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### **Books**

### **Personal Data**

Date of birth	: 30 <sup>th</sup> May 1964
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### Education

M. Sc (Master of Science), Industrial Physics
Cochin University of Science & Technology, Kerala, India
Ph. D (Doctor of Philosophy), Semiconductor Physics
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Thesis title: "Optical and thermal properties of selected ternary amorphous semiconductors".
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#### Recognitions

- Professor@Lorraine, University of Lorraine, Nancy, France for three years from 2020-2022
- Listed in the Principal panel of scholars for the 2020-2021 Fulbright–Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar Fellowship
- > CNRS Professor, Claud-Bernard Lyon University, Lyon, France
- Visiting Professor, Institute of Jean Lamour, Nancy, France
- Visiting Professor, Stockholm University, Sweden
- > Visiting Professor, Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubjana, Slovenia
- > Guest Scientist, Leibniz-Institut fur Polymerforschung Dresden, Germany
- Visiting Fellow, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, India
- > Visiting Fellow, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka under SAP scheme of UGC
- Visiting Faculty, Alemaya University (1998-2002) & Mekkele University (2006-2007), Ethiopia (on leave from Mahatma Gandhi University)
- Keynote Speaker in Malaysia Polymer International Conference (IMIC 2019) held during 31st October to 1st November 2019 at the Faculty of Science and Technology, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia
- Keynote Speaker in the WasteEng2018 conference held at Prague, Czech Republic held during 1-6 July 2019

- Keynote speaker in the International Conference on Polymer Processing and Characterization-ICPPC 2017 held at Gdansk University of Technology, Gdansk, Poland during 27-29 September 2017
- Invited speaker in the DAE SSPS 2018 held at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai in December 2017
- Invited speaker for the Silver Jubilee Research Conference on "Study of matter using intense radiation sources and under extreme conditions" organized by UGC-DAE CSR-Indore, India during 3-6 November 2016
- Conference Fellowship Award (Supported by Canon Corporation, Japan) of the Seventh International Conference on Phonon Scattering in Condensed Matter held at Cornell University, USA (1992)
- > Research Associate Fellowship from DST & CSIR, Govt. of India (1992)
- Senior Research Fellowship from CSIR, Govt. of India (1990)
- Junior Research Fellowship from Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India (1987)

### Teaching areas

Materials Science/Solid State Physics, Quantum Optics, Statistical Physics, Quantum Mechanics, Classical Mechanics, Physics of Nanomaterials, Mesoscopic Physics, Introduction to Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (Open Course), Experimental Physics, Nanophotonics

### **Research Areas**

The research works of my group include the syntheses, characterization and applications of various Nanomaterials, LASER Plasma, ion irradiation effects on various novel materials and phase transitions. The different topics of current research works are:

### > Nanomultiferroics

In this class of materials we are synthesizing various systems such as R-CrO<sub>3</sub>, R-MnO<sub>3</sub> and R-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> where R could be Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu or Y. The samples are prepared mainly through sol-gel route and characterized for their structural, multiferroic, line ar and nonlinear optical properties using TGA/DTA, XRD, SEM, HRTEM, FTIR spectroscopy, Dielectric spectroscopy, VSM, UV-Vis-NIR spectroscopy, Photoluminescence spectroscopy and Z-scan technique. The thermal parameters such as heat capacity, thermal conductivity and thermal diffusivity are also investigated near the multiferroic transitions. The synthesis and multiferroic coupling of composite nano/multiferroics are also a thrust area of the group.

### Nanosemiconductors and Nanophosphors

In this class of materials we concentrate on quantum dots, metal oxides and Sr<sub>2</sub>CeO<sub>4</sub> type materials. The materials are prepared through novel green synthesis routes and sol-gel method and characterized for their various properties. The potential uses of these materials are being explored in different fields which include water purification, sensing and lighting applications.

### > Nanocomposites

Under this class of materials various metal, metal oxide, carbon structures (grapheme and CNT), magnetic particles and quantum dot filled polymer nanocomposite materials are prepared using various chemical routes. The interfacial effects of the as prepared nanocomposites are also a thrust area for the group.

### Nanoferroelectrics

Under this class, we are mainly concentrating on relaxor type of ferroelectrics such as Strontium Barium Niobate systems and the effect of rare earth ion doping on the line ar and nonlinear optical properties. The samples are being characterized for various properties using sophisticated techniques. The phase transitions in this class of materials are also investigated in detail.

### > Nanoferrites

Different nanostructured spinel ferrite systems have been prepared using sol-gel technique and their structural, magnetic, electrical, linear and nonlinear optical properties are investigated. Various systems such as NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, ZnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and mixed compositions of these ferrites have been synthesized and their various physical properties are investigated. The water soluble nanoferrites are also of potential interest to the group.

### > Nanomedicine

Under this area, we are mainly concentrating on the preparation and characterization of Polymer based scaffolds for biomedical applications. New hybrid polymer nanocomposites for dental applications are also a thrust of our group.

#### Nanosensors

The various nanomaterials synthesized in the laboratory are explored for different sensing applications which include nanoparticles incorporated membranes for biosensing and adulterants.

### Laser-Matter interactions

The laser based experiments include Pulsed Laser Deposition (PLD) of thin films, Optical limiting studies using Z-scan technique, Laser induced breakdown spectroscopy, Random lasing in novel nanomaterials and Laser plasma in liquids.

### > Ion beam irradiation effects & Phase transitions

Heavy ion beam irradiation effects on the structural and multiferroic properties of solgel derived films of selected nanomultiferroic films are investigated under this category. The studies on the phase transitions of bulk and nanomaterials are also investigated using different techniques.

### Climate Change

Aerosol samples collected from urban and semi urban areas of Indian subcontinent are analyzed for chemical characteristics and effects on climatic conditions and atmospheric pollution. Single particle analysis of airborne samples from different altitudes of *Indo Gangetic Planes* and eastern metropolitan areas for source approximation and climate modeling, and cloud seeding are of current interest.

### > Water

Development of hybrid materials for water purification, Photocatalysts for the degradation of pesticides and herbicides, Biosensors for detection of pathogens and antibiotics in water bodies

### **Facilities available**

A very good wet chemistry synthesis laboratory with major infrastructure facilities such as Furnaces, Centrifuge, Magnetic stirrers, pH meters, Hot air ovens, Microwave oven, Pelletizer, Ultrsonicator and Spin Coaters, Nanobiology with facility for antibacterial studies, Pulsed Laser Deposition, Laser Plasma and NLO facility with Nd:YAGLASER, ICCD camera and Spectrograph, He-Ne LASER, Quadrant Detector etc.

For experimental characterizations, Dielectric and resistivity measurement facilities from 77K to 773K, UV-Vis\_NIR spectrophotometer, Spectrophotoflourimeter with life time measurement facility, X-ray diffractometer, Single Crystal X-ray diffractometer, ME coupling measurement unit, AFM, HRTEM, Electrospinning Unit, Vibrating Sample Magnetometer are available.

SEM, Confocal Raman with AFM, GCMS etc. are available as Central facilities of the University

### **Research Grants**

### National-Ongoing

- Physics of Cavitation Bubbles and Hydrogen Generation during Liquid Phase Laser Ablation-BRNS/BRFST-DAE-Govt. of India-<u>On going</u>- (Principal Investigator) Amount received: 32.68 Lakhs
- Design and applications of magnetically responsive self-assembled polymer nanocomposites, DST-Nano Mission-Govt. of India-Ongoing-(Principal Investigator) Amount received: 223.45 Lakhs from DST-Govt. of India+ 40 Lakhs from Higher Education Department, Govt. of Kerala as matching grant
- Heavy Ion/Gamma ray Engineered Vertically Oriented Graphene Hybrid systems for Environmental Remediation, UGC-DAE-CSR Kolkata Centre Project-<u>Ongoing</u>-(Principal Investigator)

### Amount received: 7.45 Lakhs+Travel

 Graphene-Silica conjugated epoxy nanocomposites for protective coating and repair applications, DRDO, Ministry of Defence of the Government of India-<u>Ongoing</u>-(Principal Co-Investigator)

Amount received: 21.45 Lakhs

- Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT, MeitY, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India-<u>Ongoing</u>-(Principal Co-Investigator) Amount received: 89.77 Lakhs
- Gamma Ray/Heavy Ion Assisted Cross linked Silicone Rubber Based EMI Shielding Materials, UGC-DAE-CSR Kolkata Centre Project-<u>Ongoing</u>-(Principal Co-Investigator)

Amount received: 11.25 Lakhs

- Self assembled Nanostructured Silica-Graphene oxide core-shell particles reinforced natural rubber composites for green tyres, Nano Mission-DST-Govt. of India-Ongoing-(Principal Co-Investigator) Amount received: 100.2 Lakhs
- Novel thermoplastic elastomer composition for Neutron Shielding applications-BRNS-DAE-Govt. of India-Ongoing (Principal Co-Investigator)
   Amount received: 35.33 Lakhs
- Design and implementation of small scale environmental energy harvesters by piezoelectric/multiferroic polymer nanocomposites-Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Sciences (STARS), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)-Govt. of India-Ongoing (Principal Co-Investigator) Amount received: 50.56 Lakhs

Project Title	Collaborating University	Sanctioned Budget
Bio-filler-Interfaced Electrospun PVDF Hybrid Piezoelectric Generator for Mechanical Energy Harvesting	Université De Montpellier & University of Lorraine, France	Rs. 78,93,348
Study of urea oxidation electrocatalysis for energy conversion from waste	Ben Gurion University of the Negev & Ariel university, Isræl	Rs. 66,69,785
Vachellia nilotica based biocompatible hybrid nanostructured coatings/films for seeds and fruits	North Carolina State University & Kansas State University, USA	Rs. 66,30,385
Nanoscale contrast agents for diagnostic biomedical imaging	Nanyang Technological University (NTU) , Singapore	Rs. 59,88,299

### > SPARC Funded by MHRD-Govt. of India projects-Ongoing-(Principal Investigator)

### International-Ongoing:

- 1. Biobased Scaffolds, Membranes and Hydrogels for Improved Wound Healing and Bone Regeneration (BIOHEAL)-Swedish Research Link Grant in collaboration with Prof. Aji Mathew, *University of Stockholm, Sweden*
- 2. Advanced Nanocomposites for Micro and Nanosensors Applications-under the PICS scheme with Prof. Didier ROUXEL, *Institut Jean Lamour* UMR CNRS n°7198 *Université de Lorraine* BP 70239 54506 Vandœuvre-lès-Nancy Cedex *France*

### **Projects completed:**

1. Irradiation effects on the structural and electrical properties of selected ferroelectric ceramics, NSC-UFUP project-IAC-Govt. of India-(**Principal Investigator**)-**Completed** 

- 2. Ion beam irradiation effects on the structural and ferroic properties of selected sol-gel derived films of nanomultiferroics-UGC-DAE-CSR Kolkata Centre Project- (**Principal Investigator**)-**Completed**
- 3. Nanoparticle aggregation behavior in polymer nanocomposites- UGC-DAE-CSR Kolkata Centre Project-<u>Completed</u> -(**Principal Investigator**)
- 4. Development of one dimensional multiferroic nanocomposites for device applications" under the SRS scheme- KSCSTE-Govt. of Kerala-<u>Completed</u>-(**Principal Investigator**)
- 5. Nano Materials: Synthesis, characterization and applications, DST, New Delhi (**Principal Co-Investigator**)-**Completed**
- 6. Novel thermoplastic elastomer composition for Neutron Shielding applications, BRNS, Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India-(**Principal Co-Investigator**)-**Completed**
- 7. Development of supertough thermosets from self assembled Nanostructured block copolymer/epoxy resin blends, DRDO, Ministry of Defence of the Government of India-(Principal Co-Investigator)-Completed
- 8. Development of engineered nano-structured materials for high performance applications-DST-Nano Mission-Govt. of India-(**Principal Co-Investigator**)-**Completed**
- Development of Multi Walled Carbon Nanotube Filled Polycarbonate/ Polypropylene Double Percolating Conductive Polymer Blend Nanocomposites for Electromagnetic Interference Shielding Gaskets for Mobile Phones.–DIT-New Delhi-(Principal Co-Investigator)-Completed
- 10. Miscibility, morphology and properties of NR/SBR and BR based binary and ternary rubber blends and the influence of CB and silica filler distribution on blend properties, MRF Corp Limited, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 6000-(**Principal Co-Investigator**)-**Completed**
- 11. Novel Thermoplastic Elastomer composition for neutron shielding applications, BRNS DAE, Govt. of India-<u>Completed</u>-(**Project Co-Investigator**)
- 12. Studies on cellulose nanocrystals and their applications in nanocomposites with varying technological applications, DST, Govt. of India-(**Principal Co-Investigator**)-**Completed**
- 13. Development of super tough nanocomposites from epoxy resin, liquid rubber and nanoclay, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE under the SARD program-<u>Completed</u>-(**Project Co-Investigator**)
- 14. Engineering of Nanostructured high performance epoxy liquid blends with controlled nanoparticle localization, CSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India <u>Completed</u>-(**Project Co-Investigator**)
- 15. High performance nanoclay nanocomposites for dental application, ICMR, coordination and promotion of biomedical research, Govt. of India-<u>Completed</u>-(**Project Co-Investigator**)
- 16. Systematical investigation of mechanical properties of composites materials made from plasma modified thermoplastic matrix and fiber filler, SurfaceTreat, Inc., U Skladiště 2125, 511 01 Turnov, Czech Republic-<u>Completed</u>-(**Project Co-Investigator**)

# Patents granted/filed

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- 3. MWCNTs reinforced polymer blend nanocomposites of Poly(trimethylene terephthalate) and Polypropylene for EMI shielding application; Patent ApplicationNo:201841003768 Ajitha A R, Aswathi M K, Dr. Sabu Thomas, **Dr. Nandakumar Kalarikkal**, Lovely Mathew P, Geethamma V G
- 4. Invention of High Performance EMI Shielding Coating From Low Cost Carbon Black with XLPE;Patent Application No: 201841040343; Apparao Gudimalla, Jince Thomas, Dr. Sabu Thomas, **Dr. Nandakumar Kalarrikkal**, Zakiah Ahmad
- 5. Nano Cellulose based EMI shields preparation and thereof; Patent Application No: 201841040344; Deepu A Gopakumar, Avinash R Pai, **Dr. Nandakumar Kalarikkal** and Dr. Sabu Thomas
- 6. Solid one dimensional conducting polymer fibers using electrospinning ; Dr. Sanal Sebastian Payyappilly, Jayesh Cherusseri, Prof. Sabu Thomas, Dr. NandakumarKalarikkal; Patent Application No: 201841040346

### **Research Collaborations**

- > Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, India
- > Raman Research Institute, Bangalore, India
- > Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, India
- > UGC-DAE Consortium for Scientific Research-Kolkata Centre, Kolkata, India
- > Cochin University of Science & Technology, Kochi, India
- > Inter University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi, India
- > Central University, Kannur, Kerala, India
- > Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Karnataka, India
- > Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, India
- > Walter Sisulu University, South Africa
- > Johannesburg University, South Africa
- > Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubjana, Slovenia
- > Uninversity of Technology-MARA, Malaysia
- > University of Lorraine & Institute of Jean Lamour, France
- > University of South Brittany, Lorrient, France
- ➢ Kansas State University, USA
- > North Carolina State University, USA
- > Deakin University, Australia
- Stockholm University, Sweden
- > Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- > Ariel University, Israel
- > Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

- > Université De Montpellier, France
- > Institue of Light Matter, Claude Bernard University Lyon, France

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- 4. **Recent Advances in Nanomedicine: Applications in Diagnosis and Therapeutics**, Sandhya Gopalakrishnan, Kannan Vaidyanathan, and **Nandakumar Kalarikkal** in the book Advanced Nanomaterials: Synthesis, Properties, and Applications published by Apple Academy Press (2014)
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- > X-ray diffraction studies on KTP crystals- M. Sc thesis (1994)
- Dielectric and heat capacity studies on selected Tungsten Bronze Ferroelectric Ceramics M. Phil thesis (1996)
- X-ray diffraction studies on selected Barium Sodium Niobate ceramics- M. Phil thesis (1998)
- > X-ray diffraction studies on Sr<sub>1-x</sub>Ba<sub>x</sub>Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> ceramics- M. Sc thesis (1998)
- > Photoluminescence of Barium Modified Strontium Cerate-M. Sc thesis (2003)
- Synthesis and characterization of Gd<sup>3+</sup> modified Sr<sub>2</sub>CeO<sub>4</sub> ceramic phosphor- M. Phil thesis (2004)
- Sol-gel synthesis and structural characterization of Nano Nickel Ferrite systems M. Phil thesis (2005)
- ➢ Synthesis and Characterization of (Sr<sub>x</sub>Ba<sub>1-x</sub>)<sub>2</sub> CeO₄ ceramic phosphors-M. Phil thesis (2006)
- Synthesis and investigation of structural phase transition in Strontium Barium Niobate Ceramics- M.Phil thesis (2006)
- Sol-gel synthesis, structural and nonlinear optical characterizations of nanomultiferroic Yttrium Ferrite-M. Phil thesis (2009)
- Synthesis, structural and thermal characterization of Sol-gel derived nanomultiferroic YFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-M.Phil thesis (2009)
- Synthesis and characterization of Cd<sub>x</sub>Zn<sub>1-x</sub> quantum dots-M. Sc thesis (2010)
- Synthesis and investigations on Lithium Sodium Niobate Nanoferroelectics-M. Phil thesis (2010)
- Copper LASER plasma generation and characterization-M. Phil thesis (2010)
- > Synthesis and investigations on Cobalt-Zinc Nanoferrites- M. Phil thesis (2010)
- Synthesis and characterization of Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles-M. Phil thesis (2011)
- > Design, synthesis and characterization of Phospholipid-Silver nanoconjugates for

biomedical applications- M. Phil thesis (2012)

- Nanocrystaline multiferroic Bi<sub>1-x</sub>PrxFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(X=0,0.3) systems studied by different characterization techniques and positron annihilation spectroscopy-M. Sc thesis (2013)
- > Investigations of multiferroic core-shell nanostructures-M. Phil thesis (2014)
- > Dynamics of Plasma Plume during LASER ablation of metal targets in ambient air and stationary liquid media-M. Phil thesis (2014)
- Development of Silver Nanoparticles Decorated Graphene Quantum Dots for Tailored Applications-M. Phil thesis (2018)
- Engineered Molybdenum Disulphide hybrid nanostructures for water splitting and waste water treatment Applications-M. Phil thesis (2019)
- Novel Synthesis of Graphene, Vertical Graphene and Graphene Quantum Dots by Laser Ablation Technique-M. Phil thesis (2019)
- Silver Nanowire Decorated Cobalt Oxide Nano-cone Array for Gas Sensing Applications- M. Phil thesis (2019)
- Engineered Nanohybrid TiO<sub>2</sub> decorated MoS<sub>2</sub> Microspheres for Waste Water Treatment Applications under Solar Irradiance-M. Phil thesis (2019)
- Pristine, Single atom and Hetero atom Doped Reduced Graphene Oxide for Dye Detection-M. Phil thesis (2019)
- Study of Urea Oxidation Electrocatalysis using Mn doped Ni-Co Oxide Catalysts-M. Phil thesis (2020)
- Sensing of Biomolecules (Catechol and Nitrobenzene) by Two Dimensional MoS<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>18</sub> Cyclocarbon: Insights from First principle Density Functional Theory Simulation - M. Phil thesis (2020)

# Ph. D. Theses guided

# Titles of Ph. D theses supervised

- 1. Metal oxide based hybrid nanostructures for water purification-Shabina Kappadan-Thesis submitted (**2020**)
- Development and characterization of engineered metal and metal oxide nanoparticle/ cluster polymer composite for prosthodontic application-Dr. Sandhya Gopalakrishnan (2019)
- 3. Dietary Supplements and Nutraceutical formulations-Rajakumari R (2019)
- 4. Studies on Electrospun Chitosan and its Composites-Merin Sara Thomas (2019)
- 5. Electroactive polymer ceramic nanocomposites for multifunctional applications Anshida Mayeen (**2018**)
- 6. Synthesis and characterizations of metal and metal oxide nano particle cluster polymer composites for their uses in craniofacial prosthesis and prosthodontic and dental applications-Dr. Indu Raj (**2018**)
- 7. Recyled polyurethane toughened epoxy resin-Arunima R (2018)
- 8. Development of Hybrid Multiferroic Materials for Tailored Applications-Ann Rose Abraham (2018)
- 9. Polyhedral Oligmeric Silsesquioxane (POSS) Filled Natural Rubber Composites-Lakshmipriya S (**2018**)

- 10. Graphene and Carbon Nano tube Reinforced Elastomer Nanocomposites, Srinivasarao Yaragalla (**2016**)
- 11. Graphene Based Hybrid Materials for Tailored Applications-El Hadji Mamour Sakho (International student) (2016)
- 12. Investigation on Nano sized Multiferroic BiFeO<sub>3</sub> NaNbO<sub>3</sub> ceramics and its polymer composites-Rehana P Ummer (**2016**)
- 13. Design and development of polymer nanocomposites for biomedical applications-Robin Augustine (**2015**)
- 14. Synthesis and characterisation of selected nanomultiferroic systems-Raneesh B (2013)
- 15. Multifunctional studies on pure and Fe modified Yttrium chromite nanosystems -Shiji Krishnan (2013)
- 16. Investigations on selected nanomagnetic systems-Jeevan Job Thomas (2012)
- 17. Preparation and characterization of selected luminescent nanoparticles-Nuja S John (2012)
- 18. Multifunctional studies on pure and Fe modified Yttrium Chromite nanosystems -Seema R (2011)
- 19. Investigations on structural and electrical properties of selected ferroelectric ceramics Jaimon Yohannan (2001)

### Titles of Ph. D theses co-supervised

- 1. Nanoparticles for Improved Plant growth and secondary metabolite production-Rakhimol K. R-Thesis submitted (**2020**)
- 2. Investigations on Ag/TiO<sub>3</sub>/GQD Nanoparticles based PMMA-polymer nanocomposites for multifunctional Applications -Bhavitha K B-Thesis submitted (**2020**)
- 3. Role of Multiwall Carbon Nanotubes on the Morphology, Rheology and Properties of Natural Rubber/Polypropylene Blends-Sharika T Nair (**2019**)
- 4. Studies on Electrospun Chitosan and its Composites-Merin Sara Thomas (2019)
- 5. Microbiological Application of Nanostructured Materials-Snigdha S (2019)
- 6. Development of carbon nanotube based polymer blend nanocomposites for electromagnetic interference shielding- P Mohammed Arif (**2018**)
- 7. Study on Polyvinyl Chloride/Graphene Nanocomposites-Akhina H (2018)
- 8. Noble metal nanostructures and hetero atom doped graphene hybrids for multifunctional applications-Anju K. Nair **(2017)**
- 9. Ionic liquid modified carbon nanotube based styrene butadiene rubber nanocomposites-Jiji Abraham (2017)

### Conferences/Workshops/Seminars Convened: 30

### Membership in Professional bodies

- > The Indian Physics Association-Life Membership
- Plasma Science Society of India-Life Membership

#### Other information

- External examiner for M. Sc, M. Phil and Ph. D theses evaluator for various Universities in India and abroad.
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- Reviewer for many international journals.

#### Hobbies

Music, nature, classical art forms, books, movies, travel, photography, videography, cooking, gardening and bird watching