

## Professor Ramamurthi Rallapalli: A brief Bio

**Ramamurthi Rallapalli (Ph.D., D.Sc) is an Environmental and Biomedical Scientist of international reputation. He has held several positions-Professor of Zoology (1979-1996), Chairman (1983-85,1991-94), Chairman of Board of Studies (1988-94), Dean, School of Biological and Earth Sciences (1990-92), Vice-Chancellor (President) of Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, India (1994-97) and Indian National Science Academy Senior Scientist (till 2005); worked as Adjunct Faculty at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Dept.of Medicine, CRC, UMDNJ, New Brunswick, NJ (2000-2003). He was a visiting Professor at Simon Fraser University (BC, Canada, 1985), UMDNJ, NJ (1988,91,2000), University of Bonn, Germany (1994), University of Madras (1999). Recipient of several Honors and Awards-Best Teacher's Award of Andhra Pradesh Govt., 1991; K.N.Bahl gold medal for outstanding contributions to life sciences.,1995;Golden Jubilee medal of Zoological Society of India for contributions to the field of Environmental Sciences.,presented by Governor of Bihar,1997;Millennium award of Zoroastrian College, Mumbai, 2000;Distinguished IFAS Scholar of University of Florida,2002;Life time Alumni Achievement Award of S.V.University presented by Governor of A.P,2005;Fellowships –Indian National Science Academy, National Academy of Science, India; National Academy of Agricultural Sciences;A.P.Academy of Sciences; Platinum Jubilee Lecturer at ISCA, 1996;Prof.Rallapalli served as President of Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries section of ISCA, 1992;President of Indian Society of Life Sciences, 1986-todate.Served as Chairman/Member of peer review committees of University Grants Commission, Department of Science and Technology,Department of Biotechnology,Ministry of Environment and Forests of Govt. of India to evaluate research projects. Served as Chairman of Kerala Govt. constituted Enquiry Commission for Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. Served as Chairman/Member of National Assessment and Accreditation Council Inspection Commissions to Colleges/Universities.Currently serving as Member of Governing Body of Academy of Gandhian Studies;Member of PAC of BSI/ZSI/Biodiversity of Ministry of Environment and Forests;Research Advisory Group of Institute of Wood Science and Technology of ICFRE,Member ISCA Council. He is widely traveled for lectures and seminars; authored nearly 300 research papers and 6 books; directed 39 Doctoral candidates. The main areas of interest are Environmental Science with reference to toxic chemicals, Bioenergy, Physiological response of biota to environmental stress,Biodiversity & Coastal Afforestation; Biomedical and Clinical research in relation to Diabetic& stress induced nephropathy, Mechanisms and management of inflammatory skin disease Psoriasis.**