

Faculty Profile of Dr. K. Murugan



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Research Area

- Predatory Copepods and Mosquito Vector Control
- Chitosan Nanoparticles from Crab and Biological Functions
- Chitosan Nanoparticles and mosquito Borne Diseases
- Chemical Ecology of Insects, Climate Change, Butterflies

Education & Career

Professor Dr. K. MURUGAN, who is presently working as CSIR-Emeritus Scientist (CSIR-Govt. of India) on “Biocidal effect of quinoline derivatives against mosquito vectors, malarial parasites and dengue virus and bioinformatics molecular docking with Covid-19 spike protein “for the period of 5 years from 2022, at Department of Zoology, School of Life Sciences, Bharathiar University,

Coimbatore, India.

Formerly, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, and Registrar, i/c, Bharathiar University, Vice-Chancellor at Thiruvalluvar University (State University), Vellore, TN, India during 2016-2019 (3 years). He has also served as Additional Director at the DRDO-BU – Centre for Life Sciences, Ministry of Defence, at Bharathiar University for 7 years. He was a Vice-Chairman, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

He is World Top Scientist 2% at Global Level (Mycology and Parasitology), Stanford University Ranking –Consecutive years for 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023. Top Scientist in India (16th position) in Biology and Biochemistry 2022 by Research Com ranking.

He has 35 years of Research and Teaching experience and for his Scientific Knowledge, he was recognized with prestigious awards from (a) STA fellow, 1995 (Science and Technology Agency, Japan), FAO-Forest Award, Italy, 1997 (b) Commonwealth Fellow by the Association of Commonwealth Universities)- UK 2000 (Oxford University) (c) CAS-TWAS fellow 2006, Italy (d) DBT, Crest Award – 2011, (e) One Time Grant Awardee, University Grants Commission, India (f) Green House 2011 Awardee, CSIRO, Australia, Water Award, Wuhan University (g) Chris Lomer Awardee for Insect Pathology 2012, USA. Awarded JSPS Invitation fellow Japan (2015), and 100 Talent Awardee, Shanxi University, China, 2017. His recent citations 19897 h-index:74 and i10-index: 366 and his cumulative impact factor more than 1500. He is visiting scientist at National Taiwan Ocean University, Taiwan. From his supervision 53 Ph.D. scholars received the degree.

Projects

Research Guidance

Research Publication

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