

### **Brief Introduction to Prof. (Dr.) Balamurali R.S.**

Dr. Balamurali R. S. is presently working as the Professor and Head of Department of the Postgraduate and Research Department of Zoology, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram affiliated to University of Kerala.

He took his post-graduation and M.Phil. from University of Kerala, Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries and worked there itself in various consultancy and research projects which includes, projects sponsored by NCESS, DoD and WAPCOS, Government of India and Kerala State Electricity Board and Department of Forests, Government of Kerala. He also worked in Department of Fisheries, Government of Kerala as Fisheries Extension Officer for five years. He obtained his Ph.D. degree from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, in 2014.

He joined as Assistant Professor in Postgraduate and Department of Zoology of NSS College Pandalam in 2006, and as Associate Professor in Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram from 2019 and as Professor of Zoology from 2022 onwards.

Dr. Balamurali R. S. worked in several positions in College and University as Elected Member of Academic Council of University of Kerala, Associate NCC Officer in the rank of Lieutenant, NAAC Coordinator, Planning Board Convener, UGC- College with Potential for Excellence scheme convener etc. and Head of Department of Zoology from 2016 onwards.

To his credit, published more than 30 research articles, more than 15 proceedings in various national/ international seminars, produced 1 Ph.D. and 4 scholars are researching under his guidance for Ph.D. degree. Attended more than 60 seminars and conferences organized several seminars and workshops.

He is an active member of several professional academic societies such as Member, Society for Conservation Biology, Washington, The Indian Science Congress Association, Applied and Natural Science Foundation, Uttarakhand, Asian Fisheries Society, and British Ecological Society. He was also elected as “Fellow of Linnaean Society” of London which is the world’s oldest active society devoted to natural history.

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