



UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

PROF. M M GHANI AWARD

2016-17

*Presented to*



**Dr. Soni John T**

Associate Professor  
Department of Physical Education  
Christ College, Irinjalakuda, Thrissur

Prof. M M Ghani, the first Vice Chancellor of the University of Calicut, was an academic par excellence who dedicated his career to the spread of knowledge and the empowerment of the backward sections through education and enlightenment. Prof. Ghani was a stickler for perfection and believed in the indispensability of quality teaching in producing desired learning outcomes. His stint as Vice-Chancellor saw him hiring expert faculty from far and wide to fill positions at the institution. As a fitting tribute to him, the university instituted Prof. M M Ghani Award to honour outstanding faculty members working under its affiliated colleges. Teachers who pioneer new methods of learning and research and make positive contributions to institutional development are chosen for this award by a committee consisting of the Vice Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, the Registrar, the Director College Development Council, representatives of the Syndicate and an external expert. Eminent Historian and writer Dr. MGS Narayanan was the external expert for the year 2016-17.

Dr. Soni John T, recipient of Prof. M M Ghani Award in the category of Humanities (2016-17), is a dedicated teacher with more than two decades of experience in Physical Education field. He has played a stellar role in enhancing the sporting profile of Christ College and the University of Calicut. Being a PhD holder in physical education from Victoria University, Melbourne, he is looked upon as an expert in Sports Psychology and Sociology. He is the recipient of Australian Government's Endeavour Scholarship for higher research and has been certified as Advanced Level Two Coach by Cricket Australia. He acted as the Sports Psychologist of the Kerala Team in the National Games held in 2012. He has published extensively in national and international research journals. On this occasion, the University feels privileged to bestow this honour on this eminent teacher and trainer.

Dated 04-09-2019  
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**Dr. K. Mohammed Basheer**  
Vice Chancellor