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- Designation at retirement : Principal Scientist
- Period of service : 1963-2000

## **The golden moments experienced**

*The Golden Moments during my service were spread over from the beginning to almost entire period as some thing significant had happened at one time or other in the span of 36 years & 10 months of my service. The first and foremost being my selection through UPSC, New Delhi as Asst.Research Officer in 1964 and posting to Cochin to work on the Phytoplankton of in shore & offshore waters that was collected on board the Research Vessel R.V."Varuna" of Indo-Norwegian Project. Which gave me an entirely a new experience in the beginning of my service. This was the first Golden Moment in my career and I owe this entirely to the then Director of CMFRI, (late) Dr.S.Jones.*

*The second Golden Moment was my registration for Ph.D degree of Calicut University and I owe this to Dr.S.Z.Qasim who gave constant guidance till I got the Doctorate degree, wherever he was whether in*

CMFRI or NIO or Dept.of Ocean Development. For the encouragement I had received in completing & submission of my thesis, I owe to Dr.E.G.Silas who provided necessary help and suggestions whenever required.

The next Golden Moment was my transfer by (late) Dr.R.V.Nair to Mandapam Regional Centre from Calicut to work on Marine Algal Resources Survey i.e. a shift from micro algae to macro algae. This was the turning point in my career and I remember him for this timely action.

Dr.E.G.Silas gave lot of importance on the Marine Algal Cultivation, and gave guidance to me and my colleagues in carrying out culture operations. He nominated me as a Faculty Member for the P.G students of C.A.S. in Mariculture and as Project Leader for the project on Marine Algae. I was thus instrumental in preparation of Bulletin No.41 on "Economically important Seaweeds". He had deputed me for advanced training on Marine algal Cultivation in the University of Philippines under FAO/UNDP programme. His leadership has given a new impetus to the Mariculture Research as a whole in the Institute and we owe him a lot for this.

During the next five years when I was allotted senior Research Fellows to work on Ph.D programmes and also to initiate ICAR Ad Hoc scheme projects on Marine Algal Survey of Andaman Nicobar, Lakshadweep group of Islands and in the region between Visakhapatnam-Chilka lake regions initiating marine algal cultivation in lagoon waters of

Lakshadweep, especially Minicoy Island. I owe all this to vision and planning of the then Director Dr.P.S.B.R.James for this Golden Moment.

In the field cultivation of *Gracilaria edulis* (agarophyte), a 36 fold enhancement of growth in Minicoy Lagoon obtained was a record production and which was not registered anywhere else. This I ever remember as a Golden Moment in my life.

During 1993, The Marine Products Development Authority, Cochin has awarded Aquaculture Award to me in "Ind Aqua" in appreciation of the contribution made to Marine Algae This was one of the Golden Moment which I ever cherish very fondly.

The greatest moment when I look back was when all the three Research Fellows who worked under my guidance were awarded their doctorate degrees. This gave me the utmost satisfaction and a sense of fulfillment of my responsibilities as a Research Guide.

My other Golden Moments include my participation as a Scientist and some times as a Chief Scientist on board FORV:"SagarSampada" in its scientific cruises. During my tenure as Officer in charge at Visakhapatnam Research Center of CMFRI, two significant achievements are worth mentioning which includes construction of Mariculture laboratories and Tissue Culture Laboratory for culture operations and construction of staff quarters. For this, the encouragement given to us and the dynamism shown by the then Director, Dr.M.Devaraj are commendable.

In the initial periods of my career the encouragement received from (late) Dr.R.P.Varma, Dr.R.R.Prasad and Dr.A.J. Daniel (ex ZSI) and in the later part of my service, the encouragement given by Dr.P.Vedavyasa Rao and Dr. V.Narayana Pillai are also worth mentioning and I always cherish all these memories through out my life.

Last but not the least, I wish to place on record the assistance and the help extended by the Library, Administrative & Accounts staff of the Institute during the service period and after wards also.

Finally, even after retirement I have some Golden Moments to cherish regarding the sanction of medical facilities to retired ICAR employees and the warmth with which the ICAR and the present Director Dr. Mohan Joseph Modayil remember the former employees by giving an opportunity to rejoice any happy occasion of the Institute which enables us to recall the Golden Moments which rejuvenate our energies. I take this opportunity to thank ICAR especially DDG (Fisheries) and the present Director of CMFRI, Dr.Mohan Joseph Modayil.