

PROFILE OF SCIENTIST/RESEARCH WORKER

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Qualification Ph.D. in Botany

Area(s) of Specialization: Forest Flora of Kerala; Tree Systematics; Non-wood forest produces; Medicinal plants; Biodiversity Conservation

Occupation/Designation: Scientist, Dr. BP PAL Fellow.

Major Activities: Extensively worked on the forest flora, particularly Wildlife Sanctuaries and Forest Trees of Kerala. Developed A computer-Aided tree Identification Programme for the Trees of Kerala exclusively based on vegetative and field characters. Also developed an electronic Checklist on the Flowering Plants of Kerala (DVD) with 19,000 images of plants. Evaluated the substituted medicinal plants with respect to their phytochemical and biological properties.

Awards/Recognitions:

Dr. VV Sivarajan Gold Medal from the Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomists in 2004.

Dr. BP PAL Environmental Fellowship in Award 2012 by the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India for the outstanding contributions in the field of biodiversity.