

Prof. V. PALANIMUTHU – Brief Resume

Director, NIFTEM, Thanjavur, TN

- ❖ Graduated {BE (Ag)} from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.
- ❖ MTech & Ph D from IIT, Kharagpur.
- ❖ Post-Doctoral Training in McGill University, Canada and also visited several countries – USA, UK, Italy, Canada, Bhutan.
- ❖ Served University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru for 30 years as a regular faculty including **Special Officer, College of Agricultural Engineering, GKVK, Bangalore**, & University Head (Agril. Engg) Division.
- ❖ Currently, serving as Director, NIFTEM, Thanjavur, an Institute of National Importance by the Act of Parliament, Gol, since August 2023.
- ❖ Taught B.Tech & M.Tech (Ag Engg) students; Guided 3- Ph.D & 30 M.Tech students; For 73 students served as PG Research Advisory Committee Member.
- ❖ Developed / Commercialized (through NRDC) - **16 Agricultural Processing Gadgets / Machines and 9 Process Technologies.**
- ❖ Published over **80 research articles** in reputed journals; 6 Books; and holds one patent.
- ❖ Handled 19 Externally funded projects; 49 ICAR - AICRP (PHET) projects.
- ❖ Established *Centre of Excellence (Small Millets) for Processing & Value Addition.*
- ❖ Served as *Coordinator as well as Test Engineer, Farm Machinery Testing Centre, UAS, Bangalore* which is recognized by Govt of India.
- ❖ Served as Member of “Technical Committee for Agricultural Machinery Subsidy” of Dept of Agriculture & Horticulture, Govt of Karnataka & Coffee Board, Govt of India for 13 years.
- ❖ Felicitated as Best Director by the Hon’ble Governor in 2025.
- ❖ *ICAR Best Teacher Award – 2015* from UAS, Bangalore.
- ❖ *Bioved Fellowship Award* by Bioved Research Society, Allahabad.
- ❖ Treasure Trove of Scientific Knowledge Award 2023 from Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamil Sangam, Chennai.
- ❖ Life Time Achievement Award conferred under Poshak Anaaj Awards 2024 by ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad.
- ❖ Distinguished Alumni Award 2024 by Agricultural Engineering Alumni Association of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.
- ❖ Life Member, Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers.
- ❖ Life Member, Institution of Engineers (India).
- ❖ Life Member, Association of Food Scientists & Technologists (India).
- ❖ Founder Life Member, Indian Climate Congress (India).

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