

## **Brief Profile of Professor (Dr.) G.Gopa Kumar**

Dr. G. Gopa Kumar is the second Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Kerala and successfully completed his tenure, recently. He was formerly UGC- Emeritus Fellow, ICSSR Senior Fellow, Dean of Social Sciences, and Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, Vice Chairman, Credit and Semester System and Director, V.K. Krishna Menon Centre for International Relations , Co-ordinator ,Nehru Studies Centre, Survey Research Centre and UGC-SAP in the University of Kerala. He was also the Director General of the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala. He had served as Professor in the Kerala University for 16 years and has 45 years of teaching and research experience; published 12 books and over 153 research articles and successfully guided 28 Ph.Ds . An internationally renowned scholar in Political Science, he specialized in Indian Politics ,Comparative Politics and International Relations, besides being a noted psephologist. He was also the State Coordinator for the CSDS election surveys in Kerala during 1996-2006 period.

He won several international and national fellowships that include UGC- Research Scientist, Indo-French Cultural Exchange Award, International Visitors' Leadership Award (USA), Salzburg Award , Fulbright Scholar Award, Shastri Mobility Award (Canada) , Shastri Indo-Canadian Award (University of Calgary and MC Gill University) , Visiting Professor, University of Calgary, Canada , Visiting Professor, (Claremont Graduate University, USA ), Australia-India Council Senior Fellow (Monash University, Melbourne), Visiting Research Fellow (University of New South Wales, Sydney , and Prince of Songkla University, Phuket, Thailand ) . He is a member of several national and international bodies including Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO and Chairperson of NAAC Peer Team visits . He also served in the Executive Council of the Central University of Gujarat .He declined the Fulbright Scholar in Residence Award at Morgan University, USA to accept the Vice Chancellorship in the Central University of Kerala, which he joined on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014. He completed his tenure as Vice Chancellor after six years on 6th August 2020 and settled down in Trivandrum. He is currently involved in various academic activities, serve in various national committees and also contribute as an expert commentator for international and national affairs.