

PROFILE OF SCIENTIST/RESEARCH WORKER

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5.Qualifications: PH.D.((London), F.L.S., F.N.A.Sc

6.Areas of specialization

Taxonomy, Biodiversity Agro-biodiversity, Phytogeography Endemic species, Endangered species and Ecology of wetlands

7. Occupation and designation:

7.1Chairman, Task Force on Agrobiodiversity Hotspots and Benefit Sharing, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi. (2007-2009)

7.2. Coastal & Marine Biodiversity Conservation Specialist/ local consultant of Asian Development Bank 2002

7.3. Chair (Taxonomy), Centre of Excellence sponsored by the Ministry of Environment & Forests at the Tropical Botanic Gardens & Research Institute.1998-2001

7.4. Pithamber Pant National Environment Fellow of the Government of India (1994-1997

7.5. Emeritus Scientist of the Botanical Survey of India (1991-1991).

7.7. Director, Botanical Survey of India and ex officio Botanical Adviser to the Govt. of India (1984-1990).

8.Major Activities:

8.1 As a part of the Pithamber Environmental Fellowship, published "Hotspots of Endemic plants

of India, Nepal and Bhutan” M.P.Nayar in 1997

Studied and submitted the “State of the art of Kerala coastal biodiversity and poverty alleviation” funded by the Asian Development bank (2002)

8.3 Undertook Studies on Biodiversity and conservation management of Sasthamkotta lake, the largest fresh water lake in Kerala funded by the Ministry of Environment & Forests (2006-2008). Published the findings in “Biodiversity and Conservation of Sasthamkotta Fresh Water lake of Kerala,” by M.P.Nayar, T.Alexander and L.Thushara

8.4 Studied Population and reproductive biology of *Garcinia gummigutta* an endemic species of southern W.Ghats funded by C.S.I.R.

8.5 Undertaking studies on the Ecology and Bio-assessment of Ashatamudi lake, the second largest Ramsar lake in Kerala”.funded by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

8.6 As Chairman of the Taskforce on Agrobiodiversity published two volumes of Agrobiodiversity Hotspots in India: Conservation and Benefit sharing” (2009) published by the Ministry of Agriculture.

8.7. President, Environmental Resources Research Centre, Thiruvananthapuram

8.8 Author of 25 books and 250 scientific papers,

9.Awards and designations

9.1. Prof: Panchanan Maheswari Gold Medal 2008

9.2. Santapau Gold Medal on Taxonomy 2005.

9.3 Award of Pitamber Pant National Environment Fellow
(1994-1997).

9.4.Member Emeritus of Species Survival Commission of IUCN

9.5 Chairman, Indian Sub -Continent Plant Specialist Group of Species Survival Commission of I.U.C.N. (1984-1986).

9.6 Indian Govt. delegate of International Botanical Congress at Berlin (1987);Leader of Indian team for the Convention of International Trade on Endangere Species of Flora and Fauna at Ottawa, Canada. (1987) ;Member of Indian Scientific Delegation to USSR.(1988).