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**Professor Sabu Thomas – The legendary Indian Chemist that produced 127 Ph D degree holds, 250 publications and 1300 research publications in the realm of Chemistry**

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Prof. Sabu Thomas completed his long and illustrious career of 36 years as a teacher and four years as the Vice Chancellor of MG University on a happy note on May 27.  During his stint as the Vice Chancellor, the university attained remarkable achievements in the academic field as well as in infrastructure development.

His vision and road map for the growth of the University for the next 10 years is sure to bring more laurels to the varsity. Apart from encouraging more research and learning in the campus, he took initiative to collaborate with foreign universities and promoted entrepreneurship among students.

“If the University can progress at this pace, it will definitely become one of the top ten universities in the country within 10 years,” he said in his farewell speech.

Prof. Sabu Thomas took charge as the Vice chancellor of MGU on May 28, 2019. He worked as a research guide for 127 students and he was instrumental in hosting around 100 international conferences in the campus. He visited around 80 countries as part of joint research projects and conferences and helped teachers and students attain opportunities for research in foreign land. He has 205 books, 1260 research publications and 15 patents to his credit.

He has been ranked among the top two percent of scientists in the world by the Germany-based Alper Dodger (AD) Science Index and adjudged second in the List of Material Science Scientists in India in 2023 by the leading international scientific research portal, [research.com](http://research.com/). Apart from being selected for honorary doctorates from three foreign universities, he has been working as a post-doctoral and visiting professor in various foreign universities since 1989. That he also led research in developing eco-friendly shields to facilitate the smooth movement of electromagnetic waves in 6G wireless networks last year, adds feathers to his cap as an academician.

He has received many national and international awards such as Royal Society of Chemistry Fellowship in London, Prof. Sukumar Maiti National Award for Best Polymer Researcher, Distinguished Professor Award at the Joseph Stephen Institute, Slovenia, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award for Science Excellence, to name a few.

Mahatma Gandhi University also made significant strides in national ranking during his tenure and it also attained a place between 400 and 500 in the global ranking of universities. It topped the list of Best Universities in India for Higher Studies in Polymer Science by the US News’ 2022-23, thanks to Prof Sabu Thomas’ emphasis on research and entrepreneurship.

During his stint, MGU was also awarded the Chancellor’s Award for the Best University by the state government three times. The varsity was also adjudged third place in the Atal ranking instituted by the Union Ministry of Education for Universities and Higher Education Institutions that excel in the areas of Innovation – Entrepreneurship.