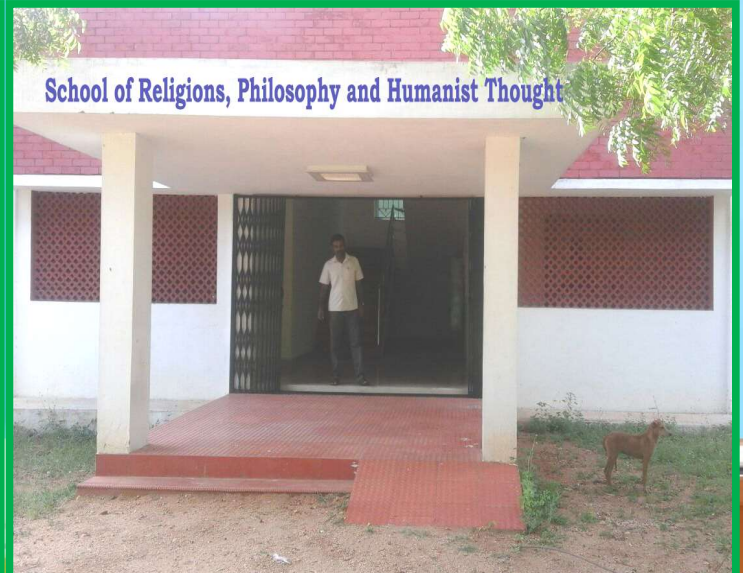




MADURAI KAMARAJ UNIVERSITY
(University with Potential for Excellence)
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School of Religions, Philosophy and Humanist Thought

(School with DRS Status)



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PROFILE OF THE SCHOOL

The School of Religions, Philosophy and Humanist thought has come into existence from the year 1991 incorporating a few departments of religious study already existing and creating a few more departments. Now the School consists of the following departments:



**The Symbols Reflecting
Major Religions**

The School is a unique one in the whole of India since the Departments of the School Conduct research and teaching activities, organize various seminars, and offer counseling on various fields of Culture, Philosophy, Religions, Secular and Humanist Thought. Its major orientation is on National integration, religious harmony, cultural awareness and social awakening. These could be achieved since the school represents all the major religions.

The School has been designed to make effective Academic intervention into Religious Studies and Conduct Philosophical Hermeneutics of Religious Scriptures and practices. The School engages itself in comparative religious studies of Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Tamil Religious Thought and Gandhian Thought. It conducts conceptual studies of ethical and social Philosophy of Religions and secular Thoughts and works out practical social models for inter religious and multi-cultural living.

The Vision of the School:

- ✦ To make effective academic intervention into religious studies
- ✦ To engage in comparative religious studies of Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism and Tamil religious Thought.
- ✦ To conduct conceptual studies of ethical and social philosophy of religious and secular thought.
- ✦ To study philosophical hermeneutics of religious scripture and practices.
- ✦ To workout practical social models for our inter – religious and multi – cultural living.

1. Department of Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga Philosophy
2. Department of Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy
3. Department of Philosophy
4. Department of Islam and Islamic Tamil Studies
5. Department of Christian Tamil Studies
6. Department of Guru Nanak Studies
7. Department of Inter-religious Relations.




Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. P. Chelladurai opening the Cluster Class Room for our School On 30.08.2017

FACULTY PROFILE

Department of Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga Philosophy:

The Department came to existence in the year 1968. Since then, it has been carried out research and extension activities in Gandhian Thought and Ramalinga Philosophy. M.Sc.- Peace Making is an inter-disciplinary course was introduced in the year 1979

Name of the Faculty	Designation	Specialization and area of Research	Phone No. Mail ID	Photo
Dr. S. Andiappan Chairperson of the School Co-ordinator UGC-DRS-SAP - III, Member syndicate.	Professor & Head	Gandhian Thought, Peace Studies, Gandhian Economics, Ethics, Conflict Resolution, Non-violent Philosophy.	9443128175 maduraandiappan@yahoo.co.in	
Dr. V. Alagirisamy Dy. Co-ordinator UGC-DRS-SAP III, Academic Co-ordinator Yoga, M. A. (Phi. & Rel.) DDE.	Associate Professor	Gandhian & Peace Studies, Tamil and Comparative Religious Studies, Ramalinga Vallalar Philosophy, Yogic Philosophy.	9442647934 alagirisamy64@gmail.com	
Dr. S. Venkatachalam University Publication Officer	Assistant Professor	Gandhian Thought, Peace Studies, Contemporaries of Gandhi	9659402896 communevenket@gmail.com	
Dr. S. Chellapandian	Assistant Professor	Gandhian Thought, Peace & Value Education,	9944354754 drschellapandian@gmail.com	

Department of Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy:

The Department of Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy was Started in the year 1974. In the year 1988 M. Phil., Programme in Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy was introduced.


Dr. E. Ravikumar	Assistant Professor & Head i. c	Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy, Comparative Religion	9791968816 dr.eravikumar@gmail.com	
Dr. R. Anbazhagan	Assistant Professor	Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy, Comparative Religion	9443179745 dr.anbazhaganr@gmail.com	
Dr. M. Devaki	Assistant Professor	Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy, Comparative Religion	8807025498 devakimku@gmail.com	

Department of Christian Tamil Studies:

The Chair of the Christian Studies was started in 1988 and the University upgraded the chair to full-pledged Department during 1999.

Dr. Gloria V. Dhas	Assistant Professor & Head i. c.,	Christian Tamil Studies, Comparative Religion	9865627359 gloriavdhas@gmail.com	
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Department of Islam and Islamic Tamil Studies

Dr. K. Maideen	Assistant Professor & Head i. c.	Islamic Tamil Studies, Comparative Religion	9488229095 kmaideenmku@gmail.com	
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COURSES OFFERED:

Sl. No.		Course	Department	Eligibility	Mode of Selection
1.	M. Phil.	Saiva Siddhantam	Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy	Any P. G.	Entrance Test, Interview, Certificate Verification,
2.		Comparative Religion	Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy		
3.		Gandhian Thought & Peace Making	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy		
4.		Christianity	Christian Tamil Studies.		
1.	M. Sc.,	Peace Making	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy		
1.	M. A.	Philosophy and Religion (Regular as well as Distance mode)	Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy		
2		Gandhian Thought(Distance Mode)	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy		
3		Yoga for Human Excellence Distance Mode	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy		
1	B. Sc.	Yoga (Distance Mode)	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy	+2	Certificate Verification
1	B. A.	Yoga for Human Excellence (Distance Mode)	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy		
1	Certificate	Yoga (Distance Mode)	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy		
2		Certificate in Gandhian Thought (Co-coordinating other college to offer)	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy		
3		Certificate in Christianity	Christian Tamil Studies.		
1	P. G. Diploma	Yoga	Gandhian Studies	Any P. G.	Certificate Verification
		Christianity and Comparative Religion	Christian Tamil Studies.		
2		Sikhism and Comparative Religion	Guru Nanak Studies		
1	Diploma	Scientific Yoga, Meditation and Holistic Health	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy	+2	Certificate Verification
2		Yoga	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy		
1	SSS Course	Peace and Value Education	Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga philosophy	The Candidate who are studying in other departments of Madurai Kamaraj University	
		Yoga – 1, Yoga – 2.			
1	Elective	Buddhism & Jainism	Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy		
		Feminism and Dalit Philosophy	Christian Tamil Studies		

CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR FACULTY MEMBERS TOWARDS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

Research

M. Phil

Peacemaking and Gandhian thought
Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy
Christianity
Comparative Religion

Produced

286

Doing

4

Research

Ph. D.

Peace Studies
Gandhian Thought
Ramalinga Philosophy
Islamic Tamil Studies
Inter-religious relations
Christian Tamil Studies
Guru Nanak Studies
Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy
Religion, Philosophy
Humanist Thought

Produced

104

Doing

36

RESEARCH SCHOLARS' FORUM:

Every department of the School has its own forum to discuss and enhance the research papers. 'Inter-Religious Scholars' Forum is a common platform for all Scholars of the School. Two papers are presented by any two of the Scholars on every Tuesday at the forum followed by a discussion by scholars and faculty.

- ❖ Peace Research Forum (Wednesday)
- ❖ Guru Nanak Research Scholars Forum (Thursday)
- ❖ Saiva Siddhanta Research Scholars Forum (Wednesday)
- ❖ Christian Tamil Research Scholars Forum (Friday)
- ❖ Inter-religious Research Scholars Forum (Tuesday)



Release of the Book at the International seminar on 'Religious Pluralism and Religious Conflict' on 22nd Feb. 2016

The inter-religious research Scholar forum conducts a national/ international seminar every year. Invites articles from Professors and Scholars related the theme of the seminar. After having an elaborate discussion the articles are published in a book form with ISBN since 2007.



DRS LIBRARY



DRS SEMINAR HALL

INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES

- **i. DRS Library** is equipped every year with books under the book grant of UGC since 2004.
- **ii. DRS Seminar Hall (A/C)** is upgraded with Wall Mounted Projector with White Screen.
- **iii. Cluster Class Rooms** Under XII Five Year Plan, The Cluster classroom consisting of One Air Conditioned Conference Hall, with two class rooms (one with A/C) and a Faculty room with A/C. is Opened by our Hon'ble Vice-chancellor Prof. Dr. P. P. Chelladurai on 05.09.2017

Major Events:



One Day Seminar on J.C. Kumarappa on Gandhian Thought on 04.01.2017



Dr. S. Andiappan, CoE of Madurai Kamaraj University Invites Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu on the occasion of 50th Convocation 28.07.2017



Awarded to Dr. S. Andiappan honoring 25 years of service in MKU on 05.09.2017



The School visited Keeladi, Sivagankai where Archeological excavations are being carried out



Christmas was celebrated in the School in December 2016



Visiting Buddhist Peace Centre, SankaranKovil as part of Inter-religious Field Visit



Pongal Festival has been celebrated by the School in January, 2017. A Special Guest from USA is also participated in the celebration.



**Workshop on Research Methodology
of Peace on 14th Feb. 2017**



**Gandhi Peace Run is inaugurated with the flag of by Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and disaster management
Mr. R. B. Uthayakumar, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor-Prof. P.P. Chelladurai, Registrar Dr. V. Chinniah
with COE Dr. S. Andiappan on 2nd October, 2017**



**Gandhi Jeyanthi Celebration is Organized by
the Department of
Gandhian Studies and Ramalinga Philosophy on
2nd October, 2017**



**During Village adaptation Programme
our faculty members collecting datas
from the village residents**



**Under the plan of Swachhta Pakhwada of the
Govt. of India, our School has adopted
Muthupatty Village for Care for the
surroundings: Tree Plantation Dr. S.
Venkatachalam and Dr. R. Anbarhagan
co ordinate the programme**



**The Students Studying P. G. Diploma in
Sikhism and Comparative Religion Visited the
Golden Temple and Guru Nanak Dev University
- Amritsar.**

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

In recognizing the research works of our school , UGC has awarded DRS Status to our School since 2004.

UGC-DRS-SAP (Phase – I) Thrust Area : 2004 – 2009 - Rs. 26,50,000/-

- ❖ Scriptural and conceptual study of Religious writings.
- ❖ Comparative study of Tamil Religious Thought with other religions
- ❖ Religious Harmony and Peace in multi religious context.

UGC-DRS-SAP (Phase – II) Thrust Area: 2009 – 2014- Rs. 40,00,000/-

- ❖ Hermeneutics of Scriptures
- ❖ Religions in Constructing Religious Communities
- ❖ Religious Studies and Societal Peace

UGC-DRS-SAP(Phase – III) - Thrust Area : 2015 – 2020 – 78,50,000/-

- ❖ Reading of Religious literatures based on the multi-religious context of India
- ❖ Conflicts between Religious People and Social Justice
- ❖ Application of the above in Practical life

AWARDS:

✓ **Dr. S. Andiappan is awarded**

- Seva Ratna award by Bharathiyar Cultural Academy, Erode on 28.02.2009.
- Awarded in Honor of 25 years of service in Madurai Kamaraj University on 05.09.2017

✓ **Dr. V. Alagirisamy is awarded**

- ❖ ஞானாசிரம குரு விருது, வாழிய உலகநல நற்பணிமன்றம்- பழனி - 05.03.2016
- ❖ Communal Harmony Award – Rotary Club Down Town- Madurai - 15.08.2011
- ❖ Inter-religious Peace Maker Award – BINOWS - Madurai. 29.12.2011
- ❖ தமிழ்ச் செம்மல் விருது - ஸ்ரீ சங்கரா கலை அறிவியல் கல்லூரி - காஞ்சிபுரம் 26.09.2014

✓ **Dr. Gloria V. Dhas is awarded**

- Best Teacher Award – Madurai Kamaraj University on 15.09.2017

✓ **Ms. P. Prijila Rajam is awarded**

- University Gold Medalist for M. Sc. Peace Making – 15.09.2017

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

✓ **Village adoption programme is being co-ordinated by Dr. R. Anbazhagan and Dr. S. Venkatachalam**

- i. Village Adoption : Muthupatti village Near Our University is adopted
- ii. Village Survey : 248 Houses were surveyed
- iii. Tree Plantation : 200 Trees are planted in and around the village

✓ **Celebration of Festivals**

- i. Pongal Celebration
- ii. Saraswathi Pooja
- iii. Gandhi Jeyanthi and Vallalar Birthday Celebration
- iv. Diwali Celebration
- v. Christmas Celebration
- vi. Inter-religious Prayer is being conducted in Collaboration with Gandhi Museum every Friday evening at Gandhi Museum.

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Under the plan of Swachhta Pakhwada of the Govt. of
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for the surroundings: Tree Plantation
Dr. S. Venkatachalam and Dr. R. Anbazhagan
co ordinate the programme