

A condolence message:

Late Mrs. Navamani Selvarajah – Associate Professor in Zoology and former Head, Department of Zoology



Date of Birth : 27.03.1932

Date of Death: 16.02.2021

The demise of an eminent Professor in Zoology has created a vacuum in the University of Jaffna community. She had profound command in Limnology and general Zoology during her career with the Department of Zoology. She was born in Jaffna on 27.03.1932. She obtained her Bachelor's degree with special degree in Zoology from the University of Ceylon in 1957 as such she was the most senior academic in the Department of Zoology at its inception in 1974. Further she completed her M.Sc. in Entomology at University of London in 1961. Also she joined the 'Fellows of the Royal Entomological Society' in 1959 (FRES), London, UK which was elected for their significant contribution to entomological science.

She had served as the Head of the Department of Zoology for five years (July 1978 - Sept 1979, Oct 1986 – Dec 1987, Mar 1988 – July 1990, Nov 1996 – Mar 1997). Within the limited resources available in the Department, she has performed research and published number of research papers and books. Her research publications were accepted by international journals. She has contributed to several special degrees [Hons.] and Master of Philosophy [M.Phil.] degree students with relentless guidance. Many of her former students have excelled in Zoology and have reached administrative and academic-faculty positions within Sri Lanka and worldwide.

Students were keen in her lectures and attended her lectures regularly. She was very cooperative and cordial among the staff. All liked her very much. She was very helpful in the academic development of the department. She was a social worker in drug addiction, disabled and destitute. She carried out her part for the science education, popularization in science and scientific research.

Service Record

- *She served as a demonstrator May 1956- May 1957 at University of Ceylon.*
- *Demonstrator from January 1960 to January 1961 at University of London.*
- *Teaching Assistant since January 1969 to July 1969 at University of Waterloo in Canada.*
- *Lecturer from July 1961 to 1974 at Jaffna College undergraduate department, Vaddukoddai.*
- *Senior Lecturer in Zoology, University of Jaffna, since September 1975 to August 1992.*
- *Associate professor in Zoology from September 1992 to until her retirement.*

She was very courteous and cordial in her period as a Head, Department of Zoology. She was very well accepted by all administrative and academic staff of the University of Jaffna. May her soul attain eternal bliss.

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The Senate at its... <i>453rd</i> Meeting held on <i>23/03/2021</i> approved/did not approve/Confirmed/Noted the above <div style="text-align: right;"><i>V. Kandappa</i></div>

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