



### **Prof. M. Umamaheswara Rao**

- Designation while leaving CMFRI : Assistant Fishery Scientist
- Period of Service in CMFRI : 1964 - 1973

## **Memories in my life**

*I consider that my stay in CMFRI, Mandapam, for 9 years, is the golden moment in my life, because I was actively engaged in seaweed research at that time and this gave me an opportunity to get a thorough knowledge of seaweed flora of Tamilnadu and also India. Autecological investigations on agarophytes and alginophytes, survey of economically valuable seaweeds of Tamilnadu and pioneering experiments on cultivation of Gracilaria edulis are the major contributions during the period of my stay at Mandapam, which paved the way for the development of seaweed Industry in the Country.*

*Myself and my family members cannot forget the days spent in Mandapam - an isolated place. I still remember vividly how we lived and how we worked on various aspects of Marine Phycology in the shallow coral reef habitats of Gulf of Mannar - an important seaweed growing area of our country.*