

PROFILE OF SCIENTIST/RESEARCH WORKER

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- Qualification** : M.Sc., Ph.D. in Botany
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- Major Activities** : Prof. T. Pullaiah obtained his M.Sc. (1973) and Ph. D. degrees in Botany from from Andhra University. He was a Post Doctoral Fellow at Moscow State University, Russia during 1976-78. He traveled widely in Europe and USA and visited Universities and Botanical Gardens in about 17 countries.

Professor Pullaiah joined Sri Krishnadevaraya University as Lecturer in 1979 and became Professor in 1993. He held several positions in the University, which include Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Head of the Department of Botany, Chairman, BOS in Botany, Head of the Department of Sericulture, Co-ordinator and Chairman, BOS in Biotechnology, Vice Principal and Principal, S.K.University College. He retired from active service on 31st May 2011. He was selected by UGC as UGC-BSR Faculty Fellow and is working in Sri Krishnadevaraya University. Prof. Pullaiah has published 49 books, 265 research papers and 35 popular articles.

His books include Flora of Andhra Pradesh (5 volumes),

Flora of Eastern Ghats (vol. 1-4), Biodiversity in India (vol. 1-5), Herbal Antioxidants (3 volumes) Taxonomy of Angiosperms (presently in 3rd edition), Plant Development, Plant Reproduction, Plant Tissue Culture, Nine District Floras (Flora of Guntur district, Flora of Kurnool district, Flora of Anantapur district, Flora of Nizamabad, Flora of Medak district, Flora of Ranga Reddi district, Flora of Krishna district, Flora of Nalgonda district, all in Andhra Pradesh and Flora of Davanagere district in Karnataka state, etc.

He is Principal Investigator of 20 major Research Projects totaling more than a crore of rupees funded by DBT, DST, CSIR, UGC, BSI, WWF, GCC etc. Under his guidance 52 students obtained their Ph.D. degrees and 35 students their M.Phil. degrees.

Two species are named after him: *Brachystelma pullaiahii* Rao *et al.* and *Ceropegia pullaiahii* Kullayisw. *et al.*

Awards/Recognitions : He is recipient of Best Teacher Award from Government of Andhra Pradesh, Prof. P. Maheswari Gold Medal and Prof. G. Panigrahi Memorial Lecture of Indian Botanical Society and Prof.Y.D. Tyagi Gold medal of Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy.

He was Vice President of Indian Botanical Society. He was Member of Species Survival Commission of International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

At present he is President of Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy.