

# MILEENA SAJU

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## 2024 JAN- MARCH RESEARCHER

Worked as a researcher at All Indian Congress Committee, Communications Department.

## PAPER PRESENTATION

### IAWS NATIONAL SEMINAR, September 2023

Presented my paper, '*Writing Life in History: Dakshayani Velayudhan and Her Times*,' in a national seminar organized by the Indian Association of Women Studies at Women's College, Trivandrum

### ICSSR NATIONAL SEMINAR, May 2023

Presented my co-authored paper, '*Memory to Fiction: Vaikom Muhammad Basheer's Saga of Freedom Struggle*,' in ICSSR sponsored national seminar at SD College, Chandigarh.

## PUBLICATION

1. The article, '*From Rajavinte Makan to Titanic: A review of Bipin Chandran's Kappithante Bharya*,' was published in the Thedaak, May issue.
2. The article, '*Becoming Adivasi, Becoming Dalit: Reading Mavelimantum with Kancha Ilaiah*,' was published in Ala, a Kerala Studies Blog, May issue.

## WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

1. Served as a volunteer for one day workshop jointly organized by CHS, JNU and the Global History and Cultural Centre, University of Warwick on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
2. Served as a volunteer for the 81st section of the Indian History Congress at Madras Christian College, Chennai, from 27-29 December, 2022.
3. Served as a volunteer for the 5th conference of the Asian Association of World Historians, India International Centre, Delhi, on 12-13 October, 2022.

### JANUARY 2022

## 'BLACK LIVES MATTER' ONLINE CERTIFICATE COURSE

From John Hopkins University, USA

### 2022- 23

## ICC MEMBER, DHISHA

Member of the Internal Complaints Committee of *Dhisha*, a social organization based in Kerala.

### 2021 JUNE-JULY

## INTERNSHIP, PLEDGE A SMILE

Worked as an intern in the fund-raising team of *Pledge a Smile Foundation* for their project- Seva. Work included fund-raising, Digital Marketing and Project development.

### 2019 JANUARY

## INTERVIEW, N S MADHAVAN

Interviewed N S Madhavan, a famous writer from Kerala, as part of a campus initiative by Club FM

### JANUARY 2018

## CERTIFICATE COURSE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

From Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai

## EDUCATION

**JUNE 2023**

**MASTER OF ARTS, JNU, DELHI**  
**Modern History- Highest CGPA Holder**  
**7.56 CGPA**

**APRIL 2021**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**UC COLLEGE, ALUVA**  
**History – FIRST RANK- 96.4%**

**MARCH 2017**

**HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION,**  
**T.R.K.H.S.S. VANIAMKULAM**  
**99.75%**

**MARCH 2015**

**SSLC, L.S.N.G.H.S.S OTTAPALAM**  
**95%**

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**2023 JULY**

### **DIGITAL ARCHIVING PROJECT**

Documented archives related to Kerala Renaissance at Nehru Memorial Library for The Narayana Guru Digital Research Resource Platform project initiated by IIT Bombay.

### **RESEARCH PAPERS**

1. Authored a research paper titled ‘*Writing Life in History: Dakshayani Velayudhan and her Times*’, for the fulfilment of MA degree.
2. Authored a research paper titled ‘*Ram in a Muslim Jail: Ram Janmabhoomi in the Making*’, for the fulfilment of MA degree.
3. Authored a research paper titled ‘*The Moustache Effect: Excavating Malayalam Cinema,*’ for the fulfilment of BA degree

### **ARCHIVAL RESEARCH**

Conducted comprehensive archival research at esteemed institutions, including the National Archives, Nehru Memorial Library, and Kerala State Archives, during the period of May-June 2023.

## WRITING EXPERIENCE

- Published the abstract of the paper, 'Writing Life in History: Dakshayani Velayudhan and her Times', in the IAWS proceedings, 2023.
- Published an article titled "Keralathile Campusukal Samsarikendathund" in the October 2021 issue of the online magazine *Ezhuthola*.
- Worked as the sub-editor for *Pelayan Colour*, the History Department Magazine at U. C College, Aluva contributing to its recognition as the recipient of the first prize for the Best Magazine during February 2020
- Served as a committee member for the 2018-19 college magazine, "Pedich Pedich Pedakam Vare," at U.C College. Authored an article titled "Irundakalathinte Pattukal" and co-authored another piece titled "Pampakadanna Viswasam."
- Served as a committee member for the 2019-21 college magazine, "Kuthivara," and contributed by publishing an article titled "Ee Lekhanathinte Peril Njan Vimarshikkapedanam: New Gen Jathikkoru Aamukham."
- Published an article titled "Charithram Idapedumbol" in the T.R.K.H.S.S Higher Secondary School Annual Magazine, "Ilakal Pacha Pookkal Manja," in 2017.
- Published an article titled "Kanikalkkidayil Njan" in Palette, the Ottapalam Sub-district School Arts Fest magazine in 2015.

## ACTIVITIES

- Member of *We\_the women of India*, a women's collective based in JNU Campus.
- Volunteer, *Dialogue Film Society*, a group of film enthusiasts based in Ottapalam, Kerala
- 2021- prepared English Subtitles for the short film "Pinnil," directed by Amal Sujatha Satheesan.
- 2020 September- Founded *Ambedkar Reading Circle* at UC College to re-engage with the radical texts and ideas that can assist us in our fight against discrimination, exploitation and denial of justice.
- 2019-20 Secretary, History Association, UC College, Aluva
- 2019-20, Secretary, Women Cell, UC College, Aluva
- 2019-20, President, Drama Club, UC College, Aluva
- Attended a two-day workshop on "Introduction to Flint Knapping," by Dr Tosabanta Padhan, in August 2017, organised by the Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, St Xavier's College, Mumbai
- Volunteered at Regina Pacis, Mumbai, A social institute working for the welfare of underprivileged girls in 2017.
- Attended a two-day workshop on "Goods and Services Tax" in September 2017, organised by the Department of Economics, Finance and Investment Cell, St Xavier's College, Mumbai.
- Participated in the 2017-2018 January Honours Program, "Cosmic Hug: Eco-Spirituality and Joy of Self-Discovery: Holistic Self," organized by the Department of Inter-Religious Studies, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Highest CGPA holder, MA Modern History, CHS, JNU, 2021-2023
- Received 'Rank Holders Scholarship,' by UGC for the period 2021-2023
- University First Rank holder for BA History, MG University, 2018-2021
- Film review, Third prize, University level, 2019-21 MG University Kalolsavam
- A Grade, State Level, Social Science Working Model, Kerala School Science Fair, 2015
- Received 'Upper Secondary Scholarship,' by Kerala Government for the period 2013-2015
- Member of the project that won the third prize in Yuva Mastermind, 2014, a state-level, funded project contest for students, organized by Malayala Manorama. Project title: *Waste is Wealth: a Fuel for the Future.*

## SKILLS

- Creative writing/Content writing/Translation
- Research and fact-checking
- Microsoft Word/ Excel/Spreadsheet
- Critical reasoning and analytical skills
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Excellent time management skills

## LANGUAGES KNOWN

1. Malayalam – Native Language
2. English- Second Language, Distinguished levels in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing
3. Hindi- Intermediate Levels in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing

## REFERENCE

1. Dr. Burton Cleetus, Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
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2. Dr. Sebastian Joseph, General Secretary, Kerala History Congress  
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