

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**Revd Dr Naveen Rao**

**AGE:** **64 Years** (Date of birth 20 August 1961)

**ADDRESS:** Leonard Theological College, P.B. 36, South Civil Lines,  
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**EDUCATION:**

Doctor of Theology-OT (D.Th.) – 2007;  
Master of Theology-OT(M.Th.) - 1995;  
Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) - 1985;  
Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) – 1981.

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Ordained Ministry: Since 1985**, The Methodist Church in India (MCI)

- Pastoral Ministry (Ordained) - **9 Years** pulpit ministry in The Methodist Church in India (MCI), May 1985-1993, & June 2001 to August 2002.

**Teaching Ministry:** Theological Teaching Since 1995...

- **Professorship** (Hebrew Bible/OT), since Sept' 2014 till now
- **Associate Professor** (Hebrew Bible/OT), June 2006 – 2014
- Lecturer (Biblical Studies/OT), June 1995-2006

**Administration:** Since 2007...

- **Principal** of Leonard Theological College since 20 April 2015 till now...,
- **Senator** of the Senate of Serampore College (University), 2016-2019
- **Registrar & Dean** of Theology of LTC since 2007
- **Chairperson:** Academic Council of Senate of Serampore College (University) 2019-2022.
- **Co-Chair of Asia:** 2018- 2024 & 2024-2030 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Institute, UK
- **President** of Hindi Theological Literature Committee (HTLC) printing and publishing theological text books.

**Ministry in Sattal Christian Ashram: 40 Years**

**Secretary & Board Member** of the Sattal Christian Ashram Society since 2022

**Resource Person:**

Evangelist & Bible Teacher (since 1995...) to lead in the sharing on topic  
"Kingdom of God," Bible-Study of the Book of Acts, Christian-Yoga: theory &  
practice, Indigenization, life and ministry of the Church in India.

**Missionary :** 2 Years, 1999 to 2001, Nepal,

Establishing churches and a Bible School for Pastors' & missionaries' training.

**Youth Director (Regional) :** 3 Years, 1990 – 93.

**Audio & Video of Ministry:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Da6S5gjyLU> (English in CA, USA, Jan-Feb, 2013)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLiPMIshHBg> (English Methodist Church, Jabalpur, 30/6/19)
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCccNDNd-CaPo8qGB0ahasIQ> (Hindi-Convention Speaker)

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 26 June 2025 participated and presented paper in Wesleyan Summer Study Seminar (WSSS) at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- Delivered Key Note Address on “Market-Economy in Wesleyan Understanding of the World is My Parish”, in the Plenary session of Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (OIMTS), in its 15<sup>th</sup> session going to be held from 04<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Aug’ 2024 at Oxford, England,
- Presented a paper on “AI, Crypto & Pride Community in Theological Education Curriculum,” in 15<sup>th</sup> OIMTS from 04<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Aug’ 2024 at Oxford, England,
- Participated in a seminar “Postcolonial Studies of Wesleyan Heritage” from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21 Aug’ 2019 at Cambridge, England.
- Elected as Co-Chair of Asia, Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (OIMTS), in its 14<sup>th</sup> session held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Aug’ 2019 at Oxford England, presented a paper on “Theological Education: A Postcolonial Vision of “Revival & Reformation” and participated in institute sessions.
- Sabbatical: August 2012 – March 2013 Exchange scholar for Global Research Institute (GRI), Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, USA to write a text book on “Life & Faith of the people of God in the Hebrew Bible”, for theological course in the branch of Old Testament for Indian Theological University (Senate of Serampore College, University).
- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct’ - 4<sup>th</sup> Nov’ 2010, attended International Conference on Building Communities of Peace at Seoul, South Korea, and presented a paper “A Laid-Out Table: A Biblical-Dalit Vision of Peace.”
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oct’- 15<sup>th</sup> Oct’ 2010, attended International Conference ALUTA CONTINUA: CONNECTING PROPHETIC VOICES, at Pietermaritzburg, South Africa and presented a paper “New Agenda of Rebuilding Community: Isa 11:1-9”
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct’-10<sup>th</sup> Nov’2008 attended Key Stone Discipleship Seminar at Rapid City, South Dakota, USA
- In 2005, from Aug’ to Oct’, under International Network for Advance Theological Education (INATE) exchange programme studied at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.
- In 2001, nominated as “Wesley Scholar 2001” by Charles Wesley Heritage Centre, Bristol, England and was invited to do a research in Wesleyan Studies at CWHC, Bristol, England, stayed there April & May 2001. Worked on a research project-‘Wesleyan Spirituality and Yoga.
- In 1997, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August, participated in 10<sup>th</sup> OXFORD INSTITUTE OF THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, at Somerville College, Oxford, England, Presented a paper on – “Doctrine of God in Exodus 6:2-9, A challenge of Hermeneutical Task in a Religiously Pluralistic Community
- In 1997, from 20<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> June participated in a study-tour of Israel to study historical-Geography and archaeology.

#### WORK PUBLISHED IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS & BOOKS

- “Building Emerging India: Friendship of Jones and Mahatma Gandhi”, in *E. Stanley Jones: An International Influencer & Legacy*. CHRISTIAN HISTORY INSTITUTE, Vol. 136, A Series on the World Influencers (CHRISTIAN HISTORY INSTITUTE: August 2020, Worcester, PA) pp. 24-28.

- “Indian Commentary on the Book of Job”, *The South Asian Bible Commentary* (SABC) One Volume, Gen. ed. Brian Wintle (Langham: UK) Oct’, 2015.
- “Decolonizing the Formulation of Scripture: A Post-Colonial Reading of Genesis 12, 20 & 26.” *Decolonizing The Body Of Christ: Theology & Theory After Empire*. Ed. Joseph Duggan & Joy David, (Palgrave Macmillan: USA) spring 2012.
- “Reading Other-Wise”, in *Reading Other-Wise: Socially Engaged Biblical Scholars Reading With Their Local Communities*, SEMEIA, No. 62 (Society of Biblical Literature: Atlanta, 2007): 141-146.

#### AUTHORED FOUR BOOKS

- *Forgotten Hero of Freedom Struggle of India: Eli Stanley Jones Missionary-Statesman* (Leonard Theological College Publications: Jabalpur, 2023)
- *Life & Faith of The People of God In Hebrew Bible* (SCEPTRE: Kolkota, 2013).
- *The Formulation of Scripture: Liberative Hebrew Paradigm For Dalit Scripture* (ISPCK / LTC: New Delhi, 2010). This book is given a catalogue number and is accepted by Library of Congress, Washington DC as a resource for research in the field of Asian studies.
- *John Wesley & Yoga: A Cross-Cultural Study In Wesleyan Spirituality And Yoga* (Ben-Cohen Publications: Jabalpur, 2003).

#### FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- *Prophet-Prophecy & Empires in Ancient Israel: A Postcolonial Study*,
- *Ancient Israel: Life & Faith*,

#### EDITORIAL WORK:

- *Sower*, A Journal of Council of Education and Christian Nurture, Methodist Church in India, editorial board member since 2012.
- *Samskriti*; A Journal of the School of Research of LTC, editor since 2013 till 2016.
- “Editorial Note” in Bishop & Mrs. Parmar Lecture Series on *Contemporary Issues in Science and Theology* by Samuel Richmond Saxena (ISPCK/LTC: Delhi/Jabalpur, 2018). This book is given a catalogue number accepted by Library of Congress, Washington DC as a resource for research in the field of Asian studies.

#### PUBLISHED WORK IN BIBLICAL FIELD

- “Church And Change: Word, Worship, & Witness in a World of AI, Crypto, & Pride,” *Samskriti* No.1 & 2, Vol. 22, 2024 (LTC: Jabalpur):74-83
- “Worship in the Lockdown: Constants & Variables”, *Samskriti* No.1 & 2, Vol. 20, 2020 (LTC: Jabalpur):74-83.
- “Women in the Kitchen A Location of Servitude to the Seat of Politics: A Postmodern Study of Genesis 27” *Sandeshharika: Prophetess’ Voice* Vol 6, April 2019 (LTC: Jabalpur, 2019): 2-5.
- “Postcolonial Reading ‘Discipleship as Mission’: Resurrecting Invisible Miriam And the Boy with the Tiffin Box”, *Samskriti* No.1 & 2, Vol. 19, 2019 (LTC: Jabalpur):74-83.
- “Mid-Wife in Exodus 2: A Postcolonial Model of Partnering with God”, *Samskriti* (LTC: Jabalpur, 2018).
- “Marriage: Traditions, Changes and Challenges -Key-Note Address” in *Sandeshharika* (A Women’s Journal ISPCK/LTC: Delhi/Jabalpur, 2018)
- “Partnership in God’s Mission: Challenge of Interpreting Human Sexuality from the Biblical Texts”, *Samskriti* (LTC: Jabalpur, 2017).
- “Margins”, *Clark Theological College Journal* (Pub. by Clark Theological College: Nagaland, 2016).

- “Spirituality From Old Testament Perspective”, *Spirituality: Towards a Comprehensive Perspective*. Eds. P.Mohan Larbeer & Santanu K. Patro (BTESSC Pub: Bangalore, 2016).
- “Postcolonial Critique of Enlightenment Methodology for Ministry & Mission: A Proposal of Hebrew Epistemology for the Study of Hebrew Bible”, *Bible and Mission: Biblical Perspectives for Doing Mission in Contemporary India*. Eds. P. Joseph Titus & Dexter S. Maben. (SBSI & CSS: Bangalore & Thiruvalla, 2015): 134-151.
- “Postcolonial Reading of the Bible”, *Journal of Tribal Studies*. Vol. XVIII, No.1, Tribal Study Centre, ETC, Jorhat (Jan-June, 2013): 61-74.
- “Formulation of a Liberative Hebrew Scripture: A Paradigm for Dalit Scripture”, *Christian Theologizing And Social Thinking In India: Discernment, Interconnection, Transition And New Direction*. Ed. Vincent Rajkumar, (Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society: Bangalore, 2010)
- “The Book of Ruth as a Clandestine Scripture to Sabotage Persian Colonial Agenda: A Paradigm for a Liberative Dalit Scripture”, *BANGALORE THEOLOGICAL FORUM* (BTF), Vol. XLI, No.1 (United Theological College: Bangalore, June 2009):114-134
- “A Bible Study on : Leadership-In-Relationship”, *The Sower* (CECN, Jabalpur: 2008)
- “A Contextual Bible Study: Our land and Our Freedom” *Samskriti*, Vol 13, No.1,(LTC : Jabalpur, Jan-June 2008):73-79
- “Dalit Liberation in the Age of Globalization: Towards a Pragmatic Approach”, *Samskriti* ,Vol 12 (LTC : Jabalpur, Jan-June 2007):1-17.
- “Healing *rafa*: A Hebrew Understanding.” *Gurukul Jyoti* (Chennai: GLTC & RI, 2004).
- “Doctrine of God in Exodus 6:2-9, A Challenge of Hermeneutical Task in a religiously Pluralistic Community”, *Bible Bhashyam*, (March '98).
- “The OT vis-à-vis NT”, *Indian Witness* (MCI Official magazine) (Nov. '92)

#### PUBLISHED ARTICLES ON MINISTRY

- “Burn Out in Ministry,” *Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House)
- “Original Goodness: Not Original Sin”, AIMS (Evangelical Fellowship of India: May: 2024)
- “Methodist (Wesleyan) Tradition & Its Response to Poverty and Poor in India” *Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: May, 2021):10-13.
- “A Report: Wesleyan Theological Consultation” *Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: Nov' 2016):12-14
- “Sexual Morality and the Response of the Church: Amendments in Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections 377 & 497” *Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: Feb' 2019):12-14.
- “Ashram Session UCA & Healing Prayer Meeting At Leonard Theological College” (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: Nov' 2018): 5-6.
- “E. Stanley Jones (Birth Anniversary 3 Jan' 1884)”, *The Sower*, Vol 29/3(CECN, Jabalpur: 2017):3-6.
- “Migrating God with Migrating Human” *The Sower* , Vol 28/3(CECN, Jabalpur:2015): 3-6.
- “Christian Mission & Women Empowerment”, *The Sower* Vol.27/ 2 (CECN, Jabalpur: 2014): 2-7.
- “Sermon Outline: Ash Wednesday”, *The Sower* , Vol 25/3(CECN, Jabalpur:2013): 11-12
- “A Blue Christmas”, *The Sower* , Vol 24/3(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec' , 2012): 11-12.
- “Earth-Centred Passion and Resurrection From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday: A Paradigm from Groaning to Greening” *National Council Of Churches In India NCCI Review*, Vol. CXXXII, No.03 ( April 2012):145-150.
- “A Salute to Cooperative Society”, *The Sower* Vol 24/1(CECN, Jabalpur: Apr' 2012): 8-13.
- “Maundy Thursday: A Dinner where Confrontation, Betrayal & Bonding Took Place” *Lenten Lantern 2012*, ed. Sunil Raj Philip (Commission on Dalits, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN INDIA) ( March, 2012): 23-26.
- “Church Property: Come Let Us Reason Together”, *Indian Witness*, No. 233 (Feb' , 2012):6-8.

- “General Conference & Episcopal Election” *Indian Witness*, No. 230, (Oct’-Nov’, 2011): 1-2.
- “Church Property, Account & Auditing: My Spirituality”, *Indian Witness*, No. 229, (Sept’, 2011): 4-5.
- “Call For Nation-Building-Our Mission Agenda”, *National Council Of Churches In India (NCCI) Review*, Vol. CXXXI, No.7 (Aug’ 2011): 4-15.
- “Foundation of the Church: Confession & Mission- A Rocky Ground?” *Sandeshharika*, Vol. 1No.2 (LTC: Jabalpur, July 2011): 2-9.
- “Let Us Pass-Over on This Easter”, *The Sower* Vol. 23/1 (CECN, Jabalpur: Apr’ 2011): 3-7.
- “Afro-American Spirituals: Religious Hymns of Rebellion Against Slavery”, *Bangalore Theological Forum(BTF)* Vol. XLII, No.3 (United Theological College: Bangalore, Dec’ 2010):140-154
- “The Crypto Christians”, *The Sower*, Vol.22/1(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec’ 2010):4-12.
- “Healing Memories: Peace on Earth”, *The Sower*, Vol.22/3(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec’ 2010):9-13
- “Communication & Religion”, *The Sower*, Vol.22/2(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec’,2010):9-13
- “Changing Context & Sunday School Curriculum”, *The Sower*, Vol.21/3(CECN, Jabalpur: Dec’,2009):3-8.
- “*Maa Tujhe Salaam*: Tribute to Motherhood on Mothers’ Day”, *The Sower* Vol 21/1 (CECN, Jabalpur:2009 )
- “A History of 150 Years of Methodism in India: Whose History Is It Anyway?”*Indian Witness* (MCI, Lucknow Publishing House: Oct’ 2006)
- A Series of Seven Meditations on the Theme of “Science & Religion,” *Gurukul Devotion- 2006*(Chennai: GLTC &RI, 2005).
- A Series of Seven Meditations on the Theme of “Youth: Identity Crises & Its Resolution,” *Gurukul Devotion- 2005*.(Chennai: GLTC &RI, 2004).
- “Meet John Wesley in The Oldest Methodist Chapel”, *Indian Witness*, (Sept’ 2003).
- “General Conference & Episcopal Election,” *Indian Witness*, (Jan’ 2003).
- “Vision of John Wesley & its Relevance for the Church,” *Indian Witness*, (May, 2002) 8-10.
- “Nuclear-Bomb and the Cross”, *Indian Witness*, (Sept.’98).
- “Commonality of Plurality”, *National Council Of Churches Review*, (Feb’97).
- “Empowerment for Transformation”, *Indian Witness (IW)*, (Oct. ’96).
- “Faith and Culture: My Reflection”, *Archway* (Annual College magazine):1995-96.
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- Forthcoming Publication:
  - Prophets-Prophecy in Israel: A Postcolonial Study,
  - Community & Scriptures: Issues of Origin, Identity, Ethics, and Future Hope

### Forth Coming Publications:

- **M. Th. Thesis - An Analysis of the Qumran Text 4Q252 Genesis Florilegium.**  
UTC: Bangalore, 1995.
- **BD Thesis - The Relevance of the Eighth Century Prophets’ concern for Social Justice for a Reappraisal of the Social Action Programme of the MCSA/MCI and some Guidelines for Future Action.** LTC: Jabalpur, 1985.
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### Family

Wife We got married on 7 Nov 1990, now reached 34<sup>th</sup> year.

- **Esther Rao**, (Date of Birth 1<sup>st</sup> April 1963), Qualifications: MA (Pol. Sc); MA (Sanskrit); M.Ed.; Post-Graduate Diploma In Yoga Education 2005-06 (RDVV, Jabalpur);Diploma of Proficiency in Counselling,1995, UTC, Bangalore. Taught 1996-99 & 2010-2024 at Christ Church S.S.School, Jabalpur

Children:

- **Gershom Ben Rao** (16-09-91), BFA (Appl. Arts) Lucknow Univ. 2010-14, Professional Dip. In Game Making AIGA 2014-15, worked in SONY Studio-Play Station, Malaysia, now working at Barcelona Spain.
- **Cohen Rao** (12-10-92), B. Tech.(Electronics & Comm.); PG Diploma in Audio Engineering; MSc Audio Production (2024), University of Salford, Manchester, UK, lives in Manchester UK.

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