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**Dr. V J Zacharias,
Rtd. Prof., Department of Zoology,
St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Devagiri, Calicut, Kerala, India**

It has been over 60 years since I graduated from St. Thomas College, Pala with a B.Sc. in Zoology. My time there gave me a strong foundation in animal biology and sparked a lasting academic interest. I cherish the support of the faculty, laboratory staff, and the rich resources of the laboratory and museum, which shaped my later studies and career in India and abroad. The college also housed rare academic resources, including MacBride's Invertebrate Embryology and specimens such as Bonellia and Ligula, available in only a few institutions in Kerala at the time. I remember with gratitude the leadership of Fr. Joseph Kureethadam and the dedicated teaching staff. **(1962-1965 Batch)**

**Dr. Jomon K V,
Associate Professor & Vice Principal,
St. Berchmans College (Autonomous), Changanacherry, Kottayam, India**

The institution played a defining role in my academic journey, providing a strong foundation and disciplined training that continue to guide me, while the meticulously conducted practical classes and the dedicated mentorship of senior professors nurtured a deep appreciation for scientific observation and excellence. **(1990-1993 Batch)**



**Dr. Jyothibabu R,
Division Head,
Scientist F, Regional centre, CSIR - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY, Kochi, India**

The eminent professors of the department showed me how to observe, comprehend, and value the intricate harmony of the natural world. The guidance I received from here laid the groundwork for my profession. I am always grateful to this department and college for reinforcing my understanding of science; it changed my life. **(1992-1995 Batch)**

**Dr. Midhun Sebastian Jose,
Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Veterinary Pathology,
Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Canada**

The Department laid the strongest foundation for my career in biological science through academic training, strong emphasis on experiential learning, and encouragement for higher education and research. I credit the Department of Zoology at St. Thomas College, Pala, for nurturing my scientific curiosity, research aptitude, and confidence to excel at national and international levels. **(2009-2012 Batch)**



**Mr. Joseph Roy,
PhD Scholar,
Environmental Psychology at Bangor University under UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Fellowship**

St Thomas has been my stepping stone into higher education, where I have explored many aspects of my life. Looking back, it has not only contributed to my academic career but also to my growth as a person. I am grateful to all the academic staff and friends who stood by me throughout my journey. **(2015-2018 Batch)**



**Mr. Josemon James,
Research Intern, Spanish National Research Institute (CSIC), Spain.
Biological Resources M.Sc. student, HSRW, Germany**

My academic journey began at St. Thomas College, Pala, where I earned my B.Sc. in Zoology and secured **First Rank under MG University**. Building on this foundation, I am pursuing a master's in biology in Germany and was awarded four European scholarships across Germany, Croatia, Uganda, and Spain for academic excellence and research potential. Every milestone in my journey reflects the strong guidance and inspiration I received from this Department for which I remain deeply grateful. **(2020-2023 Batch)**



STORIES IN PROGRESS



Dony
Kottayam, Kerala
Third Year BSc Zoology (Honours) student

I am truly happy and grateful to have such dedicated and encouraging faculty who strive for quality teaching through experiential learning and enrichment beyond the syllabus. The specialization in Wildlife Science offered by the department greatly enhances our learning experience through both theory and off-campus field studies. With one of the largest libraries in Kerala, along with vibrant cultural programs and sports, the campus fosters a refreshing and enriching learning experience.



Srishti
Faridabad, Haryana
Third Year BSc Zoology (Honours) student

Being part of this department helped me grow academically and personally. Industrial visits and nature camps gave me valuable real-world exposure and boosted my confidence. The specialization in Wildlife Science helped me explore wildlife in depth, broaden my understanding of its scope, and develop a strong interest in the field. With the support and encouragement of faculty, our team **won District Level Young Innovators Program (YIP)**



Vivek
Idukki, Kerala
Second Year BSc Zoology (Honours) student

My experience with the Zoology Department has been highly positive, with its well-maintained specimen collections enriching practical learning and nature camps and industrial visits providing valuable real-world exposure; the friendly and interactive faculty create a supportive environment that encourages active participation, making the overall academic experience both engaging and enriching.



Esther
Kasargod, Kerala
Second Year BSc Zoology (Honours) student

Our department provides an excellent learning environment, supported by dedicated faculty who are always ready to help. Industrial visits and seminars are refreshing and enhance our practical and field knowledge, and I am fully satisfied with my choice of studying Zoology here and would strongly recommend it to anyone interested in this branch of science.



Avanika
Mancherial, Telangana
Second Year BSc Zoology (Honours) student

I am proud to be a student of St Thomas College Palai, Autonomous. The Zoology department provides excellent guidance, ample support and great opportunities for learning and research. Supportive faculty members and wildlife field studies strengthened my interest in this field. The department is an ideal place for anyone who wishes to build a career in Zoology or wildlife studies.

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