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Awards/Recognitions:

- 1. Recognized as a plant expert by various Government and Non-Government organizations and is included as a member of several advisory, consultative and technical committees.
- 2. Two of the nine thesis guided have been awarded Prof. R. Kalyanasundram Memorial award given for the best Ph. D thesis by the University of Madras.
- 3. Selected for Dr. V. V. Sivarajan Gold medal given for Taxonomists by Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy for the year 2008-2009
- 4. Honored by Ph. D scholars by describing and publishing a new orchid species Anoectochilus *narasimhanii* from Andaman Islands, a new Annonaceae (Custad Apple Family) species *Orophea narasimhanii* from Andaman Islands and a new Grass species *Trachys narasimhanii* from Tamil Nadu