Moderated a session at the 2nd Police Science Congress on Cyber Crimes against Women, held under the auspices of University of Calicut , October 2020

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Life Member, Indian Association of Women's Studies