M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D. (Peace Studies)

Dean of Academics

Gandhi Research Foundation

Gandhi Teerth, Jain Hill, Jalgaon

#### **PROFILE**

#### Positions Held Dean of Academics. Gandhi Research Foundation 2016-2014-16 Senior Fellow; Head, Academics, Gandhi Research Foundation 2013-19 Founder Trustee, Reflection Publications, Madurai, a subsidiary of Dhan Foundation, a women initiative for Rural Transformation 2013-14 Consultant- Problem Solving and Negotiation, Dhan Foundation, Madurai 2003-12 Director, India Peace Centre, Nagpur 2000-01 Consultant, Assignment- Market Networking for Micro Producers, Dhan Foundation 1999-00 Consultant, Assignment-Ethical input for SHG culture building, Dhan Foundation 1995-03 Founder Member- 'Friends of Commune' (An experiment on land based joint living. Four nuclear families came together to have common property, common economy and common kitchen. This experiment was done primarily to understand the strength of 'Collective Living')

## Qualification

Academic : M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D; PG Diploma in Gandhian Thought

Studies : B.Sc., (Zoology), M K University, Madurai, TN (1987)

: M.Sc., (Peace Making), M K University, Madurai, TN

(University Gold Medallist), (1989)

: M.Phil., (Peace Research), Peace Research Centre, Gujarat

Vidyapith, Ahmedabad (1991) (on Peace Brigade)

: Ph.D (Peace Research ), Peace Research Centre, Gujarat

Vidyapith, Ahmedabad (1996) (on Social Conflict)

## Field of Interest & Specialization

Conflict : Transforming Conflict into Creative Experience
Non-violence : Principles of Nonviolence- practice and precepts

Peace : Perspectives and Practice of interpersonal, socio- economic and

Ecological peace.

Dialogue : Eight module methodology for inclusive dialogue

Complementary Economy: for equitable economic justice Gandhian Satyagraha: Dalit liberation, Collective living

#### **Books Published**

- 1. Peace and Confict Management, (co edited with Prof. John Zachariah) 2016
- 2. Dealing With Conflict: Conflict workshop manual, India Peace Centre, Nagpur, 2010
- 3. Teaching Dossier on Peace Education, India Peace Centre, Nagpur, 2009
- 4. Third Generation Dalit Liberation: Stratified Approach for gearing up the liberation process, India Peace Centre, Nagpur, 2008
- 5. Self-sustaining Economic Zone: A complementary economic model for equitable economic justice, India Peace Centre, Nagpur, 2006
- 6. Humane Response to Water Crisis, India Peace Centre, Nagpur (Edited), 2005

# Study reports Presented

- 1. Civil Liability For Nuclear Damage Bill 2010: Nagpur Recommendation, Sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology July 08, 2010
- 2. Peace in Manipur: Challenges and Hope, Presented to the DSSS., Manipur, Nov. 21-23, 2007
- 3. Kashmir Issue: Scope for Peace, National Symposium on 'Building Peace' Nov. 09-11, 2005, NCCI and IPC, Nagpur

## Major Papers Written

- 1. Seamless Religion: An experience in the life of M K Gandhi. The Other in My Religion, Ed. Subhash Anand, Udashin Ashram, Ramanreti, 2019 (in print)
- Individual and Society: a non-dualistic dual relationship. Enhancing Our Home, Rereading and Re-living Gandhian Thought, Ed. Puthenpurachal, ACPI, Bengaluru, (2016) pp. 173-191
- 3. Event Horizon and Poverty Line, People's Reporter (Eng), Mumbai, Dec.2011
- 4. Globalization and Culture: Harmony Issues, Sarvodayam (English) Nov. 2011
- 5. Symbiotic Living: Impact of Lifestyle on Ecology (IGS national Seminar Oct 2009)
- 6. Life Style Hazard: An Ecological Examination of Human Endeavor, Sarvodaya Talisman (Eng Bimonthly), Maduarai, May-June 2009
- 7. Peace Through Confliction, NCCI Review (Eng Monthly), Nagpur Aug 2004
  - 8. Articles : 44 Published, 77 Presented in Conference
  - 9. Features written for Times of India, Deccan Herald, Hitavada, people's Reporter, Sarvodaya, Samarasam etc.

# Professional experience and performance

- 1. Organized 69 workshops on 'Dealing With Conflict' (Mostly Three-Day workshops average 24 Participants); 9 of them exclusively for international participants;
- 2. Organized 3 International Training Programme (Two Camps and one Training);
- 3. Organized two Dialogues between Kashmiri Pundits (Hindus) and Muslim Leaders;
- 4. Organized over 200 Public Discussions on national and International Issues concerning Peace and Harmony in the sectors of economy (poverty and employment) social (justice and equality issue) and political (democratic, socialistic and secular issues);
- 5. Concept paper on Self Sustaining Economic Zone (Optimized Economic Model for Equitable Economic Justice)
- 6. Evolved an eight-module methodology for 'Dialogue of Life';

- 7. Prepared a vision paper 'Third Generation Dalit Liberation' to streamline the future course of struggle for justice carried out by the oppressed people of India (Dalit) from confrontation to construction:
- 8. Formulation of Teaching Dossier on Peace Education;
- 9. One fact finding and reporting on a 'Terror Attack';
- 10. Three study visits to strife torn zones of India and reporting with pragmatic approach for peace (Jammu Kashmir; Manipur and Kandammal-Orissa all in India)
- 11. One study paper on third gender;
- 12. Drafting the Nagpur Recommendation for Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Bill 2010;
- 13. Initiated PG Diploma in Gandhian Social Work at GRF, Jalgaon and later PG Diploma in Sustainable Rural Reconstruction;
- 14. Manual designing for Conflict Management and Peace Building 2 Credit Course for Don Bosco Institute of Post-Graduation Studies and Research Goa, India (2012);
- 15. Preparing Course Component\* on 'Conflict Transformation' for the International Residential four months course on 'Gandhian Nonviolence' offered by Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, India (\* one of the Units of the Syllabus) (2011);
- 16. Preparing the Course Component Unit II on 'Conflict Resolution' for Lumen International Peace Institute, Kochi, 2018;
- 17. Prepared the concept/content paper for the School of Sustainable Rural Transformation, with ten specializations, for the proposed Dr. Bhavarlal Water University;
- 18. Led the GRF team on 'Research and Content Development' for the Gandhi exhibition entitled 'Path of the Fearless'. The exhibition containing 145 panels and spread over 24000 Sqft. was presented on the occasion of 'Gandhi Going Global, New Jersey, USA during May 24 26, 2019;
- 19. Working on a unique model of Collective Dairy Farm (of 25 families);
- 20. Introduced 'Peace Walk' a unique experience into exploring the integral relationship between 'self' and the rest.

## Contribution to International Conferences and Gatherings

- 1. On World Religions, WCC Dialogue, Geneva, 2004
- 2. Small Arms Reduction Conference, 2007 (Chiang Mai)
- 3. Small Arm Reduction II 2012 (Bankok)
- 4. Peace in South Asia 1993 (Colombo)
- 5. Peace in South Asia 2003, (Colombo)
- 6. Peace and Dialogue 2016 (Colombo)
- 7. Gandhi Going Global, 2019 (New Jersey)
- 8. Conflict Transformation workshop, 2019 (CETYS University, En Senada, Mexico)

### Satisfaction

- 1. Commune experiment (on joint living) the most fascinating period of my life;
- 2. Transforming India Peace Centre into a platform for ideological and faith convergence;

- 3. Building a network of over three hundred serious thinkers and activists, quite a sum of them youngsters in Nagpur who constantly meet at IPC for sharing ideas and deliberation;
- 4. Set of six concept / study papers prepared in this period;
- 5. Conflict workshops, and Peace Trainings conducted across the country;
- 6. Symbiotic Peace curriculum formulated;
- 7. 'Peace Walk' designed and conducted;
- 8. Contented family life.

## Personal Detail

• Name : D John Chelladurai

• Sex : Male

• Age : 54, 17 11 1966

Place of Birth : Cheran Maha Devi, Thirunelveli Dt. TN,

India - 627 414

Marital Status : Married, one daughter (Ameeta)

Spouse' Name : K Rajeswari, M.A.(Pol Sc.), M.A.(Pol Sc.)

Languages Known
 Tamil English, and Hindi;
 Marathi (understand)

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