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Resume of Professor Dr. K.A. Manikumar.

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K.A. Manikumar took his post-graduate and Ph.D. degrees from Madras Christian College, Tambaram. He has completed 34 years of teaching and 29 years of research experience at college and university levels. He has been a Fulbright Fellow at New York University (1997) and Visiting Historian to Mauritius (2002). He has also made academic visits to United Kingdom, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand, Bangladesh and Taiwan.

Apart from editing two volumes *History and Society: Essays in Honour of Professor S. Kadhivel & Musings From a Zamin: The Letters of Murugadass Teerthapathi, the Raja of Singampatti*, Professor Manikumar has authored two books, one published by Orient Longman (2003), *A Colonial Economy in the Great Depression: Madras, 1929-1937* and the other published by Allied Publishers (2007) *Vellore Revolt, 1806*. His third book on *Mudukulathur Riot, 1957* is published by Navyana and due for launch in February, 2009. He has contributed articles in indexed journals like *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Review of Development and Change* and *Artha Vignan*.

Professor Manikumar is a recipient of Best Teacher Award awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in 2008. He has served all apex academic bodies such as Syndicate, Senate, Academic Council or Standing Committee on Academic Affairs and various committees and commissions of the State Government and Universities constituted for the purpose of giving affiliation of courses, reviewing the working of autonomous colleges and determining the staff pattern in colleges. He has been Liaison Officer, SC & ST Cell and Dean for Student Affairs. He is currently Dean of Faculty of Arts. Under his supervision and guidance 10 candidates have already got their doctorate degree, while three more are awaiting their adjudication report.

In the first phase of his career he has proved his organizing ability and leadership quality by acting as State General Secretary of Association of University Teachers(AUT) for two terms, during 1983-85 & 1989-91, and the General Secretary of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Faculty Association for eight years from 1992 to 2000. In collaboration with the local NGO (Human Rights Education and Protection Council), and in his capacity as Liaison officer of SC/ST Cell of the University, he has conducted courses on human rights education for college students in the districts of south Tamilnadu.

He has held the offices of President of Aruppukottai Jaycees (1975), National Service Scheme Programme Officer (1977-1980) at S.B.K.College, Aruppukottai, Community Service Scheme Co-ordinator(1980) and Co-ordinator for Extracurricular activities(1981-84) both at Sri Vasavi College, Erode, Secretary, Periyar Nagar Housing Colony (1989-1992), Co-ordinator of Erode District Literacy Movement (1992) Member of Highlevel Committee for Human Rights Education of students in Tamil Nadu Government Adi-Dravidar schools. As a sought after speaker in English and vernacular, he has been a campaigner for the cause of human rights, in particular dalit rights and child rights since 1993.