

## **Report of the Activities of VIBA – April 2019 to December 2020**

### **Annual General Body Meeting**

The third Annual General Meeting of the rejuvenated VIBA was held on June 1, 2019 at Seminar Hall, Govt. Victoria College. The meeting started at 10 A M with an invocation, followed by the welcome address by Dr. Maya C. Nair, President, VIBA and Head, Department of Botany. She cheerfully extended a warm welcome to the Principal and other dignitaries on the dais, guests, all the VIBA office bearers and members, achievers, faculty and students of the college. She also expressed her satisfaction over the progress of VIBA and acknowledged the guidance and support received to her and the department in various ways. The Principal in Charge, Sri. K. Rajan (Department of History) during his inaugural address highlighted some of the achievements of VIBA and complimented that at present, VIBA is the best Alumni Associations of the College.

During the felicitations that followed Prof R. Vasudevan Nair, Former HOD, Dept. of Botany; Prof. V. Premkumar, Former Principal in Charge; Sri Pratheesh, Secretary, OSA; Dr. C. V. Sreeranjith Kumar, IQAC Coordinator, Prof. Parvathy Warriar, Lyricist of title song, Prof Madhavi and Prof Anandavalli, Former Faculties of the Department, shared their appreciation about VIBA and extended their blessings and best wishes for the occasion.

The Annual Report presented by the Secretary Dr. K. Haridasan contained the detailed information about the multifarious activities undertaken by the association during 2018-19. Ms. Rekha Vasudevan, Treasurer, presented the audited and consolidated statement of the income and expenditure of VIBA during the financial year of 2018-19.

One of the dreams of VIBA was to have a title song. To achieve this, steps were taken last year itself under the leadership of Sri.Jayakrishan G. Menon, Vice President. With a team of Prof. Parvathy Warriar as Lyricist and Sri Sajith Sankar as Music Director and proficient singers like Smt. Susheela Haridas, Dr. Sobha Prasanna Kumar, Ms. Athira, Sri.Prathapan, Sri. Sunil Haridas and Ms. Veena, the song was composed and launched in April, 2019. It was played in the GB meeting and Dr. Vasu Kadhathode sponsored the title song. VIBA was extremely happy to honour all of them in the General Body Meeting with a memento presented by the Principal. This makes VIBA the only Alumni Association of Victoria College with its own title song.

Release of two publications and one CD of the title song was a moment of pride to the association. All three were released by the Principal-in-charge, Sri. K. Rajan. VIBA Botanica May 2019, the second issue of the news letter, was received by Prof. Vasudevan Nair, Directory of VIBA members along with the details of current and former faculty was accepted by Sri. Pratheesh, Secretary, OSA and the CD of title song were handed over to IQAC Coordinator Dr. C. V. Sreeranjith Kumar.

In memory of our respected teacher and former HOD, Prof. A. Rajakumari, who passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019, an award was instituted by her daughter Ms. Rekha Vasudevan. This is an award for excellence in Environment conservation (Palakkad District) and consists of a memento, citation and cash of Rs. 5000/- The first award was presented by the Principal in Charge to Sri Syam Kumar for his efforts that brought greenery and other ecosystem services associated with it, to the life of people in rural landscape. His on ground initiatives have become a grand success with over twenty thousand trees growing along road sides, schools, open places and such other locations wherever a tree can be grown and improved the surrounding environment. In his response after receiving the award, Sri Syam revealed how he initiated tree planting and fascinated by the changes brought out by the growth of trees around. In addition he gave few seedlings and seed balls for the participants.

VIBA had organized a Medical Camp at Ozalopathy during last year. Based on our requests, five Doctors – Dr. Radhakrishnan, Coimbatore Dr. Sabitha, Palana Hospital, Dr. Sobha Prasanna Kumar, Dr. Prasanna

Kumar and Dr. Vasu Kadanthode, from Kozhikode rendered their valuable services to make it a success. Although some of them are active members of VIBA, it was our pleasure to acknowledge them for this special invaluable service with a memento.

Students of Department of Botany always made it proud by securing some of the top positions in the University examinations. This year we had Jyothi P with second rank and Smitha K and Akhila S sharing the fifth rank for M.Sc. Not only in academics, the students also scored in Interzone competitions. This year we had Kavya G Nair of first year B. Sc. Botany who scored in Kathakali and Koodiyattam, Ms. Anila, for Oppana and Ms. Irfana for Band. VIBA congratulated all of them and presented mementos.

In an overview of the future programmes of the Association, the President Dr. Maya C. Nair mentioned about infra structure development, strengthening of outreach programmes, support from VIBA during visit of NAAC, interaction with veterans for motivation of students and so on.

Sri Jayakrishnan G Menon, proposed three amendments (additions) under section 11 (e, f, g) of the existing By-law as shown below and the GB unanimously accepted it.

- e) If an EC member fails to attend three regular EC meetings in a row, he will cease to be a member of EC and EC will have power to co-opt a member for the remaining period of EC. In exceptional circumstances, EC will have powers to wave the condition.
- f) The EC will have the power to co-opt not more than 5 members depending upon specific projects and assignments. Such members will not have any voting rights and rule 11(e) will not be applicable to them.
- g) One out of the eight EC members, one will be nominated by the HOD from among the faculty of Botany Department.

The outgoing students were given a gift and warm welcome to VIBA by Sri. P. K Ramanath, Vice President and Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi, Secretary.

Since the period of two years (2017 to 2019) was over for the current Executive Committee, election of new members was taken up. Adv. Rajesh O. Nair served as the returning officer to conduct the elections. Following committee for another two years (2019 to 2021) was elected unanimously.

**President:** Dr. Maya C Nair, HOD, Botany Department; **Vice Presidents:** Sri. Jayakrishnan G. Menon; Sri. P. K. Ramanath; **Secretary:** Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi; **Joint Secretaries:** Dr. K. Haridasan and Sri Ullatil Divakaran; **Treasurer:** Smt. Rekha Vasudevan A.

**Executive Committee Members** 1. Sri. Krishnan Kutty 2. Aswani V. J 3. Girish Cherukat 4. Hema P 5. Rajesh O Nair 6. Muhsina A. A. 7. N. S. Menon 8. Faculty to be nominated by HOD Dr. L. Leeja and then Dr. Rasmi were nominated

The meeting came to an end at about 2.00 pm with the vote of thanks proposed by Sri. P. K. Ramanath, a group photo and lunch. It was attended by 150 members

### **General get together - 2020**

It was not possible to conduct the general body meeting scheduled for 2020 on May 9<sup>th</sup> due to Covid 19 pandemic. An online get together was organized on 27.09.2020. in which more than fifty members participated. The meeting started with the VIBA title song. Dr. Maya C. Nair, President and HOD, Botany Department gave a warm welcome to the participants. Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi, Secretary briefed about the activities of VIBA. The programme was well designed with questions about Victoria College,

famous Scientists, well known faculty from GVC, and some tricky questions. Results of the online competition “Patile pacha” were presented in detail. Members were given opportunity for self introduction, share their memoirs of College days and also provide suggestions for improvement of VIBA activities. The online meeting was coordinated by Sri Girish Cherukat, Dr. Rekha Vasudevan, Sri. Jayakrishnan G. Menon and Adv. Rajesh O Nair.

### **Field Trips and Institutional visit**

VIBA conducted field trips to KFRI sub-Centre, Nilambur and Nelliampathy Hills on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019 respectively, A team consisting most of the EC members while they had to make a trip to Bangalore during 15 to 17 February 2020, used this opportunity to visit University of Trans-disciplinary Health (TDU), Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR), Hesargatta, Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Malleswaram. Dr. K. Haridasan coordinated it.

### **Endowment Lectures**

#### **Dr. M. C. Gopinathan Lecture**

Dr. M. C. Gopinathan who is an alumni of Botany Department (1978 M. Sc. Batch), instituted an award in 2018 to organize a lecture annually by a well known Scientist for the benefit of students. The second lecture was organized on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at Seminar hall, GVC. Dr. Syam Viswanath, Director, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi was the resource person. In the inaugural function, Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi extended a warm welcome to Dr. Syam and other dignitaries on and off the dais and the audience. Principal Dr. K. Mani inaugurated the meeting with lighting of lamp and he briefed about his association with sandal. Dr. Maya C. Nair in her presidential address introduced Dr. Syam Viswanath and the theme of the lecture. During the guest of honour Dr. Syam mentioned about his connections with GVC, Palakkad and the talk was a tribute to Prof. P. Latha, his sister-in-law, who was Former HOD, English Department. He appreciated the activities of VIBA. Felicitations that followed by Dr. C. V. Sreeranjit Kumar, HOD, Zoology and IQAC Coordinator and Mr. P M Srivalan, Vice President of OSA appreciated the activities of VIBA and wished all success to the programme. Commemorative planting of Rudraksha was done by Dr. Syam in the campus.

Dr. V. Suresh, our former Secretary and Faculty was presented with a memento by Dr. Syam Viswanath on this occasion as a token for VIBA’s appreciation for his social commitment during flood relief activities in 2019.

In the talk, Dr Syam Viswanath presented an update on East Indian Sandalwood (*Santalum album*) with an attractive title “He hath perfumed the axe that laid him low – The untold story of East Indian Sandal Wood (*Santalum album* Linn.)” .

#### **Sarojini B. Menon Memorial Endowment Lecture**

Dr. Mohan B. Menon, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Rtd.), Wawasan Open University, Malaysia, now settled in Cochin, instituted a new endowment in memory of his mother, Sarojini B Menon W/O Late Ambat Balakrishna Menon, who passed away on 28.11.2019. This programme was conducted on 28.11.2020 on the first death anniversary as an online invited lecture by Prof. Parthasarathy, Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Pondicherry University, The programme started with a welcome address by the President Dr. Maya C. Nair. Dr. Mohandas Menon informed the participants about this award and appreciated VIBA for organizing it at a short notice. Dr. P. Haridasan, Principal, Govt. Victoria College, inaugurated the function. Dr. Sreeranjith Kumar, IQAC Coordinator and Head, Zoology Department felicitated VIBA and mentioned about its multifarious activities. Dr. Rekha Vasudevan, Treasurer introduced the speaker. Dr. Parthasarathy delivered his lecture on “Environmental Issues and Biodiversity Conservation” . The meeting was concluded by the vote of thanks by Ms. Aswani, JT. Secretary, VIBA.

Dr. Mohan B. Menon has transferred an amount of Rs. 1,50,000/- to VIBA. The interest of this amount will be used to organize programmes related to Botany and Society annually.

### **Executive Committee Meetings**

Up to March 2020, six executive committee meetings were held (June, July, September, December, January and February). Of these, five meetings were organized in Botany Department, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad and one meeting in TDU Guest House, Yelahanka, Bangalore. It was a pleasure when the new Principal Dr. K. Mani, joined us during the second EC meeting. When VIBA Botanica was presented to him, he complimented it and commented that similar publications are seen only in Alumni Associations of professional colleges. Dr. K. Haridasan, Jt. Secretary held the charge of Secretary during November 2019 to January 2020 while Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi was away in Australia on personal grounds.

Subsequent to the lockdown due to Covid 19 pandemic in March 2020, five online EC meetings were organized (May, July, September, October and November this year. The online meetings were equally effective and especially convenient to members staying outside Palakkad district.

Some changes in the position of members in the EC were unavoidable. Dr. K. Haridasan and Dr. Rekha Vasudevan informed their inconveniences to continue as Jt. Secretary and Treasurer respectively due to personal commitments. Ms. Aswani V. J and Ms. Hema P, members from the EC agreed to take up these responsibilities for the tenure of current EC. Mr. Krishnan Kutty informed his inconvenience to continue due to ill health and Sri D. Dhanapalan was inducted in his place. All the changes were made as per the by-law of VIBA.

EC meetings were cardinal in planning, follow up and actual implementation of different activities. All the EC members tried their level best to attend as many meetings as possible, provided innovative ideas, critical input and whole hearted support for the successful completion of all the activities.

### **Honouring of Padmasree Prof. Manilal**

Whenever Botany students have to refer about a scientific documentation of plants and its uses, the earliest available authentic book is Hortus Malabaricus. It is because Prof Manilal's dedicated hard work that this publication that was originally in Latin, was made available in English and also in Malayalam to us. Apart from this, his research and revelations in Silent Valley, origin and evolutions of flower, contributions on orchids and many many other important aspects are commendable. He was the Founder President of Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomy (IAAT). VIBA congratulated him by presenting a suitable memento in September 2020. Sri Jayakrishnan G Menon with participation of other EC members planned this activity and two of our senior life members residing at Kozhikode – Drs. Prasanna Kumar and Vasu Kadanthode made it possible following all Covid protocols.

### **Festschrift to Prof. R. Vasudevan Nair**

Considering Prof. R. Vasudevan Nair's untiring efforts to bring out students of a different caliber and the illustrious service to the Botany of the region, VIBA felt it is appropriate to honor the great teacher with a festschrift with invited articles on selected topics. It was felt that students of Botany in the district often are faced with a challenge of not having, worthy reference book for taxonomic studies, general flora, biodiversity and allied subjects. Prof. Vasudevan Nair's passion for Taxonomy is unparalleled and VIBA felt it will be ideal if the proposed publication is in this field. Once published, this book will help not only

students of Botany, researchers and professionals in natural resource management but also to any stake holder with a passion for Botany of the Western Ghats in general and the Palakkad district in particular. The work is initiated by Drs. K. Haridasan, Maya C. Nair, Rekha Vasudevan and Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi. Twenty two contributors with proven excellence in their area of specialization were identified and the compilation is in progress.

### **Honouring outgoing EC members - Sri. Krishnan Kutty**

VIBA EC had taken a decision to honour out going EC members from this year onwards. Sri. Krishnan Kutty was the first who wanted to leave after this decision. Since next GB was unpredictable, he was honoured in a small function organized at his residence following Covid protocols in October 2020. Adv. Rajesh O. Nair coordinated this activity. Drs. K. K. Seethalakshmi, K. Haridasan, Rekha Vasudevan, Sri. Girish Cherukat, Sri. D. Dhanapalan and Ms. Hema participated. Dr. K. Haridasan presented the memento and all the other members spoke about Sri Krishnan Kutty's valuable contributions as EC member to VIBA for three years and wished him all the best.

### **Planting of RET species in the campus**

An activity undertaken during this period for greening of the campus was planting of selected tree species. It was organized by Sri. Krishnan Kutty, Dr. K. Haridasan and Dr. Maya C. Nair. The seedlings were arranged by Dr. Haridasan. The way from main road to college ground was selected for planting. The species planted were *Artocarpus hirsutus* (wild Jack), *Terminalia bellirica* (beleric myrobalan), *Wrightia tinctoria* (thondappala, Kambippala), *Butea monosperma* (flame of the forest), *Pongamia pinnata* (Pongam, Ungu), *Swietenia macrophylla* (Mahogany) and *Phyllanthus emblica* (Amla) etc. All the EC members and some of the students participated in the programme.

### **QR coded signages of Vatika**

This consultancy project initiated during last year was completed successfully by a team of students, faculty and VIBA members. The project report containing the information for preparation of Boards was handed over to the Chairman of DTPC. The boards prepared by them contained botanical names and local names, brief popular description of the plant along with its uses. The QR code which connects to the weblinks related to the plant is the main attraction of the Boards. The boards were installed in January 2020.

### **Art in Park**

A botanical illustration competition was held for students of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> standards. This was an innovative idea of Sri Jayakrishnan G. Menon, Vice President that was welcomed by the EC members and organized within a short period. The programme was conducted jointly with VIBA, District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC) and Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) Palakkad. Ms. Prameela Sasidharan, Chair Person Palakkad Municipal Corporation inaugurated the competition. During the brief inaugural function, Sri. Jayakrishnan G. Menon, Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi, Sri. Girish (VIBA) and Sri. Arun Narayanan (INTACH) addressed the students, parents and teachers. The guide lines prepared by Prof. Vasudevan Nair regarding botanical illustrations along with the name of one plant to be drawn were provided to each student. The illustrations were evaluated by Prof. Vasudevan Nair (HOD Rtd. GVC, Palakkad), Sri. E P Unni (Cartoonist) and Ms. Smrithi (Architect, Nehru College of Architecture, Palakkad). A subcommittee with Jayakrishnan G. Menon as Convenor and Ms. Rekha, Sri. Ramanath, Sri. Girish, Adv. Rajesh, Ms. Muhsina, Ms. Hema and Ms. Aswini as members shared the major responsibilities, while all other available EC members supported on the day of the event.

### **Plant Names in Film Songs (“*Patile Pacha*”)**

During Covid 19 pandemic lock down another online competition was organized for life members. This competition “*Patile Pacha*” was to give film songs containing plant names with the names of film and singer. Competition was held during last week of July and 21 members participated. Sri Jayakrishnan G. Menon, Sri. Girish Cherukat and Ms. Rekha Vasudevan coordinated this activity and J. G. Menon has sponsored a cash prize to all participants in the next General Body meeting.

### **Publications**

VIBA had initiated publication of an annual news letter viz., VIBA Botanica, since 2018 with the consolidated report of activities, articles, memoirs and short stories contributed by the members. Two numbers (July 2018 and May 2019) have been already released and third one is ready. Prof. R. Vasudevan Nair designed the logo for this publication. Another achievement was bringing out the first volume of VIBA Members Directory last year. The Directory contains details of former faculty members that could be collected, current faculty members and 132 life members including former students from 1967 to 2019. By-law of the association was also appended. Dr. K. Haridasan, Dr. Maya C. Nair, Ms. Rekha Vasudevan, Sri. Sundareswara Menon, Sri. Jayakrishnan G. Menon and Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi gave considerable effort for bringing out these publications.

### **Social Media**

VIBA was planning to launch a face book page and this year we could achieve it. Sri Girish was the main person who contributed a lot of time and expertise to accomplish this with support of the data compiled by the team lead by Dr. Maya C Nair. The face book account VIBA GVC gives the details of the activities of the association and album with photographs of events arranged in chronological order. The WhatsApp groups VIBA life members and VIBA 1 along with an exclusive group for Executive Committee is maintained for interaction.

### **Service to Society**

#### **1. Flood Relief Fund**

For the flood relief programmes, VIBA could collect an amount of Rs. 26000 from 11 members in response to the WhatsApp message. It was exclusively used to purchase essential items, such as health care products, textiles, provisions, vessels etc. as required from the N. S. S. collection centres at camps of Govt. Victoria and Mercy Colleges. The materials were personally handed over in collection centres and received receipts on 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. This activity was coordinated by Sri. P. K Ramnath, Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi and Dr. Maya C. Nair.

#### **2. Covid 19 Relief**

VIBA donated 100 face shields to the police department during the pandemic of Covid 19. Sri Jayakrishnan G. Menon organized this. An amount of Rs. 8000/- was approved by Executive committee from VIBA Reserve Funds.

#### **3. Smart Phones to needy students**

One of the remarkable activities VIBA could do with the whole hearted support of members is to provide smart phones to 17 needy students during pandemic when online education was initiated. This was done based on the request from Dr. Maya C. Nair, HOD, Department of Botany. An amount of Rs. 1,29,000/- was collected from 31 members and handed over to the President, Parent Teacher Association. Drs. Maya C. Nair, K. K. Seethalakshmi, Rekha Vasudevan, Sri. Girish Cherukat, Sri. P.K. Ramanath and Adv. Rajesh O. Nair coordinated this activity following Covid protocol. .

### **Outreach programmes for School and College Students and Public**

Dr. K. Haridasan, Dr. Maya C. Nair and Dr. M. A Suraj gave extension lectures for the Eco Studio Programme during 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Dr. Haridasan gave lectures on medicinal plants and Sri. P. K. Ramanath interacted with the students and Student police cadets at Ashramam School, Malampuzha on 19<sup>th</sup> August and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019 respectively. Dr. Haridasan Gave a lecture on Medicinal plants for health and ecological security at a training workshop for All India Forest Officers organised at KFRI on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019. Three VIBA members Dr. Haridasan, and Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi participated as Chief Guests for National Science Day Celebrations in February 2020 at Mercy College, Palakkad and N. S. S. College, Ottappalam respectively and delivered lectures in their fields of specializations.

### **VIBA Webinar Series**

VIBA has initiated a series of Webinars on topics of public interest under the leadership of Sri. Jayakrishnan G. Menon and Sri. Girish Cherukat. The first one “The Miracle Grass – Bamboo” was delivered by Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi, Chief Scientist (Rtd.), Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi (Secretary, VIBA). Dr. Maya C. Nair, President, inaugurated the VIBA webinar series on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### **Participation in activities of Department of Botany**

#### **1. Farewell to outgoing graduates and post graduates**

Sri P. K. Ramanath, Vice President, Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi, Secretary and Ms. Rekha Vasudevan, Treasurer participated in the farewell function for final year students along with Dr. Maya C. Nair on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019. VIBA representatives conveyed their best wishes with a lighted candle and a gift to outgoing students. They also invited them to join VIBA at the earliest.

#### **2. Open defence of Ph. D. scholars**

In response to the invitation from the Department, many of the Executive Committee Members attended the open defence of Ms. Jisha, Ph. D student who completed her doctoral thesis on “Vascular plant diversity of riparian system along Thuthapuzha sub basin, Kerala, India” under the supervision of Dr. Maya C. Nair. VIBA members also participated in the online open defence of Ms. Rekha Vasudevan who completed her doctoral thesis on “Flowering Plant Diversity of Dhoni hills of Southern Western Ghats, Kerala, India”. Members appreciated the contributions and congratulated the students and the supervisor for their excellent work.

#### **3. Support to Department for NAAC accreditation**

Honouring the request from Dr. Maya C. Nair, HOD, Department of Botany, VIBA provided a financial assistance of Rs. 15000/- for maintenance of green house and other facilities of the department in October 2020.

### **Environment Conservation Initiatives**

#### **Green Protocol Initiatives**

To avoid plastic and minimize the accumulation of waste in the campus 100 steel plates with accessories were purchased by the association. Sri. P. K Ramanath has done this task.

The members took up social responsibilities outside the campus also. Dr. K. Haridasan is the consultant for the Green Ahalya project which involves establishment of thematic gardens in the Campus of Ahalya which will be a very valuable conservation effort and one of the tourist attractions of Palakkad, Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi served as a resource person for Green Skill Development Programmes connected with

Bamboo Resource Development and value added Utilization at KFRI and ICFRE institutions of Southern India.

Sri Jayakrishnan G. Menon has been assigned with the responsibility of preparation of a Vision Document, Palakkad 2025 by the Palakkad Management Association and VIBA will be supporting this.

### **Infra Structure Development**

One of the life members Dr. Prasanna Kumar had agreed to support the construction of a reception counter near the Principal's office. Dr. Maya C. Nair, HOD and President obtained the permission from the Principal through her concerted efforts.

### **Prof. V. P. Krishnan Nambiar Endowment Award**

Dr. V.K. Jayasree, daughter of Prof. V. P. K Nambiar proposed to institute an award in his memory. Some of his students also expressed their interest to contribute. Based on the information given through WhatsApp, an amount of Rs.2,25, 000/-has been collected. The interest of the amount will be used for honouring toppers in graduate and post graduate levels and to support one PG research project. A committee consisting of HOD, Botany Department, Secretaries of VIBA and OSA and Dr. V. K Jayasree, was constituted. The committee has to prepare the directions for implementing and the award can be instituted in the academic year of 20-21 onwards.

### **Status of membership and Finance**


VIBA has currently 192 members including 19 honorary faculty members. Auditing of accounts up to March 2020 has been completed. Details are given elsewhere.

### **Future Programmes**

The future programme will largely cover all those ongoing activities of VIBA. The social outreach and connect to community with social responsibility for their welfare will be further augmented. A commemorative volume with invited chapters to honour Prof. Vasudevan sir is on the anvil. Support to the department and College for getting National Accreditation from NAAC will be provided. The Directory will be updated with additional members and their details. Some of the EC members had indicated their inconvenience to continue and VIBA is planning to honour them to recognize the services rendered by them. Possibilities of fostering research aptitude and mentoring will be considered.

We, the EC members are thankful to each and every member of VIBA for the trust and unconditional support given to us always, especially during the period of this report. We look forward for your innovative ideas, active involvement and cooperation in future also.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021



Dr. Maya C. Nair,  
President



Dr. K. K. Seethalakshmi  
Secretary