



**JANAKI AMMAL, Edavaleth Kakkat\***

Elected 1935, Council Service: 1962–67.

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Padma Shri in 1977. Scientific work in Cytogenetics and Plant Geography. Well known for her work on cytogenetical studies on sugarcane, egg plant, *Cymbopogon*, *Terminalia*, *Datura* and *Dioscorea*. She is also well known for her work on cytogenetical studies on sugarcane, egg plant. Traced the evolution of these crops. 'Jammu Mint' is one of the major contributions. In addition, she did cytological studies of number of plants. Collected plants of medicinal and economic value and carried out valuable studies on the cytology of several plant taxa. Studies in ethnobotany particularly in use of plants by tribals in Kerala are of great value.

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