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BERCHMANS AWARD 2025-26

28th Edition

Best College Teacher Award

Ginson P. Joseph

Professor & Head
Department of Physics and
Dean of Research
St. Thomas College, Pala.

Chief Guest

Prof. NV Chalapathy Rao

Director
National Centre for Earth
Science Studies(NCESS)
Trivandrum

Venue: **Padiyara Hall**

Date & Time:

Friday 20th February 2026 at 11.00 am



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Dear Sir/Madam

It is our pleasure to extend a warm invitation to you for the 28th edition of the Berchmans Award Conferral Ceremony.

The distinguished Berchmans Award, instituted by the Alumni Association of St. Berchmans College, Kuwait Chapter, serves to honour the Best College Teacher from the Government/Aided Arts & Science Colleges in Kerala. Ginson P. Joseph, Professor & Head Department of Physics and Dean of Research St. Thomas College, Pala has been selected as the recipient of this prestigious award for the year 2025-26.

We are honoured to inform you that Prof. NV Chalapathy Rao Director National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS) Trivandrum, will be the Chief Guest for the award conferral ceremony. His Excellency, Mar Thomas Tharayil, Archbishop of Changanacherry, will grace the occasion.

We would be delighted to have your esteemed presence at this event.

Warm regards,

Rev (Prof) Dr Teddy C. Kanjooparampil
Principal

Dr Martin J Babu
Secretary
Berchmans Award

PROGRAMME

Prayer

Welcome address : **Rev (Prof) Dr Teddy C. Kanjooparampil**
Principal SB College

Benedictory address : **His Grace Mar Thomas Tharayil**
Archbishop of Changanacherry

Chief Guests address : **Prof. NV Chalapathy Rao**
Director, National Centre for Earth
Science Studies(NCESS), Trivandrum

Award Conferral
Felicitation : Representative,
AASBCO, Kuwait Chapter

Award recipient's speech : **Ginson P. Joseph**
Professor & Head
Department of Physics and
Dean of Research
St. Thomas College, Pala.

Vote of thanks : **Dr Martin J Babu**
Secretary
Berchmans Award
Committee 2025-26

National Anthem



Ginson P. Joseph is Professor and Head of the Department of Physics and Dean of Research at St. Thomas College, Pala. He completed his undergraduate studies in Physics at St. George's College, Aruvithura and earned his Master's degree from Madras Christian College, Chennai. He was awarded Ph.D. from Loyola College, Chennai, under the University of Madras. He had post-doctoral stints at Delaware State University, USA, and was also the recipient of the prestigious Dr. D. S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship of UGC. Prof. Ginson has gained significant international exposure through his tenures as Visiting Scientist at the Institute of Electronic Structure and laser, F.O.R.T.H., Greece, Commonwealth Professional Fellow at Robert Gordon University, UK, and Visiting Faculty at Carl von Ossietzky University, Germany.

Prof. Ginson has published 51 research papers in reputed international and national journals; He has 766 citations, owns an h-index of 15, and an i10-index of 22. He has guided seven Ph.D. scholars and currently supervises three students. He has secured multiple funded research projects, including major and minor grants worth ₹71 lakhs. He played a key role in securing ₹2.34 crores in funded projects for his institution, including DST-FIST (2013 and 2024). He is a member of The Optical Society of America, British Association for Crystal Growth (BACG), UK, Institute of Physics (IOP) UK, Australian Optical Society and Italian Society of Optics and Photonics. Such as Journal of Applied Polymer Science, Material Research Bulletin, Journal of Materials Science: Materials in electronics, Applied Physics A: Materials Science & Processing, Journal of Organic and Inorganic Polymer and Materials etc.

Alongside his academic pursuits, he remains committed to community development through active leadership roles in local civic and cultural organizations. He served as Vice-President of the Planning Board of Bharananganam Grama Panchayath and as a President of Sarangu Library and Club, Kayyoor.

Former Recipients of the Berchmans Award

1998	Dr. Cyriac Thomas, St Thomas College, Pala.
1999	Prof. V J Antony, Cochin College, Kochi.
2000	Dr. K S Kumari, St Teresa's College, Ernakulam.
2001	Dr. Jose Parakadavil, B A M College, Thuruthicad.
2002	Dr. B Chandrika, All Saints College, Trivandrum.
2003	Dr. B Jayachandran, S N College, Kannur.
2004	Dr. Mamkulam Krishnan Nampothiri, S D College, Alappuzha.
2005	Dr. G Anilkumar, SN College, Kannur.
2006	Dr. C Mohan Kumar, Govt. Arts & Science College, Kozhikode.
2007	Dr. K K Jose, St Thomas College, Pala.
2008	Rev. Dr. T M Joseph, St Stephens College, Pathanapuram.
2009	Dr. A V George, Christ College, Irinjalikuda.
2010	Dr. T V Muralivallabhan, SVRNSS College, Vazhoor.
2011	Dr. V Georgekutty, St Thomas College, Pala.
2012	Dr. P J Jojo, Fathima Matha National College, Kollam.
2013	Dr. Sudha Kappali, SN College, Kannur.
2014	Dr. Shiny Palaty, Bharatha Mata College, Thrikkakara.
2015	Dr. Punnen KurianVenkadathu, St Marys College, Manarcadu.
2016	Dr. Jolly Jacob, Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum.
2017	Dr. Sabu K Thomas, St Josephs College, Devagiri, Calicut.
2018	Dr. Jijimon K Thomas, Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum.
2019	Dr. Sunny Thomas, St. Thomas College, Pala.
2020	Dr. Jaya T Varkey, St Teresa's College, Ernakulam.
2021	Dr. Ison V. Vanchipurackal, St Thomas College, Pala.
2022	Dr. Manju Kurian, Mar Athanasius College (Autonomous), Kothamangalam.
2023	Dr. D. Sajan, Associate Professor, Bishop Moore College, Mavelikara
2024	Dr. Manoj Mathews, Associate Professor St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Devagiri, Kozhikode.