

*The Ocean Society of India (OSI) has introduced a Fellowship program for its Life Members who have made an outstanding contribution to ocean and allied fields of Science and Technology. Fellowship for Life Members of OSI (FOSI) will be conferred on the most outstanding/distinguished Indian researchers and other professionals in the areas related to oceans, working anywhere in India or abroad, in recognition of their contributions to the field of Ocean sciences and related fields with exceptional merit. A minimum residency period of 10 years as Life Member of OSI shall be mandatory for the Fellowship award.*

*The Ocean Society of India (OSI) confers the FELLOW for the year 2021 on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 at Goa on the occasion of the Ocean Society of India Conference (OSICON-2021) on Prof. Dr. K V Jayachandran for his outstanding and excellent contributions in teaching and research in the area of Aquatic Biology & Fisheries.*



*Prof. K. V. Jayachandran has made major significant contributions on Palaemonid Prawns its biodiversity, taxonomy, biology and management and also published this book in the International Edition, 2001 published by Science Publishers, Inc, USA. It is considered as an authentic reference material and monumental work on freshwater prawns of the family Palaemonidae. This book has been reviewed by famous scientists of the world and has received wide laurels and appreciation and also catalogued in almost all leading libraries of the world. Prof. Jayachandran was also actively engaged in aquaculture site selection programme of Matsyafed, planning programmes at various levels and conservation*

*activity of freshwater prawns and shrimps of endangered species in Kerala waters, discovery of 23 new species of prawns, crabs, and copepods in Science. He was also actively involved in environmental studies such as hydrographical, ecological studies of Vellayani lake, Veli lake, Poonthura lake, and ecology of Vembanad lake. Significant contributions were made in product development by introducing 10 ornamental prawns and shrimps in aquaria that is a pioneering effort and has great potential for export-oriented trade in India, and first of its kind in India. Studies were also made on barcode submission in NCBI and NIO on prawns and shrimps. Prof. K. V. Jayachandran is an accomplished teacher by profession and many of his students are employed as Scientists in ICAR, State Fisheries Department, Researchers in Indian Universities and successful entrepreneurs.*

*Prof. Jayachandran is a recipient of many prestigious awards such as the International Naga award under World Fish Center, CGIAR, Malaysia consecutively for two years (2002 and 2003); Prof. Dr. D. K. Belsare Gold Medal on Biodiversity from Zoological Society of India in 2008; Prof. N. Krishna Pillai award from University of Kerala. To his credit, Prof. Jayachandran has about 100 research papers published, and attended about 100 symposia/seminars, edited 10 books, and chaired about 30 sessions. He was quite active in extension programs for farmer awareness and conducted about 35 training programs, and also held several important positions in statutory bodies of Government, University and other professional bodies.*