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Sir,

E K Janaki Ammal is the first Indian woman scientist to get a PhD.

The NMNH will be organizing a National Seminar on “E K Janaki Ammal and her contribution to Indian Science” in Thalasseri (her birth place) on 4<sup>th</sup> November (her birth date) 2010. The venue will be Sharada Krishna Iyer Auditorium.

A large number of people connected with EKJ (students, relatives, rated Taxonomists, past awardees of EKJ Award, organizers of EKJ National Award on Taxonomy in the Ministry of Environment & Forests) have agreed to attend. Students and teachers of botany and zoology from the Kannur and Calicut Universities will be the main audience.

The programme involves academic **sessions** related to EKJ (**Life sketches** of EKJ, **Cytology**, **Taxonomy**, **Ethnobotany**), felicitation of past awardees of E K Janaki Ammal National Award on Taxonomy, prize distribution to winners of competition for students etc. Dr Savithri Preetha Nair (from UK), a science historian based in UK who is completing a biography on EKJ, has kindly agreed to give keynote speech.

You are requested to attend the Seminar and contribute to its success. In case you are interested please contact the undersigned by email ([dirmnh@gmail.com](mailto:dirmnh@gmail.com) AND [ybha56@yahoo.com](mailto:ybha56@yahoo.com)).

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

**(Dr. B. Venugopal)**  
**Director**