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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in **English Literature** from University of Kerala. (2001-2004)

Diploma in Theatre, Ninasam Theatre Institute, Heggodu, Shimoga, Karnataka (2009-2011)

VAANI – **Sound and Recording** course from **All India Radio**, Trivandrum Station.
(2006-2007)

MAJOR WORKS IN THE FIELD OF FILM & TELEVISION

Portrayed the female lead in the film **Velutha Rathrikal (White Nights)** (Malayalam, 2015) based on the eponymous novella by legendary Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky and directed by Razi Muhammed which won Kerala State Film Award for Best Adapted Screenplay and screened at New York Indian Film Festival and several other International Film Festivals in 2016.

Portrayed a supporting role in the Malayalam film **Kochouva Paulo Ayyappa Coelho** directed by National award winning filmmaker Sidhartha Siva (2016)

Portrayed a major supporting role in the internationally acclaimed Malayalam film '**Chitrasootram**' directed by acclaimed filmmaker **Vipin Vijay**. (2010)

Worked as dialect consultant in the Malayalam film 'Udahanam Sujatha' for the lead actress **Manju Warriar** (2017)

Portrayed leading characters in many short films and **lent voice for leading characters in Kannada & Malayalam** feature films and Television series from 2010 to 2018

MAJOR WORKS IN THE FIELD OF PERFORMING ARTS

Acted in the renowned theatre production '**Water Station**' written by Ohto Shogo and **directed by Sankar Venkiteswaran**, which travelled across India (2011-2014) and staged at **Ohto Shogo Thetare Festival at University of Kyoto, Japan in 2016.**

Worked as an **actor** and stage manager with the **Ninasam Repertory (Tirugata) and Experimental Repertory (Maru Tirugata) from 2010 -2011**

Worked as an **actor** in the adaptation of William Shakespeare's **Othello directed by Jehan Manekshaw** for Ninasam Theatre Institute. (2010)

Worked as the **Assistant Director** and Language Consultant for the Kannada play '**Basheer**' directed by renowned theatre director **Rajiv Krishnan** and produced by **Ninasam Tirugata** in 2011

Portrayed the title role of Savithri in the solo theatre production '**Savithrikkutty**' directed by **D Reghoothaman** for Abhinaya Theatre Research Centre (2013)

Portrayed the lead role in the Malayalam adaptation of the **Kannada play Anju Mallige** written by **Gireesh Karnad** for **Ranga Shankara Theatre** in 2013.

Acted in the play '**Pravachaka**' produced by **Nireeksha**, one of the pioneer women's theatre collective in Kerala in 2009.

MAJOR WORKS IN THE FIELD OF MUSIC (LIVE & RECORDED)

Recorded **two songs in the tribal language of Irula for the film 'White Nights'**. (2015)

Directed a music video for Diabetics Awareness titled '**Nada Nada-Diabetics Walk Song**' (2016)

Recorded two songs for the programme 'Moodtapes' telecasted by **Kappa TV** (2013)

Performed approximately **100 stages with different Music bands in Kerala** with a focus on **Folk songs in Malayalam and Kannada languages.** (2007-2018)

MAJOR WORKS IN THE FIELD OF LITERATURE

Published poems in leading Malayalam literary magazines such as '**Bhashaposhini**', **Madhyamam** Weekly, **Deshabhimani** Malayalam daily etc.

Penned poetry for contemporary theatre productions such as UFO (2018), Jaiva; Tale of Two Trees (2016),

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Worked as **Theatre Faculty at Green valley International School**, Trivandrum (2013-2015)

Led and co led numerous theatre and music workshops for Teachers, College students and children (2008 – present)

Web links to previous works.

<https://youtu.be/UraAQoZhWEY> (Signature film of 12th International Film Festival of Kerala)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxJE-RUMekU> (Moodtapes from Kappa TV)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5kyogcw6TQ> (Teaser of the film White Nights)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzS4P33TxVc> (Teaser of the film White Nights)

<https://youtu.be/G9Auc2NjoIE> (Video song of the Lullaby from the film White Nights)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0lw0p0zcCNmZmtBendOOW41VEU/view> (A scene from the film White Nights)

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=876802349163590&id=279820092195155 (A short promo film about children's education)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FMH69YC8pwaLrTvz0RFPvfHB_O_2egFa/view?ts=5ae4afa8 {A short film titled Nizhal (Shadow) }