

## Biography

Prof. Beena Mathew earned her BSc in Chemistry from the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram and then completed her M.Sc. in Polymer Chemistry (1987) from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. She obtained her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Chemistry from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, in 1991 under the guidance of Prof V N Rajashekar Pillai. In 1993, she joined as a lecturer at the School of Chemical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. She received the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) fellowship and worked at Kyushu University, Japan (1998-2000). She has served as the Director of the School of Chemical Sciences at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, from February 2017 until March 2020. She occupied several prominent positions in the university, including Vice Chancellor in charge, member of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, dean of faculty of science, director of research, syndicate member etc. She served as a member of the governing bodies of Srinivasa Ramanujan Institute for Basic Sciences (KSCSTE) and several other autonomous colleges in Kerala. She will serve as an assessor for NAAC. Throughout the years, Prof. Beena Mathew transcended the role of an educator, serving as a mentor, guide, researcher, and visionary. Forty-two students received Ph.D. degrees under her supervision. Presently, eight students are pursuing PhDs under her supervision. She oversaw 139 postgraduate students in their project endeavours. Prof. Beena Mathew has published 214 research papers, possesses an h-index of 33 and an i10-index of 112, has received 5,474 citations, and has authored 36 book chapters. She is married to Dr. T. M. Joseph (Rtd principal, Nirmala college, moovattupuzha) and they have two children, Vijay Joseph and Ajay Joseph



## National Seminar

In honour of

Prof. (Dr.) Beena Mathew  
(Senior Professor, SCS)

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*Farewell Meeting*

on

**29<sup>th</sup>** April, 2025  
10.00 am

Venue \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Curie Auditorium, SCS



**School of Chemical Sciences**  
Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam





Dear Sir/Madam

Prof. (Dr.) Beena Mathew (Senior Professor, SCS) is retiring from university service on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 after 32 years fruitful academic career and meritorious service in school of chemical sciences. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to teaching and research, the department is organising a national seminar and a farewell meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 10.00 am in the SCS, auditorium.

We invite your esteemed presence for this function.

Sincerely

Prof. (Dr.) Anitha C. Kumar (Director, SCS)  
Dr. Ditty Dixon (Programme Convenor)

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## Programme

Date: 29.04.2025

Venue: Marie Curie Auditorium, SCS

### Seminar Session

- 10.00 am : **Lecture 1 by Dr. Vinod C Prabhakaran**  
(Sr Principal Scientist, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune)  
**Title: Unravelling Molecular Insights of Catalysis Through Near Ambient Pressure X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (NAP-XPS)**
- 11.00 am : Tea Break
- 11.15 am : **Lecture 2 by Dr Krishnakumar I M**  
(Chief Scientific Officer, Akay Bioactives, Ernakulam)  
**Title: Farm to Pharmacy: Natural self-emulsifying hydrogels**
- 12.15 pm : Lunch break

### Farewell Meeting

- 02.00 pm
- Welcome : **Dr. Ditty Dixon** (Convenor)
- Presidential Address : **Prof. (Dr.) Anitha C. Kumar** (Professor & Director, SCS)
- Inauguration : **Prof. (Dr.) C.T. Aravindakumar**  
(Hon'ble Vice chancellor, MG University)
- Keynote address : **Prof.(Dr.) V.N. Rajashekhara Pillai**  
(Founder Director, SCS and Former Vice chancellor, MG University)
- Felicitations : **Faculty members, Students, Colleagues, Friends Alumni etc.**
- Reply Speech : **Prof. (Dr.) Beena Mathew**
- Vote of Thanks :

Cultural programme