

Bio Sketch

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Academic qualifications:

- M.A. in English Language and Literature, University of Kerala, India (1989)
 - Qualified UGC National Eligibility Test
- Awarded Ph.D in 2000 in English Language & Literature
- M.A in International English Language Teaching & Applied Language Studies, UK (2006)
 - CELTA, Cambridge UK (2006)

Academic Positions

1	NAAC Coordinator	2016-
2	NAAC Core Committee	1998, 2006, 2012
3	IQAC Member	2014-
4	Governing Council Member	2014
5	Dean of College	2011-12
6	Member Teresian Research & Consultancy Cell (TRACC)	2012-
7	Member of Ethics Committee	2016
8	Director of Gunn Centre , State Kansas University India 2015-	
9	General Course coordinator (In charge of initiating New Academic Programmes)	2011-2014
10	Book Review Editor and Co -Founder Member, TJES, Teresian Journal of English Studies (International) With ISSN Number, 2009-Present, Peer Reviewed Journal . Accredited by Kannur, Calicut and Mahatma Gandhi University .	2009 -
11	Course Coordinator for UGC Sponsored Innovative Programme for Undergraduate , B.Sc in Apparel & Fashion Designing	2010
12	Course coordinator of Ph.D Course work , Mahatma Gandhi University from 2011-2015	2011-2015
13	Executive Committee Member of Alumnae British Scholars (Affiliated to British Council)	2011-14)(2018-
14	Staff Advisor to Arts club, St. Teresa's College -	1990-2004, 2014
15	Member Inspection Team Commission of Mahatma Gandhi University 2011- to assess the facilities of Un Aided Colleges Arts & Humanities Colleges to start New Courses	2011
16	Member Monitoring Committee for P.G. Diploma CALT Computer Assisted Language Teaching 2011- SreeSankaracharya University of Sanskrit Kalady, Kerala , India.	2011-13
17	Member Board Of Studies SreeSankara University , Kalady.	2013-
18	Resource Person for the Staff Academic Training Colleges (UGC) of Bharathiyar University and University of Calicut	
19	NSS Programme Officer	2009-12
20	Member BOS , St. Teresa's College (Autonomus)	2014
21	External Expert BOS , Amrita VidyaPeetam	2015
22	Project Coordinator For Community Radio	2017-
23	Coordinated International Summer Programme with Richmond University , The American International University	2017 May
24	Member Library Club	2014-
25	Coordinator Academic & Administrative Audit	2016
26.	Coordinator Media Lab	2018-19
27.	Coordinator Short Learning Objects	2019

Non Academic Positions

Nominee of the TATA TRUST 2016

Executive Member of Sir Dorabji TATA TRUST HOSPITAL , CHOTTANIKKARA
TRUSTEE to TATA PILGRIMS SOCIETY , KERALA

BOARD MEMEBR OF PROJECT VENDA – SAY NO TO DRUGS (FOURTH WAVE
FOUNDATION)

MEMBER ALUMNAE BRITISH SCHOLARS

MEMBER INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE FICTION STUDIES

COORDINATOR WISCOMP (*Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP)*)

[An initiative of The Foundation for Universal Responsibility Of HH The Dalai Lama]

Dr. Latha Nair R is currently working as an Associate Professor at the Department of English and Centre for Research St. Teresa's College Kochi, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. . Dr Nair has been appointed as the **Director of the Gunn centre In India** after she undertook an Intensive Course on Science Fiction and Creative Writing programme at the State Kansas University U.S. in June 2014. The affiliated branch of the **Gunn Center for the Study of Science Fiction** started functioning at St. Teresa's College in India, as approved by the **Founding Director and namesake, James Gunn**. She is also the Course Coordinator and **Director of the UGC Innovative Programme B.Sc in Apparel & Fashion Designing from 2012 – 2017** . It was under her joint initiative with Dr. Sr. Vinitha The Department of English at St. Teresa's College became a Research Centre in 2007 . Dr. Nair has been responsible in fostering linkages with many National and International Universities . **She has collaborated with London Metropolitan University , The Richmond University , The American International University (UK) , The State Kansas University (U.S) and Deakin University Australia, NPTC Colleges , Wales , University Of West Scotland and ACCA (UK) for facilitating research initiatives , twinning Programme and initiate Value Added Programmes like B.Com with ACCA for Commerce Students with the support of ISDC. She was able to establish the Gunn Centre for Science Fiction Studies Affiliated to The State Kansas University** to promote creative writing and Science fiction Writing in India. She played a lead role in facilitating autonomous status to St. Teresa's College in 2014. She is closely associated

with Bharatheeyar University (Coimbatore), Amrita School of Social Sciences(Kerala), BharathiDasan University (Trichi) Karunya University(Coimbatore), SreeSankara University (Kerala) , the University Of Kerala and the University of Calicut.

She was invited as a special delegate for a one-day conference on Technology for Sustainable Development co-hosted by the United Nations and Amrita University at the UN in New York on July 8th, 2015. **The United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)** is a global initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations in furthering the realization of the purposes and mandate of the UN through activities and research in a shared culture of intellectual social responsibility. This conference is the first session in a new series entitled “Skills and Technology Accelerating Rapid Transformation”(UNAI-START). She joined the Skills Mission to UK from 19 – 25 November 2017 for an exploratory and familiarisation tour with regards to the Skills and Higher Education Ecosystem of England, Wales and Scotland. The visit included institutional visits to premium further education colleges and associations in the UK – NPTC Groups, Glasgow Kelvin College, and University of West of Scotland, ISDC, and Cambridge University and had spoken at the House of Lords with the spokespersons of Education. She has been nominated as the Coordinator of WISCOMP a pioneer in initiating the discourse on women, peace, and security in South Asia. It was at the forefront of engaging with these issues, well before they found articulation in the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in October 2000. It is an initiative of the *Foundation for Universal Responsibility*, which was established with funds from the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to His Holiness The Dalai Lama in 1989. WISCOMP has drawn into its fold several vibrant regional networks that strive to translate the normative imperatives of UN global compacts such as the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women), and UN resolutions that impact on women’s roles in building peace, promoting justice, restoring rights, and fostering empathy. The first Flagship Gender Audit Project titled HANSA was organized at St. Teresa’s in January 2019 to develop the Gender Audit Template for the HEI’s In India.

A postgraduate in English with First Class from the University of Kerala she continued her studies in Mahatma Gandhi University from where she secured her Ph.D in English Language & Literature in the year 2000 . She has been teaching at St. Teresa’s College

since 1990 and in 2005 she joined London Metropolitan University , UK to pursue her Second M.A in **International English Language Teaching & Applied Language Studies** . She has also qualified **CELTA**(Cambridge) in the year 2006 from UK. In 2014 , Dr. Nair attended the training programme for teaching Science Fiction and creative writing at **the Intensive Institute on SF Literature, State Kansas University from June 13-27 , 2014 .**

Dr. Nair played a lead role in the **National Assessment and Accreditation of the College** from 1999. She was a member of the **Steering Committee** for the third cycle and was responsible for drafting the third Cycle report which enabled the College to secure commendable score of 3.4 C.G.P A which became instrumental in securing autonomous status for the College in 2014 . She was nominated to the Governing Council of the College in 2014 and took initiative to begin several Need Based new Programmes for the College. Dr. Nair provided assistance to the Team IQAC in the scientific restructuring of the Curriculum 2015 under the guidance of Dr, N.J. Rao and Dr. Rajan Gurukkal . She also facilitated the implementation of Learning Management System (LMS) and Outcome Based Education in 2018. A three day workshop on e- learning and e- resources was coordinated for the Faculty to produce 100 Short Learning Objective (SLO's) . She was also responsible for the implementation of the State of the Art Media Lab in 2018.

She is a member of the Team IQAC and is assisting the institution as the NAAC Coordinator for the Fourth Cycle Accreditation .She has held several important positions such as the Dean of Faculty , General Course Director 2011, Course Coordinator for UGC Sponsored Innovative Programme for Undergraduates-B.Sc in Apparel & Fashion Designing 2010- Book Review Editor of International Journal Teresian Journal Of English Studies 2009- , Course coordinator of Ph.D Course work , Mahatma Gandhi University from 2011- , N.S.S Programme officer 2009-2012, Executive Committee Member of Alumnae British Scholars (Affiliated to British Council), Member Inspection Team Commission of Mahatma Gandhi University 2011- to assess the facilities of Un Aided Colleges Arts & Humanities Colleges to start New Courses, Member, Monitoring Committee for P.G. Diploma **CALT (Computer Assisted Language Teaching)** 2011- SreeSankaracharya University of Sanskrit Kalady,

Kerala , India, Member Teresian Research and Consultancy Cell (TRACC) , Member Research Ethics Committee.

Dr. Nair is nominated as a Member Board Of Studies SreeSankara University, Kalady and AmrithaVidyaPeetham Arts & Science Colleges. She is the Resource Person for the Staff Academic Training Colleges (UGC) of Universities of Bharatheeyar , University of Calicut and BharatheedasanTrichi .

She has written many articles in various Research Journals , a few chapters in various compilation volumes. She has written books which has been prescribed for Calicut and Kerala Universities . Her books *English for Media (2014)* , *Writing for Media (2012)* focus on the use of English in print , visual and digital media. Her areaof interest is Linguistics , Applied Language Studies and ELT. Dr. Nair prepared the content for the Proceedings on **International Meet on Trans National Education(2014)** and also for **The Global Education Meet(2016)**organized by the Kerala Higher Education Council. She has written many popular articles in various dailies .

She has travelled extensively and lectured at several Universities in the Country as well as abroad such as London Metropolitan University and the Richmond ,The American International University (UK), Deakin University (Australia) Multicultural Arts, Victoria at MAV Victoria, Melbourne, and The State Kansas University (U.S) She was the Special Invitee of the British Council, South India for a Seminar on Education in The U.K and has also given lectures at BITS PILANI, Hyderabad and IIM, Allahabad . In 2017 May she was able to lead the first batch of Students from St. Teresa's to Richmond University ,**The American International University to do an Accredited Summer Programme , thus facilitating links between the two institutions**

Her area of interests are Science Fiction , Promoting sustainable Education in villages , Literacy , Integrated Humanism , Curriculum Design , Language & Linguistics , Post Modernism and Emotional Content in Teaching and training Community Relation officers . Dr. Nair's recent research project was on

Emotional Content in Democratic Policing focuses on enhancing the emotional and social intelligence of the Police officers , that would bring sustainable transformation in community policing.

Her new Research project in Collaboration with the NGO Fourth Wave Foundation, ***Keeping Kids Away from drugs*** which is intended for helping school children to say " **No** " (**Venda in Malayalam**) **to Drugs and Yes to Life** . It is a skill based programme where the students of the department of English are trained to become Master Trainers to offer their services to government schools. She is also nominated by the TATA Trust to the Pilgrims Society to lead the project to address Water Conservation and Rain Water Harvesting in the Panchayat of Chottanikkara and as a TATA nominee to the Executive Committee of The Sir Dorabji TATA Trust Charity Hospital .