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Educational Qualifications:

Course	Institution	Year	% of Marks
S.S.L.C.	D.V.S. Reddy High School, Minjur	1976	76
P.U.C.	Madras Christian College, Chennai - 59	1977	64.4
B. Sc.	Madras Christian College, Chennai – 59	1980	71
M. Sc.	Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai – 59	1982	70.4
P.G.DIP.	Certificate Course in Effective Communication, University of Madras	1983	60
M. Phil.	Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai – 59	1984	71.3
Ph. D.	Madras Christian College (Autonomous), Chennai – 59	1992	Awarded

Specialisation

Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Ethnobotany and Medicinal Plants

Honors and Awards

1. Recognized as a plant expert by various Government and Non-Government organizations and is included as a member of several advisory, consultative and technical committees.
2. Two of the Four thesis guided have been awarded Prof. R. Kalyanasundram Memorial award given for the best Ph. D thesis by the University of Madras.
3. Selected for Dr. V. V. Sivarajan Gold medal given for Taxonomists by Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy for the year 2008-2009
4. Honored by Ph. D scholars by describing and publishing a new orchid species *Anoectochilus narasimhanii* from Andaman Islands.

Teaching Experience

1. Worked as an Assistant Professor in Botany, Madras Christian College for a Semester from February 1983 to April 1983.
2. Worked as an Assistant Professor in Botany, A.A. Govt. Arts College, Villupuram from November 1987 to April 1988.
3. Worked as a Lecturer in Botany, Madras Christian College from 2nd August 1988 to 30th May 1993.
4. Working as a Lecturer in Botany, Madras Christian College from August 1994.

Research and other Professional Activities

1. Studied the Flowering Plants of Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu for Ph. D Thesis.
2. Worked as a Senior Research Fellow in “**All India Coordinated Project on Ethnobiology**”, Botanical Survey of India, Coimbatore for an year (August 1986 to November 1987).
3. Worked as a consultant for the “Irula Women Welfare Society” in identification of Medicinal Plants and maintenance of Herbaria.
4. Worked as a consultant for “Environmental resource and Research center”, Thiruvananthapuram in the identification of Plants for the project on Eco – assessment of North Madras Thermal Power station.
5. Edited three translated Tamil versions of United Nations Environmental Programme pamphlets for INTACH organisation, Tamil Nadu.

6. Worked as Project Co-coordinator for the Project on “The environmental Impact assessment in the proposed site for the construction of Micro Hydro Electric Station at Aliyar” carried out by Environmental Resource and research Center, Thiruvananthapuram.
7. Evaluated the Impact of the MPCA Signages in Thaniparai and Alagarkoil, MPCAs, Tamil Nadu for Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, Bangalore, May 1996.
8. Team member of a Project on Study and Documentation of Paintings of Nayak period in Tamil Nadu, supported by Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
9. Photographs of Plants taken by me have been published in several books.
10. Guided 8 M. Phil and 4 Ph. D Scholars in Taxonomy, Conservation Biology, Medicinal Plants and Ethnobotany

Projects Completed and On- going

Sl.No	Project title	Funding Agency	Year
1.	Maximization of the value of native fodder grasses and grazing lands.	Society for Social Forestry, Research and Development, Tamil Nadu.	1990 - 1993
2.	Plant Genetic Resources; Formal and Informal Knowledge Systems (Centre for Plants, People and Ecosystems in Collaboration with Queens University).	Canadian International Development Agency	1998 - 2001
3.	Survey of Medicinal Plants Traded in Chennai Raw drug market	Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT)	1998 - 1999
4.	Developing an arboretum in the dry evergreen forest area of Madras Christian College.	Ministry of Environment & Forests.	1999 - 2000
5.	Preparation of Database on Flora of Tamil Nadu.	Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu.	11.9.2003-15.05.2004
6.	Development of arboretum and Conservation of native forest and Medicinal plant species at Madras Christian College Campus.	National Botanic Research Institute, Lucknow.	2003 - 2004

7.	Policy development to support Agro biodiversity in Hill Ecosystem of North and South India in collaboration with Centre, Chennai (Centre for Plants, People and Ecosystems in Collaboration with Queens University).	Canadian International Development Agency	2004 - 2006
8.	Endemic and Threatened Trees of Western Ghats of Kanyakumari District: Biology, Population and Mapping.	University Grants Commission.	2006 –2009

LIST OF SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- Participated in the All – India Workshop on “**District Floras**” and stood first in the test conducted at the workshop in Botanical Survey of India, Coimbatore, May, 1983.
- Participated in the Workshop on “**District Flora Scheme**” organised by Botanical Survey of India, Coimbatore, 18th to 20th, March 1985.
- Participated in the Workshop on “**Medicinal Plants Conservation Area**” Organised by the Karnataka Forest Department at Kemmannagundi, Karnataka from 26th to 29th April 1991.
- Participated and presented papers in First National Seminar on “**Changing Scenario of Bird Ecology and Conservation by Ornithological Society of India**” at Bangalore, 12th to 14th Nov. 1993. Participated and presented papers in “National Workshop on Grassland Management in India – New Opportunities and challenges” organised by Indian Institute of Forest Management at Bhopal, Feb. 1994.
- Participated in a Workshop and Training Programme on “**Ethnobiology**” jointly organized by Healing Conservancy, USA and Society of Ethno biologists, India at NBRI, Lucknow, Nov. 11 –15, 1994.
- Participated in the International Workshop on “**Indian Medicinal Plants**” organised by Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, 16th Nov. 1994.
- Participated in the IV International Conference on “**Ethnobiology**” at NBRI, Lucknow, 17 – 21 Nov. 1994.
- Participated and presented a paper in the symposium on “**Frontiers in Biodiversity**”, organised by Pachyappa’s Plant Science Forum at CLRI, Chennai, 25 & 26th Feb. 1995.
- Participated in the Workshop on “**Holistic Resource Management**” conducted by Dr. Allon Savory, USA, organised by Society for Social Forestry Research and Development Tamil Nadu, at Thiruchirappalli from 29th June to 2nd July, 1995.

- Participated and presented a paper in the symposium on **“New Directions in Plant Diversity Research”**, Department of Plant Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappali, Sep. 27 – 29, 1995.
- Participated and presented a paper in the 2nd Congress on **“Traditional Science Technology of India”**, Anna University, Chennai, Dec. 26 – 31, 1995.
- Participated and presented a paper in the Seminar on **“Medicinal Plants used in the Siddha System of Medicine”**, Government Museum, Chennai, Feb. 15, 1996.
- Participated and presented a paper in the 35th World Congress, on **“Natural Medicine”**, Sri Venkateswara University, Thirupathi, March 14 – 16, 1997.
- Participated as Resource person in the **“Conservation Assessment and Management Plan Workshop on Threatened Medicinal Plants of Southern India”** organised by FRLHT, Bangalore, March 4 - 6, 1999.
- Participated in the International Conference on **“Tropical Ecosystems: Structure, Diversity and Human welfare”** Jointly organised by Association for Tropical Biology and ATREE, Bangalore at Bangalore, July 15 – 18, 2001.
- Participated and presented papers in the National Symposium on **“ Plant Systematics in the 21st century”** organised by Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomists at Botanical Survey of India, Northern Circle, Dehra Dun, Nov. 7 – 8, 2001.
- Participated as a Resource person in the Assessment Workshop on **“Conservation of Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests”** jointly organised by FRLHT, Bangalore and Auroville, Pondhicherry at Auroville, Pondhicherry, March 5-7, 2002.
- Participated as a Resource person in the discussion on **“Draft on Traditional Knowledge Bill”** organized by Center for Intellectual property rights, National Law School, India University, Bangalore, April 2002.
- Participated and presented papers in the XII Annual Conference of IAAT and National Seminar on **“Plant Taxonomy in Nation Development”** organised by Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomists at Department of Botany, Goa University, Goa, Sep 26 – 27, 2002.
- Participated and presented a paper in **National Seminar on Siddha Medicine** organized by Department of Siddha Medicine and Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Thanjavur, Dec. 2002.
- Participated and presented paper in National Training workshop on **“Peoples participatory Approaches in Conservation and management of Forest Resources”** organized by MSSRF, Kakinada, sponsored by FAO, Dec. 16-19, 2002.

- Participated as a Resource person for the orientation course conducted for college teachers for teaching Environmental Science by Academic Staff College, Madras University, June 2004
- Participated as a Resource person for the orientation course conducted for College teachers for teaching Environmental Science by Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore.
- Co – Chairperson of a National workshop to **Identify Stakeholders and Capacity Building Needs in Forest Genetic Resource Conservation** under Asia Pacific Forests Genetic Resources Programme (APFORGEN), organized by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education at the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore, 11th July 2007.
- Participated in the discussion on First Preliminary Working Plan Report for revision of working plans for Trichy, Tanjore, Dharmapuri, Kallakurichi, Coimbatore and Harur, organized by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, 6th and 7th August, 2007.
- Delivered a lecture on ‘**Green Cover - A panacea for Global Warming?**’ in a seminar on ‘Cooling the Globe, A Campaign to Arrest Global Warming’, organized by FICCI Ladies Organization Chennai Chapter and M.O.P. Vaishanv College for Women, Chennai, 16th August 2007.
- Resource Person in the Panel Discussion on “**Scientific Research and its impact on Environment- Non – Invasive techniques in scientific research**”, organized by Dr. MGR – Janaki College of Arts and Science for Women, Chennai, 1st Sep 2007.
- Resource Person for the Refresher Course in Biological Science held by UGC – Academic Staff College, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, 25th Sep, 2007.
- Presented a paper on **Tinai Flora** in a conference on *Tinai* Social Order held at Madras Christian College, organized by OSLE India, 3rd November, 2007
- Delivered a Lead Lecture on **Reevaluation of Endemic Genera of Flowering Plants in India** in XVII Annual conference of Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy and International Seminar on Changing Scenario in Angiosperm Systematics, organized by Shivaji University, Kolhapur, 19th to 21st November, 2007.
- Delivered a Special Lecture on **Legacies and the Legend- Carl Linnaeus** in the XVII Annual conference of Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy and International Seminar on Changing Scenario in Angiosperm Systematics, organized by Shivaji University, Kolhapur, 19th to 21st November, 2007.
- Participated as Resource person and delivered a lecture on **Convention on Biodiversity** in a training programme on Legal and Regulatory Frame Work Relating

to Natural Resources Management organized by Centre of Indian Knowledge System, Chennai, 26th to 28th November 2007.

- Invited as an expert to participate in a consultative meeting on **Establishment of a Centre for Conservation of Heritage Plants (CCHP) based primarily on Hortus Malabaricus, the 17th century classic**, organized by the Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute, at Calicut, 6th and 7th of December 2007.
- Participated as an expert in the 3rd consultative workshop for the preparation of Action Plan for the development of Medicinal Plant Sector at Forest Research Centre, Kolapakkam, organized by Tamil Nadu State Medicinal Plants Board, 10th January, 2008.
- Presented a Paper on Environment and Human Development – What UNCED has done? In a National Conference on Human Development jointly organized by Madras Christian College and Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission at Madras Christian College, 25th & 26th January, 2008.
- Delivered the Inaugural Address and Presided as the Chairperson for a three day National Seminar on **Mangroves and their importance in the Coastal Ecosystem in the Bay of Bengal Region** organized by Coastal Poor Development Action Network, Chennai held at the Inter Church Service Association, Chennai, 28th to 30th January, 2008.
- Participated as a Panelist in a discussion on **Access and Excellence in Sciences** as part of a three day **National Conference on Higher Education at Cross Roads: Access and Academic Excellence in Higher Education**, organized by the Loyola College, Chennai, 7th to 9th February, 2008.
- Delivered a Lecture on **Bioresources, Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights** for a Refresher Course, organized by the Center for Advanced Studies in Botany, University of Madras, 12th February, 2008.
- Delivered a Lecture on **Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights**, at a DBT sponsored Training Programme on Conservation of Biological Resources Using Biotechnology Tools for Under Graduate College Teachers organized by The Rapinat Herbarium and Centre for Molecular Systematics, St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, 16th February 2008
- Delivered a lecture on '**Journeys of Plant**' in a conference for Geography Teachers of India organized by The Geography Teachers Association, held at Vellore, on 2nd August 2008.
- Resource person in the Meeting on "**Garden Linked Educational Module**" organized by Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Tradition, Bangalore, on 6th August 2008.

- Resource person for a UGC sponsored National Workshop on ‘**Techniques on Plant Taxonomy**’ organized by the Department of Botany, Carmel College for Arts, Science and Commerce for Women, held at Goa, from 18th to 20th September 2008.
- Participated as a consultant in a meeting to finalize the “**List of plant species on the verge of extinction or likely to become extinct under section 38 of the Biological Diversity Act,2002**” organized by Botanical Survey of India, held at Coimbatore, on 22nd of September 2008.
- Delivered a lead lecture on “**Principles of Plant Taxonomy**” in a capacity Building Training programme organized by Botanical Survey of India sponsored by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, held at Shillong, on November 3rd 2008
- Delivered a lead lecture on “**Importance of standardization of plant drugs – a botanical approach**” in a training programme on phytochemical analysis and techniques for faculties and researchers in the field of Dravyaguna organized by Captain Srinivasa Murthi Drug Research Institute for Ayurveda and Siddha, Arumbakkam, Chennai, on 12th November 2008.
- Delivered a lecture on “**Plant Taxonomy**” in a refresher course for newly recruited college teachers, organized by Madras university, Chennai, held on December 22nd 2008
- Delivered a lecture on “**Biodiversity and Intellectual Property Rights**” in a refresher course, organized by Department of Botany, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, held on January 15th 2009.
- Delivered a lecture on “**Cladistics**” in a capacity Building Training programme organized by Botanical Survey of India sponsored by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, held at Coimbatore, on January 22nd 2009.
- Delivered a lecture on “**Invasive Alien Species of Wetlands**” in a seminar on Wetlands organized by Department of Environment and Tamil Nadu State Land Use Board, Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission, held at Chennai, on March 24th 2009.
- Delivered a lecture on “**Bioresources, Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights**” held at SDNB Vaishnav College for Women , Chromepet, Chennai, held on April 5th 2009
- Participated in a discussion on “**Alien Invasive Species**” as a panelist in M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation on May 21st 2009.
- Participated as a panelist in a Round table discussion on “**Biodiversity and Invasive Alien Species**” organized by C.P. Ramaswamy Aiyar Foundation as part of International Biodiversity day celebration on May 22nd 2009.

- Presented a paper on “**Invasive Species of Tamil Nadu**“ in a National seminar jointly organized by Department of Environment, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nadu Pollution control Board, Chennai on May 22nd 2009.

Workshops Organized

1. Workshop for College Lecturers of Southern Tamil Nadu on “**Plants, People and Patents**”, 11th February, 2000 held at Scott Christian College, Nagercoil by International Ocean Institute, IIT Madras, Chennai and Department of Botany, Madras Christian College, Chennai.
2. Workshop for School teachers in Chennai on “**Why are plants currently receiving so much attention?**”, November 4, 2000 held at Olcott Memorial High School, Beasant Nagar, Chennai by International Ocean Institute, IIT Madras, Chennai and Department of Botany, Madras Christian College, Chennai.
3. Workshop For College Lecturers of Chennai on “**Plants, People and Politics**”, March 2, 2001 held at madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai by International Ocean Institute, IIT Madras, Chennai and Department of Botany, Madras Christian College, Chennai.
4. Workshop for State Level Leaders of Exnora International on “**Environmental on Changing Environment**”, March 1-2, 2002 held at Department of Botany, Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Chennai.
5. National Seminar on Plant Diversity in India: Current status and Conservation. January 21-22, 2005, Department of Botany. Madras Christian College, Chennai.
6. Organized a two day workshop for college students and teachers on Environmental Studies – An Interdisciplinary Approach on July 9th & 10th, 2008, as part of Environmental Studies Unit, Madras Christian College, Chennai
7. Workshop for College Lecturers and Students of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka on “**Plant Taxonomy**” 19th – 23rd February 2009, jointly organized by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation & Department of Botany, Madras Christian College under the auspices of Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy held at M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation , Wayanad, Kerala.
8. One day seminar for College Lecturers and Students of Chennai on Climate Change: Biodiversity and Livelihoods” March 13th 2009, Department of Botany, Madras Christian College, Chennai

Visits abroad

- Visited Queens University, Kingston, Canada as part of the Project on “Plant Genetic Resources: Formal and Informal Knowledge Systems, Institutional Interests and Sustainability” funded by CIDA, administered by Shastri Indo – Canadian Institute New Delhi, November, 2000
- Visited Queens University, Kingston, Canada as part of the Project on “Police development to support Agrobiodiversity in hill ecosystems of North and South India: Formal and Informal Knowledge Systems, Institutional Interests and Sustainability” funded by funded by CIDA, administered by Shastri Indo – Canadian Institute New Delhi, November, 2005
- Visited Thailand and presented a paper on **Use of Coastal shelterbelts along the East Coast of India** in a regional technical workshop on “Coastal protection in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean Tsunami: What role for forests and Trees?” at Khao Lak, Thailand from 28th August to 31st August, 2006, organized by FAO.
- Visited Malaysia as a consultant to provide inputs on Mangrove biology for a Thermal Power station at Tg Bin managed by TPSC India Ltd. on 15.11.06.

List of papers Published

1. Livingstone, C., **D. Narasimhan** and M. K. Janarthanan. 1985. A note on an alien weed *Seesamum alatum* Thonn (Pedaliaceae). J. Econ. Tax. Bot. 7:448.
2. Rama Rao, N., and **D. Narasimhan**. 1987. *Vitex quinata* (Lour) F. N. Williams (verbenaceae). A note on its distribution in Southern India. J. Econ. Tax. Bot. 9:493.
3. Srinivasan, S. R., and **D. Narasimhan**. 1987. A new variety of *Polycarpaea corymbosa* (L.) Lam. (Caryophyllaceae) from Southern India. J. Econ. Tax. Bot. 10: 347 - 493.
4. Rama Rao, N., **D. Narasimhan** and A. N. Henry. 1987. The Genus *Adenia* Forsskal (Passifloraceae) in Southern India. J. Econ. Tax. Bot. 11: 241 – 245.
5. Rama Rao, N., **D. Narasimhan** and T. Ravishankar. 1987. On the occurrence of *Erythrina fusca* Lour. (Papilionaceae) in Southern India. J. Econ. Tax. Bot. 11: 246 – 248.
6. Rama Rao, N., T. Ravishankar and **D. Narasimhan**. 1988. Occurrence of *Ougenia oojensis* (Roxb.) Hochr. (Papilionaceae) in Kerala. Indian J. Forestry. 11: 338.

7. **Narasimhan, D.**, N. Rama Rao and T. Ravishankar. 1989. Two Rare and interesting Taxa of Euphorbiaceae from Andhra Pradesh, Southern India. *J. Econ. Tax. Bot.* 13: 56 – 59.
8. **Narasimhan, D.**, and N. Rama Rao. 1990. Additions to the Flora West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. *Higher Plants of Indian Subcontinent*.1: 39 – 44. (Additional series of Indian J. Forestry).
9. **Narasimhan, D.**, John Mathew, Kavin Paulraj, S.M. Selvarathinam and P. Dayanandhan. 1993. Frugivorous birds and Conservation of Dry Evergreen Forest. In Abraham Varghese et al., *Bird Conservation Strategies for the Nineties and Beyond*. 28 – 31.
10. **Narasimhan, D.** 1996. Botanical Aspects of medicinal Plants. *Bull. Madras Govt. Museum, New Series: N. H. Section Vol. XII.* Pp 68 – 70.
11. Ravichandran, P., S. Krishnan, N. P. Samson, V. R. Subhiah, Azhakanandan and **D. Narasimhan**. 1996. *Eragrostis dayanandanii* – A New Grass from Tamil Nadu, India. *Kew Bulletin*. 51 (1).
12. Israel Oliver King, E.D., Chitra Vili and **D. Narasimhan**. 1997. Socio - Biological Aspects of Different Ecological Zones of Tamil Nadu. In: *Ecological Traditional of Tamil Nadu*. (Ed. Nandita Krishna & Javanthi Prabhakaran). C.P. R. Environmental education Centre, Chennai. Pp54 – 62.
13. Israel Oliver King E.D., Chitra Viji and **D. Narasimhan**. 1997. Sacred Grooves: Traditional Ecological Heritage, *International Journal of Ecology and Environmental Sciences* 23: 463 – 470.
14. Krishnan, S., N.P.Samson, P. Ravichandran, **D. Narasimhan** and P. Dayanandan. 1999. Phytoliths of Indian Grasses and their potential use in identification. *Botanical Journal of the Linnaean Society* (2000), 132: 241 – 252.
15. Chandra Kala, C., **D. Narasimhan** and C. Livingstone. 2000 – 2001. Botany of Homoeopathic medicine - A preliminary study. *J. Medicinal and Aromatic Pl. Science*. Vol. 22 – 23: 482 – 485.
16. A.K. Rathna Kumari, **D. Narasimhan**, C. Livingstone and P. Jayaraman. 2002. Intraspecific Classification of *Morinda pubescens* J.E.Smith based on Anatomy. *Phytomorphology*. Vol. 52 (2&3): 207-215.
17. J.Jayanthi, W. Arisdason, **D. Narasimhan** and C. Livingstone. 2002. *Fimbristylis acuminata* Vahl- an addition to sedge Flora of Tamil Nadu, India. *J. Econ. Tax. Bot.* Vol. 26 (1): 236-238.

18. Sherrie Jesulyn David, C. Livingstone , **D. Narasimhan** and C. Kingstone. 2002. *Sphaeranthus africanus* L. – A poorly known Taxon from Tamil Nadu. *J. Econ. Tax. Bot.* Vol. 26 (3): 509-511.
19. **D. Narasimhan** and J. Soundrapandi. 2002. Status of Scientific validation and Standardisation of Siddha drugs: Areas for S & T interventions. Proceedings: National Seminar on Siddha Medicine., Tamil University, Thanjavur.
20. Sheeba J. Irwin, **D. Narasimhan** and R. Ganesan. 2003. Status of *Syzygium gambleanum* Rathakr. & *Chitra* (Myrtaceae) from southern Western Ghats, India. *Bull. Bot. Surv. India* Vol. 45 (1–4): 111 – 120.
21. R. Sumathi, J. Jayanthi, P.V.Sreekumar and **D. Narasimhan**. 2004. *Chionanthus ramiflorus* Roxb. var. *peninsularis* Ravikumar & Lakshmanan, an extended distribution to Andaman & Nicobar Islands. *BNHS* Vol. 101 (1): 195
22. C. Chandrakala, **D. Narasimhan** and C. Livingstone. 2004. Plant sources of formulated Homoeopathic drugs. *Bull. Bot. Surv. India*, Vol.46, Nos. 1-4: 289-299.
23. **D. Narasimhan**, C. Chandrakala and A. K. Rathnakumari. 2005. Floral Diversity of Tamil Nadu *ENVIS News Letter* Special Issue Vol. 2(1): 1- 5. Department of Environment, Government of Tamil Nadu.
24. **D. Narasimhan** and K. Rathnavathy. 2003 (2006). Ecology of Sacred Trees: Temple Trees of Northern Tamil Nadu. *PILC Journal of Dravidic Studies*, Vol.13: 89-118.
25. **D. Narasimhan**. 2006. Field Study Presentation: Use of coastal shelterbelts along the east coast of India. In *Coastal Protection in the aftermath of the India Ocean tsunami: What role for forests are trees?* Proceedings of the Regional Technical Workshop Khao Lak, Thailand.
26. **D. Narasimhan**. 2008. Mangroves: Occurrence and importance. In: Jegadish Gandhi & Sugirtharaj, F. N. (eds.) *Mangrove Ecosystem in the Bay of Bengal Region, Enhancing Biodiversity and Disaster Risk Reduction*. Coastal Poor Development Action Network India.
27. Franco F. M. & **D. Narasimhan**. 2008. Ecological Elements in the songs of the Poraja and the Ancient Tamils. *Indian Jour. Ecocriticism* Vol I. 49 – 54
28. Franco, F. M., **D. Narasimhan** and W. Stanley, 2008. Relationship between Four Tribal Communities and their Natural Resources in the Koraput Region. *Ethnobotany Research & Applications* 6:481-485
29. **Narasimhan D.** & Franco F. M. 2009. What is Traditional Knowledge? In: Krishnan S. & D. J. Bhat (eds.) *Plant and Fungal Biodiversity and Bioprospecting*. Broadway Book Centre, Goa.

30. **Narasimhan D.** & Sheeba J. Irwin. 2009. Conservation of Strict Endemics of the Nigiris in Tamil Nadu ENVIS Special Issue: Endemic Angiosperms of Tamil Nadu. Vol. 5(4): 27-34.

Books/ Manuals / Chapter in Book

1. **Narasimhan, D.**, and E. Anbarasan. 1994. The Future of Environment in Tamil Nadu (in Tamil). In: "Thamizhar Ethircalaviyal" (Ed. David Prabhakar) Bharathi Madram, Madras Christian College.
2. Co – author of a manual "Handbook on Native Fodder Grasses" (in Tamil), published by Society for Social Forestry Research and Development, Chennai.
3. Co- edited a book titled "Vanam", a collection of poems, published by Department of Tamil, Madras Christian College and in Literary Magazines.
4. Co Edited a book titled" Vanam Pirandhathu", collection of poems, published by Department of Tamil, Madras Christian College. August. 1994.
5. **Narasimhan, D.**, and R. Arulraj. 1996. "Siddha Mooligaigalin Thaavaraviyal Peyargal" (In Tamil) Anusuya Padippagam. Chennai – 69.
6. Co-authored the Chapter on "Flora of East Coast (Adyar to Mamallapuram) in: Nirmal Selvamony et al. (eds.), The Changing Face of the Coastal Zone Between Chennai and Mamallapuram Published By Madras Christian College, Tambaram.
7. Compact Disc edition of Identification Manual for Flora Of Theosophical Society, Chennai has been brought out by the Society based on the Documentation done by our team of students.
8. **Narasimhan, D.**, and A. N.Henry – Forests and vegetation of Chengalpattu for the District Gazetteer of Chengalpattu District.
9. Janarthanam, M.K. and **D. Narasimhan** (eds.) 2003. Plant Diversity, Human Welfare and Conservation: A symposium Volume. Goa University, Goa

Articles of General Interest:

- Discovery of a New Grass – *Eragrostis dayanandanii*. Madras Christian College Magazine. LXII 1995-1996. pp 34-35.
- Plants added to the campus since 1975. Madras Christian College Magazine. LXIII 1996-1997. pp 35-37.
- Alien species Transplanted. C. Livingstone and **D. Narasimhan**. Express Week, Indian Express, June 7, 1997.

- What is Ethnobotany. Madras Christian College Magazine. LXIV 1997-1998. Pp 55-58.
- State Control On Sandalwood Should Go. The Hindu 29.08.1999.
- Seven Trees to look up. The Indian Express 25.01.08.

Other Interests/Activities

- Photographing Plants.
- Tamil Poetry.

Memberships held

- Life member, Society of Ethnobotanists, India.
- Life member, Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomy.
- Life member, International Society of Plant Morphologists.

Positions Held/ Holding

- Academic Council Member for 5 years.
- Honorary Editor for Black Buck, a Journal published by Madras Naturalist Society for two years
- Convener for Social Ethics, a foundational course on Value Education, for under Graduate students for 6 years.
- Honorary Secretary for Centre for Plants, People and Ecosystems, Chennai-73.
- Member, Syllabus committee for M. Sc. Herbal Sciences course, 2002, Mother Teresa University, Kodaikannal.
- A member of advisory committee for the ENVIS node on Conservation of Ecological Heritage and Sacred Sites
- Member of the committee appointed by Honorable High Court to look into cutting of trees for construction of grade separators and widening roads
- Member of the advisory panel for the Adayar Poonga Trust formed by the Government of Tamil Nadu for restoration of Adayar Creek

- Member, Advisory committee, Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Centre, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
- Member, Editorial Committee, for 'Indian Journal of Environmental Education (IJEE), C. P. R. Environmental Education Centre, Chennai.
- Convener for Environmental Studies from 2008
- Member, for the selection of Prof. R. Kalyanasundram Memorial award for Ph. D Scholar, for the year 2008, University of Madras, Chennai.
- Member, Adhoc Committee to frame the Syllabus for M. Phil (Medicinal Plant Biotechnology), Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.
- External Subject Expert, Board of Studies, Dept. of Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology, Presidency College, Chennai
- Member of Disciplinary Committee, Madras Christian College
- Vice-President In-charge, College Union Society, Madras Christian College 2008 - 2009
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