

### Biography

Anilkumar Gopinathan was born in 1965 at Attingal in Trivandrum. He did his early education at Attingal and College education at Trivandrum (Govt. Arts College), Varkala (S N College), Kollam (S N College) and Cochin (Dept of Applied Chemistry, CUSAT). He took his Ph. D in 1996 from the Regional Research Laboratory (renamed as National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology NIIST-CSIR), Trivandrum with Dr. Vijay Nair. He did postdoctoral studies as an NSR fellow at University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands (with Professor Binne Zwanenburg), JSPS fellow at Osaka University, Japan (with Professor Yasuyuki Kita), NIH fellow at Temple University, USA (with Professor Franklin A. Davis), Leibnitz fellow at the Leibniz-Institut für Organische Katalyse (IfOK), Rostock, Germany (with Professor Matthias Beller) and MvP fellow at the Leibniz-Institut für Katalyse (LIKAT), Rostock, Germany (with Professor Matthias Beller). He was a senior scientist at AstraZeneca (Bangalore). He served as Lecturer at T. K. Madhava Memorial College, Haripad and later at Govt. Polytechnic College, Kothamangalam and Govt. College, Attingal. Prior to joining the School of Chemical Sciences in February 2010, he served as a Research Scientist at the Leibniz-Institut für Katalyse (LIKAT), Rostock, Germany.

In 2011, he was promoted to Associate Professor, in 2014 to Professor, and in 2024 to Senior Professor. His research interests are in the areas of organic synthesis, medicinal chemistry, heterocycles and catalysis. He has published more than 230 papers in peer-reviewed journals, 7 patents, 18 book chapters, and edited three books entitled "Copper Catalysis in Organic Synthesis" (Wiley-VCH, 2020), "Green Organic Reactions" (Springer, 2021) and "Organic Transformations in Water" (Wiley-VCH, 2025). He has received Dr. S Vasudev Award from Govt. of Kerala, India, for best research (2016) and the Evonik research proposal competition award (second prize 2016). He has produced 23 M.Phil and 11 Ph.Ds (+6 are ongoing). He is a visiting professor at the Leibniz Institut für Katalyse (LIKAT), Rostock, Germany since 2018 and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC). His current h-index is 45 with more than 7000 citations. He has delivered more than 50 invited scientific talks. Currently, he is serving on the editorial board of Current Catalysis (Bentham), Current Organic Synthesis (Bentham), Tetrahedron (Elsevier), Tetrahedron Letters (Elsevier) and Results in Chemistry (Elsevier). He is married to Ms. Latha P S and they have a daughter, Dr. Luxmi Anil.



## National Seminar

In honour of

Prof. (Dr.) G. Anilkumar  
(Senior Professor, SCS)

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## Farewell Meeting

on

28<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.) G. Anilkumar (Senior Professor, SCS) is retiring from university service on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 after 15 years of fruitful academic career and meritorious service in school of chemical sciences. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to teaching and research, the department is organising a national seminar and a farewell meeting on 28<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. Anas S (Programme Convenor)

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## Programme

Date: 28.04.2025

Venue: Marie Curie Auditorium, SCS

### Seminar Session

- 10.00 am : **Lecture 1** by **Dr. K.V. Radhakrishnan**  
(Chief Scientist & Head, APTD, NIIST(CSR), Thiruvananthapuram)  
**Title : Bridging boundaries: Voyage from organic chemistry to Interdisciplinary frontiers**
- 11.00 am : Tea Break
- 11.15 am : **Lecture 2** by **Prof. (Dr.) G. Anilkumar**  
(Senior Professor, SCS)  
**Title : The journey of a perplexed organic chemist**
- 12.15 pm : Lunch break

### Farewell Meeting

- 02.00 pm
- Welcome : **Dr. S. Anas** (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.) Sabu Thomas**  
(Former Director, SCS and Former Vice chancellor, MG University)
- Felicitations : **Faculty members, Students, Colleagues, Friends Alumni etc.**
- Reply Speech : **Prof. (Dr.) G. Anilkumar**
- Vote of Thanks :

Cultural programme