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**Dr. Sunanda Bhagavathy** is Heading the department of Criminology, Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences. She had experience of 35+ years in the Tamil Nadu Police Force and winner of several commendations for meritorious service including both the President's Medal and the Chief Minister's Medal. She achieved an impressive career track record growing from Sub-Inspector to the Additional Superintendent of Police of the elite Q Branch of CID handling, highly demanding roles like airport security, security for the Chief Minister, charge of first ever all-women police station, special Branch CID of the District detachment, Police training college & school etc.

**Commendations / Honours**

- President Medal for meritorious service in 2014.
- Meritorious service entry from IGP, South Zone, Madurai in 2003.
- Commendation letter from the SP, Special Branch CID, Chennai in 2001 for resolving a communal issue.
- Anna Medal – Chief Minister's medal – for meritorious service in 1994.
- Silver jubilee Independence Day medal for flawless service. -1996
- Commendation letter from the British Airways for restoring a wallet and passport of a Diplomat

**Proficiency Matrix & Attainments**

**Organisational Leadership**

- Served as Vice-Principal of the police recruit school for 3 years overseeing the training and deployment of over 1200 constables
  - DSP – In-service training – Trained nearly 3000 Police personnel of Three Districts, who are in service.
  - Member of the Free- Legal Aid service, Sri Vaikundam Sub-Court.
  - Guest lecturer in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli.
- Guest lecturer in Tamil Nadu Police Academy , Oonamancheri, Chennai

**TEACHING AREAS** : Police Administration, Victimology, Penology, Crime

prevention, Juvenile Justice system, Forensic science, Law

**RESEARCH AREAS** : Access Justice to crime victims, Crimes against women and Children

**EXTENSION ACTIVITIES** : Anti-Human Trafficking club.

**Book/ Publications**

1. Wrongfully convicted Legally acquitted
2. Examining Access to Justice – A study of Acquitted Murder Cases
3. Access to Justice for Victims Approaching the All-Women Police Station – A SLOT Analysis. The Indian Police Journal  
ISSN 0537-2429 July – September 2012
4. Acquittals, its aftermath and access to justice to victim of murder in the three southern districts of Tamil Nadu
6. Victimization due to Sloppy investigation
7. Review of Gender Discrimination in Society