

Prof.(Dr).G.Gopa kumar
Vice Chancellor

Dr. G. Gopa Kumar served as Professor at Kerala University for over fifteen years. He was formerly UGC-Emeritus Fellow, ICSSR Senior Fellow, Dean of Social Sciences and Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science, University of Kerala with more than forty one years of teaching experience in Political Science at the University level. He was also the Vice-Chairman, Academic Committee, Credit and Semester System, University of Kerala and Director, Nehru Study Centre, Director, V.K. Krishna Menon Study Centre for International Relations, Co-ordinator, UGC Special Assistance Programme, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala. He also served as the Director General of the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala. He received



numerous international and national awards and fellowships like Visiting Research Fellow, University of New South Wales, Australia (2010), Prince of Songkla University, Thailand (2010), Australian Studies Senior Fellow (2009), Visiting Fellow, Shastri Indo-Canadian Fellowship (2000 & 2006), Visiting Faculty, Claremont Graduate University, USA (2003), Fulbright Award, USA (1998 & 2002), Salzburg Fellow, Austria (1998), Visiting Faculty, University of Calgary, Canada (2001), International Visiting Fellow in US (1996), UGC-Indo-French Cultural Exchange Award (1990) and UGC-Research Scientist (1988-1989). He declined the Fulbright Scholar In Residence Award from Morgan University, USA to accept the position of Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Kerala, which he joined on 7th August 2014. As an Education administrator he was awarded Shastri Mobility Fellowship (2017) and visited University of Calgary, Canada to study on "Canadian Contribution in Internationalizing Higher Education in the era of Globalization".

Dr. Gopa Kumar specialized in the areas of International Relations, Comparative Politics and Indian Politics. He had published 12 books and over 145 research articles and successfully guided 28 Ph.D. candidates. He is also a popular TV personality and holds a special place in the civil society for objective and scientific political analysis.