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I am pleased to give a brief introduction about myself.

I, **Dr. R. Maruthakutti**, is a Professor and Head in the Department of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli – 627 012, Tamil Nadu. I have been working in this university for the past 22 years and carried out very important and creditable research on working class families, mainstream and transitional societies including tribal societies, gerontology and women employment.

My doctoral research on ‘Women, Employment, Household Role Structure: A Network analysis of Working Class Families’(1993) is a pioneering research among South Indian scholars in the network approach, when the field was quite unknown for many. The field is now gaining importance.

Equipped with the network framework, I proceeded to map out the social network of senior citizens and their overall support system. I have presented research papers at International forum like World Congress of Gerontology, Adelaide (1997), Rio de Janeiro (2005), DICGF conference, Taiwan (2013) and World Congress of Sociology, Durban (2006), Yakohama, Japan (2014); also presented 14 papers in the national level conferences. Further 18 publications in refereed journals.

I have been awarded the following three major research projects: Ethnographic Study of (tribal community) in KMTR (World Bank assisted, 1998), Filial Obligations, Role relationships and Support for the Elderly – A Comparative study of Elderly in Institution and Family(ICSSR,2008), Grandparenting Experiences: An Emerging scenario (UGC, 2011). Also submitted three minor research projects

To my credit, I earned Commonwealth Fellowship and visited University of Wales, Bangor, UK during 2002-2003.

With this academic and research background, I continue to strive to promote the frontiers of Sociology as a discipline.

With regards,

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