



About the Department

The University Department of Zoology was established as a full-fledged teaching and research department in July, 1968, at Kariavattom with the late Prof. K. K. Nayar as the Professor and Head of the Department. During the formative period, the department was concentrating mainly on research, the principal field being Comparative Endocrinology of Invertebrates, especially insects. There were many research projects during that period supported by various agencies like the Ford Foundation, PL 480, CSIR, UGC, INSA, ICMR, ICAR, Tea Board, Atomic Energy Commission, etc. and the research activities of the Department were organized along definite lines with an active group of research workers pursuing one or more lines of study.

The department started the M.Sc. and M.Phil. Courses in Zoology (Pure and Applied) in 1983-1984. The department has produced 100% pass in all the examinations with high degree of First Classes. For the Ph.D. programme, this has been offered in the department since its inception. The Department has so far produced more than 100 Ph.D, 200 M.Phil and more than 1000 research publications in national and international journals.

The main areas of research chosen by candidates for the Ph.D. and M. Phil. Programmes are: - Insect Physiology, Endocrinology, Muscle Physiology, Wild Life Biology, Animal Physiology, Animal Behaviour, Vector Biology, Environmental Biology, Stress Physiology, Fish Biology, Aquatic Ecology and Conservation Biology. Active research in these areas is in progress with substantial financial aids from national funding agencies. The successful implementation of the research projects covering these areas is instrumental for the recognition in the field of Basic and Applied Zoology research. The Department is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year in 2018.



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