

### **Brief Biography**

Dr. K. B. Rameshkumar has been working in the Phytochemistry Division of Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI), Thiruvananthapuram as a scientific staff since 1998 and took his Ph.D in chemistry in the topic, 'Phytochemical investigation of some Indian medicinal plants', from the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram in 2008. The area of his specialization is isolation, purification and structure elucidation of secondary metabolites from plants, hyphenated analytical techniques, chemistry of aromatic plants, chemotaxonomy and chemical ecology. In the tenure of 19 years of research in JNTBGRI, he had worked on the phytochemistry of several hitherto uninvestigated endemic plants of the region and received the prestigious 'Young Scientist' award by Kerala Science Congress, K.S.Manilal Award by the Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy, P.D. Sethi Award for the best publication in HPTLC and several other awards and recognitions including the title 'MRSC' from the Royal Society of Chemistry. He had also worked in Sultan Quaboos University, Muscat, Oman as a 'visiting scientist' during 2011 and also visited Malaysia during 2013 and 2015. He was the organizing secretary of the International Symposium on Phytochemistry- 2015 and 2016 and also of the forthcoming seminar on Phytochemistry in Kerala, India. He had published more than 40 research papers in peer reviewed journals and recently a book on Phytochemistry of *Garcinia* species has also been published. He has supervised 18 M.Sc dissertation students and currently 6 students are doing Ph.D under his guidance.