

BRIEF BIODATA of Dr. BALAMURALI R. S.

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Academic Qualifications : M.Sc. M.Phil., Ph.D.

Other Qualifications :

Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) for Assistant Professorship in Colleges/ Universities in India

Fellow of Linnean Society (FLS) of London

Qualified Kerala P.S.C. – Account Test (lower), Account Test (Executive Officer)

Field of Specialisation in subject :

Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, Biodiversity, Conservation Biology, Environmental Biology, Soil Biology, Animal Taxonomy, Aquaculture

Work Experience :

Designation	Name of employer	Joining	Date of Leaving
Fisheries Extension Officer	Government of Kerala (Fisheries)	16.06.1997	27.03.2002
Senior Research Fellow	University of Kerala, Department of Ocean Development, Govt. of India sponsored project	01.12.2002	31.07.2004
Principal Investigator	National Fish Workers Forum	01.08.2004	31.07.2005
Lower Division Clerk	Government of Kerala (Printing)	22.12.2005	31.05.2006
Assistant Professor of Zoology	NSS College, Pandalam, Pathanamthitta, Kerala	01.06.2006	01.06.2013
Assistant Professor of Zoology	Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	02.06.2013	31.05.2016
Assistant Professor of Zoology and Head of Department	Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	01.06.2016	31.05.2019
Associate Professor of Zoology and Head of Department	Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	01.06.2019	31.05.2022
Professor and Head of Department	Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	01.06.2022	Till date

Teaching / Research Experience:

Teaching Postgraduate level – 20+ years

Teaching Graduate level – 20+ years

Research – 25 Years

Positions Occupied (University / College level):

- **President, Institute Innovation Council (IIC), Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, 2025 Onwards**
- **Convener, Anti-Ragging Cell, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, 2023-2026**
- **Member, Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, 2023-2026**
- **Principal-in-Charge, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, June 2024-March 2025**
- **Academic Council Member (Elected), Zoology of University of Kerala from 23.11.2016 - 22.11.2020**
- **Associate NCC Officer** in the rank of **Lieutenant** from 15 October 2008 - 31 July 2019, commissioned in National Cadet Corps, Ministry of Defence, Government of India
- **Coordinator of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)- 2019-2020, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram**
- **Member, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, 2017-2021**
- **Coordinator and Convener of UGC scheme-College with Potential for Excellence (CPE), Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, 2016-2020**
- **College Planning Board Convener, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, 2017-2020**
- **Head, Department of Postgraduate and Research Department of Zoology, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram. 2016- 2026 (till date)**
- **College Officer of All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) by Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD), Government of India (Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram) 2014-2017**
- **Convener and Member, Discipline Committee and Anti-Ragging Committee, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, 2016-2021**
- **Research Guide in Zoology (University of Kerala) 2015 onwards**
- **Member, M.Phil. & P.G. Examination Board (Fisheries & Aquaculture), University Centre for Applied Sciences, M.G. University, Kottayam**
- **Chairman & Member, UG/PG Board of Question Paper Setters, Kannur University, Mahatma Gandhi University**
- **College Council Member (Elected) – NSS College, Pandalam 2010-2011**
- **Expert Committee Member for restructuring under graduate course in BSc Aquaculture and BSc Industrial Fish and Fisheries in Mahatma Gandhi University -2009 June onwards.**

Research Papers Published : 36

Seminar Proceedings : 12

Chapter in Book : 2

Books Published : 2

Edited Book : 2

External Funded Projects undertaken : 3

M.Sc. / M.Phil. Projects guided : 40

Seminar/Programs/Workshops organised/ Resource person : 7

Courses/Seminars/Training/Workshops attended : More than 60

PhD s produced / Ongoing : 3 Awarded, 3 Ongoing

Awards / Honours/ Fellowship:

1. Bharat Vikas Award- National Award by Institute of Self Reliance, Bhuvaneshwar, Orissa, India for Contributions in Biodiversity Conservation-2018
2. Fellow of Linnean Society of London (FLS) No: **17801** [The Linnean Society of London is the world's oldest active society devoted to natural history. Founded in 1788 by **Sir James Edward Smith** (1759–1828), who was its first President, the Society takes its name from the Swedish naturalist **Carl Linnaeus** (1707–1778) whose botanical, zoological and library collections have been in our keeping since 1829. The Linnean Society received its Royal Charter in 1802]

Membership in Professional Bodies:

1. Member, Society for Conservation Biology, Washington DC, USA, 2009 onwards
2. Life Member, The Indian Science Congress Association. Kolkata, Mem. Id. No. L34974
3. Life Member, Marine Biological Association of India. Kochi. Mem Id: 793
4. Member, Mannam Memorial National Club, Thiruvananthapuram. Mem. No. RM 32
5. Member, Bombay Natural History Society. Mem No. 3701
6. Founder President, Ananthapuri Karate Foundation, Thiruvananthapuram
7. Member, Applied and Natural Science Foundation, Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Mem. Id. 53/2021
8. Member, Asian Fisheries Society, Mem Id. IN2021F001
9. Member, British Ecological Society. Mem. No. CON-1041795