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Education & Training:

B.A. Social Sciences  
Community Health and Midwifery  
Diploma in Community Development  
Diploma in Strategic Development - Boston, USA.  
Trained in Street Theatre - By Badal Sircar  
Trained in Playback Theatre - Perth, Australia.

Occupation: Social Work

Present position: Founder Secretary of SWATE: Society of Women in Action for Total Empowerment.

Participant in International Conferences:

1. Fourth International Women Conference - Beijing, China 1995
2. 6th International Playback Theatre Conference - Perth, Australia 1997
3. 7th International Playback Theatre Conference - York, UK 2000
4. 8th International Playback Theatre Conference – Japan 2003

Participant in International Campaigns:

1. World March of Women 2000 against Poverty and Violence - European March 2000-Brussels
2. Lenten campaign - France 2001
3. Education programmes in Belgium - on North South relationships and campaigns
4. Sustainable Development in the context of Globalization - China 2000
5. International Conference on Least Developed Countries - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - 2001
6. Lenten campaign - France 2006
7. Conducted workshop Sustainable development and environment in the International colloquium on Populorum Progressio +40

National Campaigns:

1. Campaign Against Sex Selective Abortions
2. Lobby for 33% reservation for women in the Parliament.
3. Campaign Against Torture - State Committee member.

Initiator of organisations/Movements:

1. Swate Pengal Iyakkam - SWATE
2. Tamil Nadu Anti Liquor Movement (TALM)
3. Women Movement Against Poverty and Violence - Tamil Nadu (Women MAPOVI-TN)
4. Playback Theatre in India
5. Federation for Protection of Water and Livelihood Resources (FPWLR)

Been Convener of:

1. Tamil Nadu People's Forum for Social Development - TNPFS
2. Study on prevalence of poverty among women in the context of Globalization in Tamil Nadu.
3. Co-convener: Campaign for Food security and livelihood rights - Tamil Nadu
4. National Coordination Committee member WSF 2004

Currently:

5. Convener: Women MAPOVI-TN. Women Movement against Poverty and Violence - Tamil Nadu.
6. State Core Committee Member of National Alliance of Women - NAWO
7. National Coordination Committee member in the World March of Women - WMW.
8. International Board Member in IPTN - International Playback Theatre Network

Awards received:

1. Premier Awardee of Florence Nightingale - By medicos Dul Mundo, Spain
2. Eminent women activist award - By Barathidasan University, Trichy
3. Human Rights activist award by - People's Watch, TN