

Dr. Kalyani Vallath

Author, Mentor and Trainer

Founder-Director and principal facilitator at TES, Trivandrum, since its inception in 1998. Specializing in coaching for competitive exams, teacher training, editing services, research consultancy, communication and corporate training.

Dynamic and accomplished professional, I am an author, trainer and mentor with a strong background in Educational Facilitation and Training, ensuring to create an engaging and impactful learning environment. Adept at Interpersonal Skills Enhancement, promoting effective communication and collaboration. Dedicated to fostering the development and engagement of employees, cultivating teams that are both motivated and skilled. Furthermore, I possess a skill set that includes proficiency in communication and composition, enabling me to excel in facilitating impactful interactions and creating compelling written communications. My dedication lies in empowering individuals and organizations through comprehensive educational strategies and the development of interpersonal skills.

Academic Qualifications

- Conducted research at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, from 2003 to 2004, supported by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Doctoral Research Fellowship, and awarded the Ph.D. degree in 2008 by the University of Kerala, Trivandrum. Topic: "Modes of Denial and Gratification in Children's Cinema".
- Successfully cleared the UGC NET with JRF in December 1999.
- Achieved a First Class (72% marks) in M.A. in English Language and Literature in 1998 from the Institute of English, University of Kerala.

Awards and Distinctions

- Honoured as a distinguished Women Entrepreneur by the Allama Iqbal Institute of Management, Peringammala, during the 'Entrepresario' event hosted at Vakkom Moulavi Foundation, Trivandrum, on January 11, 2016.
- Received the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) Doctoral Research Fellowship for the academic year 2003-2004.
- Granted the Ministry for Human Resource Development Scholarship by the Government of India for Postgraduate Studies.
- Attained the UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) with NET in December 1999.
- Achieved the first rank in BA English Language and Literature from the University of Kerala.
- Received numerous state-level and national-level accolades in literary competitions during school and college.

Professional Experience

- Organized the 3-Day Women of Kerala Fest from March 6 to March 8, 2020, at Kalangan, Trivandrum.
- Served as a Member of the Board of Studies:
 - At Modern College, Pune, Maharashtra.
 - At Kaveri Autonomous College for Women, Trichy.
 - At St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam, Kerala.
- Serving as Faculty for the Certificate Programme in Copy Editing and Proofreading since August 14, 2019, at Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala.
- Organized and served as the chief resource person at one-day and three-day Orientation Workshops on Western Intellectual History conducted by TES at over 100 colleges throughout India from 2005 to the present.
- Directed the Young Communicators Club (YCC), Kerala Chapter, under the Public Relations Council of India from July 2016 to July 2018, focusing on nurturing communication and leadership skills in young individuals.
- Held the position of Vice President at the International Federation for Professional Trainers (IFPT), Kerala, from February 2017 to February 2018.
- Founded Ace of Clubs, a gaming club for English literature professionals, in 2016, exploring the applications of gaming and gamification in higher education.
- Established the NGO, E-ProF, in 2015, dedicated to providing training to graduates and postgraduates of English literature for various academic and non-academic professions.
- Acted as Guest Faculty for postgraduate classes at the Institute of Distance Education, University of Kerala, from 2004 to 2012.
- Edited publications for UNESCO, WHO, and the World Bank, including "Heal Women, Heal India: Empowering Women with Traditional Wisdom" (2007).
- Serving as a member of the Editorial Board for Littcrit: An Indian Response to Literature since 2006, an academic journal with international readership established in 1975.
- Assisted and collaborated with Dr. Ayyappa Paniker, a renowned Indian poet, critic, and academic for the following:
 - In 1998-2000 on an Indira Gandhi Fellowship Project on Indian Narratology.
 - Between 1998-2000 on the translation of The Complete Works of Shakespeare into Malayam, published by DC Books.
 - The revision of the Encyclopaedia of Indian Literature, a Kendra Sahitya Akademi project, from 2000 until his death in 2006.
- Established the Trivandrum Literary Supplement, a literary magazine for students and scholars, with the ISSN 2454-8227 and Registration No. KERENG/2015/60835.

- Served as Visiting Faculty for Communication and Life Skills Development and Corporate Training at various management institutes, companies, and corporations in India and abroad.
- Held the position of Guest Faculty at government institutions such as BSNL, Institute of Management in Government (IMG), Police Training College, Trivandrum, and IIT (Madras).
- Contributed 25 hours as Faculty for the NET Coaching Programme at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, Calicut.
- Facilitated over 100 seminars and workshops across India.

Seminars and Workshops of 2023

- Conducted a 1-day seminar on 'Why Read Cultural Studies?' at Fatima Mata National College, Kollam, on September 15, 2023.
- Organised 2-day NET Orientation program at Amritha University, Kochi, on September 7 and 8, 2023.
- In collaboration with The Hindu Newspaper, held workshops on the theme Creative Writing in the following places: -
 - At Victoria College, Palakadu, on November 14, 2023.
 - At MES College, Perunthalmanna, on November 8, 2023.
 - At CMS College, Kottayam, on November 2, 2023.
 - At Bharata Matha College, Ernakulam, on October 12, 2023.

Academic Presentations

- Conducted a 3-hour lecture on 'Diverse Career Options after BA English Literature' on January 30, 2020, at the Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod.
- Participated in a plenary session on 'Teacher as Leader: Towards a Fluid Classroom' on November 22, 2019, at the University of Kerala International Conference on Teaching English in the Post-method Era.
- Delivered a key-note presentation on 'There was Once a Future: Reimagining the Everyday Post-human' on November 21, 2019, at the International Seminar on Literature and Post-humanism organized by the Department of English, University College, Trivandrum.
- Discussed 'Women's Leadership in Education: An Action Research Project' on November 19, 2019, at Dau Dayal Mahila PG College, Firozabad, UP.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Feminisms' during a Literary Theory Seminar held by the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala, on October 26, 2019.
- Presented a lecture on 'Diverse Career Options for Students of English Literature' on October 10, 2019, at VTM NSS College, Dhanuvachapuram, Trivandrum.

- Delivered an instructional session on Academic Writing at a Three-day National Workshop on April 11, 2019, organized by the Research & Development Cell, Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala.
- Led a plenary session on Experiential Learning at the Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights on March 18, 2019, at St. Cyril's College, Adoor.
- Contributed to a plenary session on 'Futuristic Practices in Teaching English Literature' at The MESMAC International Conferences on People First? Man, Machine & Milieu on January 16, 2019, at MES Mampad College, Malappuram.
- Participated in The Young Intellectuals' Lecture Series on October 4, 2018, at The International Colloquium on Literature, Theory, and the History of Ideas, MSM College, Kayamkulam.
- Delivered a paper on 'Social Empowerment through EDUpreneurship: An Action Research Project' on August 1, 2018, at the Oxford Women's Leadership Symposium, Somerville College, Oxford, UK.
- Presented a paper on 'Women as Social Entrepreneurs: Opportunities, Challenges' at The 4th World Conference on Women's Studies 2018, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on May 4, 2018.
- Presented a paper on 'Woman as Social EDUpreneur: Opportunities, Challenges' on March 22, 2018, at the Oxford Women's Leadership Symposium, Merton College, Oxford, UK.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Formalism and New Criticism' at the Workshop on Literary Theory on February 13, 2018, at LAD College, Nagpur.
- Provided a lecture on 'Entrepreneurship' on February 6, 2018, at the Department of Commerce, Assam Central University, Diphu Campus.
- Contributed to 20 paper presentations and keynote addresses in national and international seminars/conferences in India and Canada.

Publications

- Authored the following:
 - "A Contemporary Encyclopaedia of Indian Literature in English," published in 2023.
 - "A Contemporary Encyclopaedia of Literature Americas," published in 2022.
 - "A Contemporary Encyclopaedia of British Literature," published in 2021.
- Contributed a section of the Ph.D. Thesis to CIFEJ Info, a periodical publication of CIFEJ (Centre International du Film pour l'Enfance et la jeunesse or International Centre of Films for Children and Young People), published in 2011.
- Published two research articles on English Language Teaching: "Pradesika English: Oru Bhasha Keezhadangunnu" and "English enna Avasya Vasthu," on August 31, 2007, and September 7, 2007, respectively, in Janayugam Daily.
- Translated Kovilan's "Mother and Son" published in *Malayalam Literary Survey*, Sahitya Akademi, Thrissur, 2006.

- Published a paper titled "Hollywood versus Children's Films of La Fete: Issues of Reality, Fantasy, and National Identity" in the journal *Canadian Children* 30.1, Spring 2005, published from Ontario, Canada.
- Paper "Towards Defining Children's Cinema" in *English Activities Update*, July 2005.
- Article "Children's Films of La Fete and Hollywood: Issues of Reality, Fantasy and National Identity" published in *Canadian Children*, Journal of the Canadian Association for Young Children, Ontario, Canada, Vol. 30 No. 1, Spring Issue, 2005, pp. 9-15.
- Translated from Malayalam to English Rajalakshmy's "Atmahatya" and E.V. Krishna Pillai's "Kukkuda Yuvathi," both published in *Twentieth Century Malayalam Literature*, Ed. Ayyappa Paniker, Trivandrum: NERC, 2000.
- Poems published: "The Spider" and "Insufficient" in *Samakalina kavita: A Journal of Poetry and Poetics* 7 (Jan 1996): p. 449, and "Ganga" in *A New Book of Indian Poems in English*, ed. G.K. Kottoor. A Writers Workshop Redbird Book. Kolkata: Writers Workshop, 2000.
- Numerous Book Reviews published in various academic journals including *Litcrit*.
- Authored approximately 10 books, a mix of informative and creative genres, specifically designed for children, and published by various publishers.
- Additionally, authored books for NTA NET and other examinations on the following topics:
 - British Literature
 - American Literature
 - Commonwealth Literature
 - Indian Writing in English
 - English Language Teaching
 - Literary Theory
 - Literary Criticism
 - European History
 - Western Philosophy
 - Multiple-Choice Questions Books.