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Press Release

***Dr. Arthur James Professor awarded the prestigious
Tamil Nadu Government's Scientist Award***

Dr. Arthur James professor has been awarded the prestigious Tamil Nadu Government's Scientist Award in the discipline of **Environmental Science** for the year 2022. The Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology confers this award (TANSA) annually across 10 scientific fields.

The award ceremony for the years 2022 and 2023 was held on Tuesday, 30th September 2025, at the Resource Centre for Tribal Development (HADP) in Ooty. A total of 22 scientists were recognized at the event, which was presided over by **Dr. Govi. Chezhaan, Honourable Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu**, and **Mr. M. P. Saminathan, Honourable Minister for Tamil Development, Information & Publicity**.

Other dignitaries present included Mr. K. Ramachandran (Chief Whip), Mr. R. Ganesh (Member of the Legislative Assembly), Ms. Lakshmi Bhavya Tanneeru (District Collector), and Dr. R. Rajavel (Registrar, Bharathiar University), who felicitated the awardees.

The event was organized by Prof. S. Vincent, Member Secretary of the Tamil Nadu State Council, while Dr. V. Ramasamy coordinated all arrangements and delivered the vote of thanks. The award carries a cash prize of ₹50,000 and a citation.

Prof. James currently serves as Chairperson of the School of Marine Sciences and Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at Bharathidasan University. His pioneering research on natural nanomaterials particularly in the development of antibiotic agents for wound healing and food preservatives derived from extremophilic microorganisms has had a significant societal impact. He also holds a patent for his invention of natural anticorrosive pigments extracted from seaweeds found along the Tamil Nadu coastline.

In recognition of his achievement, Bharathidasan University Vice-Chancellor Committee Convenor Tmt. Sundaravalli, IAS, along with committee members Prof. Rajesh Kannan, Prof. Sakthi Krishnan, and Registrar Prof. Kalidasan congratulated the faculty.

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