

## Dr Beela G.K.



Dr Beela G.K. has been a faculty member at Kerala Agricultural University since 1997. She develops and applies empirical methods in the implementation of Horticultural Therapy for communities with special needs by bringing together research and philanthropy. Besides her many scholarly articles published in journals, her books include 'Horticultural therapy' and 'A toolkit for ADHD'. Her honours include the 'John Walkers Community Service award' (2020) from the American Horticultural Therapy Association and Kavungal Mahila Ratnam award (2013). She served as Director of the Centre for Disability Studies, Poojapura from 2011 to 2016. An expert in child development and advocacy for women, children and persons with disabilities, she also writes and extends her expertise in Horticultural Therapy. She has established gardens for children with special needs in more than twenty schools across Kerala.