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Hon. Director, International School of Dravidian Linguistics (2018 April onwards)  
Dean, Dravidian Linguists Association  
Deputy Director of Collegiate Education  
Government of Kerala (2005-2006)  
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Born on 3.2.1951 at Pallippad Village, Alapuzha District, Kerala. Father. K.Parameswaran Nair. Mother. L.Thankamma. Took M.A. Degree in Malayalam and Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Kerala. Worked as Lecturer, Reader, Professor in various Government Colleges and Deputy Director Collegiate Education. Retired from the Collegiate Education service in 2006. After that he joined as Senior Fellow at International School of Dravidian Linguistics at Thiruvananthapuram. Areas of Specialization - Dravidian Linguistics, Malayalam, Kerala Culture and Folklore. Published 32 books in Malayalam and Four in English. In addition several articles in Malayalam and English on various Linguistic aspects published in reputed Journals.

Worked as member in academic bodies of Universities of Kerala and resource person to Madras, Madurai, Pondicherry, Manonmaniam Sundaranar Universities and UGC.

Gopalakrishnan was the convener of the expert committee formed by the Government of Kerala for preparing a comprehensive report on the subject of the Recognition of Malayalam as a Classical Language for getting the classical status to Malayalam.

**He is working now as the Special Officer, Linguistic Minorities of Kerala and Hon. Director of International School of Dravidian Linguistics and DEAN of Dravidian Linguistic Association of India.**

### **BIO- DATA**

1. Name : Dr. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan
2. Date of birth : 3 -2 - 1951
3. Qualification : M.A. (Malayalam)  
Ph.D. (Linguistics)
4. Positions held : Prof. of Malayalam
  - a) Deputy Director of Collegiate Education (2005-2006)
  - b) Senior Fellow, International School of Dravidian Linguistics (2006-2010)
  - c) Prof. of Emeritus, Dept. of Malayalam, University of Kerala (March 2013 - 2015)
  - d) Convener, Classical Status to Malayalam Expert Committee. (2010-12)
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6. Teaching experience : 30 years in PG and UG. level in various colleges before retirement and teaching of language continues to various institutions.
7. Research activities : Supervising Teacher, 8 Scholars took Ph.D., 22 M.Phil. Dissertations were prepared under his guidance- Published several articles in DLA News and International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics and Dravidian studies, Several articles wrote in Malayalam journals like Bhasha sahithi, Bhasha poshini, Vijnanakairali and Malayalavimarsam
8. Membership in academic bodies : 1. Served as Member of Board of Studies in Malayalam in S.S. Sanskrit University, Kalady, M.G. University, Kottayam and University of Kerala.
2. Member, Advisory Committee of Tunchattu Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala.
3. Member Advisory Committee, Language consultant, Malayalam Lexicon University of Kerala.
4. Member of Q.P. setters Board of Madras University, Manonmaniyam Sundaranar University, Pondicherry University, University Grants Commission - (NET), and almost all Universities in Kerala.
5. Member in Academic Committee for the preparation of programmes for Satellite Facilities for Distance Education.
6. Member Advisory Committee, Malayalam Lexicon, University of Kerala

7. Member, Managing Committee, Kumaranasan National Institute of Culture, Tonnakkal, Thiruvananthapuram (2013-2016)

9. Publisher

International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics and DLA NEWS, a cultural organ of Dravidian Linguistics Association of India

10. Social Activities

- :
- (1) Hon. Director, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, St.Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram
  - (2) Dean, Dravidian Linguistic Association of India, Thiruvananthapuram
  - (3) President, Aiswarya Nagar Residence Association, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram

11. Awards

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- (1) Recipient of Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for Scholarly literature 2012 for the book 'Samskaramudrakal'
  - (2) Research Award for the year 2014 instituted by the Research wing of Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta, Kerala
  - (3) DLA Linguistic award for Studies in Early Language 2014.
  - (4) Prof. M. Krishnan Nair memorial Literary award 2016
  - (5) A.P. Udayabhanu Smaraka Varada Puraskaram for Life Time Achievement 2017
  - (6) Viswavedhi Literary Award 2017
  - (7) Kerala Sahitya Akademi I.C. Chacko Endowment Award for Scholarly Literature, 2018
  - (8) Prof. Elamkulam Kunjan Pillai Memorial Award for Life Time Achievement, 2019

## 12. Books Published :

### a. Malayalam

	Malayalam Title	
1. Biographical Literature in Malayalam	Jīvacaritrasāhityam Malayāḷattil	1983
2. Autobiographical literature in Malayalam	Ātmakadhāsāhityam Malayāḷattil	1985,1998
3. Ramacaritam and the early Malayalam language	Rāmacaritavum Prācīnabhāṣāvicāravum	1989
4. Sources of Kerala history	Kēraḷacaritradhāraḷ	1989,2003,2010
5. Fragrance of Malayalam	Bhāṣāparimaḷam	1994
6. On language	Bhāṣāvicāram	2001
7. Catechism - Malayalam Study	Bhāṣāsāhitya Prabodhanam	2001-2009, 2010, 2015
8. Research Methodology	Gavēṣaṇarītīśāstram	2003
9. Folk historic stories	Nādōdicaritrakadhakaḷ	2008
10. Garlands of Literature	Sāhityamālyam	2008
11. Cultural signets (Kerala Sahithya Academy Award)	Samskāramudrakaḷ	2009
12. An Introduction to the study of Ramacaritam	Rāmacaritapaṭanattinorāmukham	2010
13. Fundamentals of Hindu Dharma	Jñānamṛtam	2011
14. Malayalam Classical Language	Malayāḷam Classic Bhāṣa: Paḷakkavum Vyaktitvavum	2012
15. Malayalam, a Classical Language	Sreṣṭhabhāṣa, Malayāḷam	2014
16. Biography of Kochunni Tampuran	Kodungalloor Kochunni Thampuran	2015
17. History of Malayalam (Keralasahithya Akademi Award)	Bhāṣācaritradhāraḷ	2015
18. Cultural history of Kerala	Kēraḷa samskāradhāraḷ	2015
19. History of Malayalam Language	Malayāḷabhāṣācaritram Kerala Sāhitya Academy, Thrissur	2016
20. A critical Edition Modern Malayalam Poems:	Ādhunika Malayāḷa Kavita	2016

21. History of Malayalam Language	Malayāḷabhāṣācaritram Kerala Bhasha Institute, Thiruvananthapuram	2016
22. Specimens of Early Malayalam poetry	Prācīnamalayāḷa maṭṭkakaḷ	2017
23. Kēraḷapāṇinīyam	Kēraḷapāṇinīyam - 1896	2018
24. Kēraḷapāṇinīyam	Kēraḷapāṇinīyam - Commentary	2018
25. Early Malayalam Poetry	Pracīna Malayala kāvyasudha	2019
26. Hymns on Lord Vāsudēva	Srī Vāsudēvasthavam	2019
27. Studies on Malayalam Language and Literature	Bhāṣāsāhithya paḍanaṅṅaḷ	2019
28. Malayalam as Official Language	Bharaṇabhāṣa; Akavum Puṇavum	2020
29. Malayalam Literary Essays	Sahitya kairāḷi	2020-21
30. Studies on Kerala Culture	Samskārakairāḷi	2020-21
31. Makers of Malayalam Language	Bhashapraṇayikal	2020-21
32. Malayalam- Its Dravidian Origin	Drāviḍahimagirigaḷita	2020-21

### **b. English**

1. 'Early Middle Malayalam', ISDL, St. Xavier's College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, 2013.
2. Index of Rāmacaritam, ISDL Publication, 2017
3. A Linguistic and Cultural Study of Malayalam and Tamil , ISDL Publication, 2018

### **c. Editor**

1. Studies on Bangla Linguistics, ISDL Publication 2019
2. Tributes of Love and Affection, DLA Publication 2019
3. Collected Papers on Tamil, ISDL Publication 2019
4. Collected Papers on V.I.Subramoniam, DLA Publication 2020
5. Malayalam as a Classical Language, ISDL Publication 2020
6. Bangla and Other Indian Languages :  
Linguistic and Cultural Relations, ISDL Publication 2020

## **d. Foreword/Preface/Note**

### ***a. English***

1. A Linguistic Description of Eḷuttacchan's Adhyātma Rāmāyaṇam - N.R. Gopinatha Pillai, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2018
2. Lexicon of Travancore Inscriptions - R. Vasudeva Poduval, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2018
3. A History of Malayalam Metre - N.V. Krishna Warrior, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2018
4. Dravidian - Suniti Kumar Chatterji, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2019
5. Evolution of a Composite Culture in Kerala - B. Padmakumari Amma, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2019
6. Syntactic and Semantic Roles in Bangla and Malayalam - Dhruvajyoti Das, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2019
7. Seminar on Dialectology - V.I. Subramoniam (Ed.), International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2019
8. Effectivity and Causativity in Tamil - K. Paramasivam, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2019
9. European Impact on Modern Tamil Writing and Literature - G. Somalay, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2019
10. The Riddle that is Tamil - R. Kothandaraman (Ed.), International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2019
11. Foreign Models in Tamil Grammar - T.P. Meenakshisundaran, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2019
12. The Dravidian Culture and its Diffusion - T.K. Krishna Menon, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2020
13. The Mother Goddess in Bengal and in Kerala - T. Madhava Menon, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2020
14. Index of Kaṇṇaśśa Rāmāyaṇam - Puthussery Ramachandran, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2020
15. Indian Stylistics - Desamangalam Ramakrishnan, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2020

16. Evolution of Malayalam - Anantaramayyar Chandrasekhar, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2020
17. Index of Ramakathappāṭṭu - G. Sulekha, International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram, 2021.

**b. Malayalam**

1. Place Names in Kollam District - A Linguistic Study - Vilakkudi Rajendran, Keralabhasha Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, 2016 (കൊല്ലം ജില്ല സ്ഥലനാമചരിത്രം)
2. Origin of Malayalam Language - Annotated Bibliography - R. Reghunathan, Keralabhasha Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, 2018 (മലയാളഭാഷാല്പത്തി വിവരണാത്മക സൂചിക)
3. Malayalam Linguistic Features in Sangam Literature - Dr. Mithun. K.S., Oruma Publications, Thiruvananthapuram, 2018 (മലനാട്ടുവഴക്കം)
4. Collected Works of N.R. Gopinatha Pillai - Keralabhasha Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, 2019 (എൻ.ആർ. ഗോപിനാഥപിള്ളയുടെ കൃതികൾ)

**e. Conferences**

**I. ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS**

Sl. No.	Conferences	Location	Year	Paper presented / Position held
1.	4 <sup>th</sup>	Madras	1974	14 <sup>th</sup> Century Malayalam
2.	5 <sup>th</sup>	Cochin	1975	Sēshagiri Prabhu as a Malayalam Grammarian
3.	9 <sup>th</sup>	Calicut	1979	Līlātilakam on Kēraḷabhāṣa
4.	16 <sup>th</sup>	Thiruvananthapuram	1988	Sanskrit in Malayalam
5.	18 <sup>th</sup>	Kanyakumari	1990	Sandhi Rules in Rāmacaritam
6.	28 <sup>th</sup>	Idayankudi	2000	Gundert's Malayalam English Dictionary
7.	30 <sup>th</sup>	Dharwad	2002	Kittle and Gundert - An Overview
8.	31 <sup>st</sup>	Kanchipuram	2003	Tolkāppiyam and Līlātilakam
9.	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Warrangal	2004	Edakkal Cave Inscriptions
10.	35 <sup>th</sup>	Mysore	2007	Līlātilakam and Tantravarttikam

11.	36 <sup>th</sup>	Erode	2008	Pukalur Inscriptions
12.	37 <sup>th</sup>	Thiruvananthapuram	2009	Phonological Parallelism in Sangam Language and Modern Malayalam
13.	38 <sup>th</sup>	Thiruvananthapuram	2010	[Local Secretary]
14.	39 <sup>th</sup>	Patiala	2011	[Secretary, DLA]
15.	40 <sup>th</sup>	Hyderabad	2012	Malayalam as a Classical Language
16.	41 <sup>st</sup>	Chennai	2013	From West Coast Dialect to Malayalam
17.	42 <sup>nd</sup>	Kuppam	2014	Kannada, Malayalam and Tulu - Traces of Lexical Similarities
18.	43 <sup>rd</sup>	Annamalai	2015	Origin of Malayalam Script
19.	44 <sup>th</sup>	Hyderabad	2016	Maṅipravāḷam in Dravidian Languages
20.	45 <sup>th</sup>	Delhi	2017	Theories on the Origin of Malayalam - A Critical Evaluation
21.	46 <sup>th</sup>	Kolkotta	2018	S.K. Chatterji's Views on the Derivation of the Word 'Dramiḍa'
22.	47 <sup>th</sup>	Kalaburagi, Karnataka	2019	A Dravidian Etymological Dictionary and Malayalam

**II. All India Oriental Conference 43rd Session. Jammu 2006**

(12-14 October 2006)

Title of the paper presented :

'Role of Sanskrit in the Evolution of Malayalam Language'

**III. Ulakattamiḷ Cemmaḷimānātu**

The Word Classical Tamil Conference, Kovai 2010

(Feb 23-27)

Paper presented :

'Phonological Morphological and Lexical Parallelisms in Sangam Tamil and Modern Malayalam'

**IV. World Tulu Conference - Badiyadukka, Kasaragod**

(9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016)

Inaugural address

'Linguistic Cultural and Historical Contacts of Tulu and Malayalam'



## **Project Work**

1. Early Middle Malayalam (from early phase up to the dawn of 14<sup>th</sup> Century A.D.)  
International School of Dravidian Linguistics.
2. Dravidian Etymological Dictionary- An overview  
This project evaluates the morphological and semantic corrections of Malayalam lexical entries found in Dravidian Etymological Dictionary.
3. Internal reconstructions of linguistic features in Ramacaritam, Kallazharimaya, am  
and Krishnagatha (2008)

Prof. Dr. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan is an authoritative in pre- Malayalam Tamil, Early and medieval Malayalam period. His report on the antiquity and individuality of Malayalam language helped the Malayalam language to acquire the classical status.

Taking into the academic contributions of Dr. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan, Govt. of Kerala nominated him as a member in the advisory committee and Board of Studies of Malayalam University. He worked in language committees of Govt. of Kerala, U.G.C., UPSC, Kendra Sahitya Academy and Lexicon Department of University of Kerala.

His studies on Sangam literature, Early and Medieval Classical Malayalam Literature and language is widely noticed and approved by the scholars in Linguistics, Literature and Kerala History.

### **f. Work done in Interdisciplinary Studies**

Organised the following courses :

- I. Orientation course in Linguistics for High School Language Teachers -  
Sanskrit, Tamil, Hindi, Arabic, Malayalam.
  - a. 2019 October 30 to 31
  - b. 2020 February 14 to 15
  - c. 2020 February 28 to 29
- II. Bengali Intensive Course for non-Bengalis, 7<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- III. Certificate Course in Malayalam Language for non-Malayalis  
September 16<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- IV. Certificate Course in Tamil Language for non Tamilians  
16-11-2019 to 13-11-2019

(As on 19-3-2021)