

### **From the Editor's Desk**

Kavaka, being the transactions of the Mycological Society of India, has been the disseminator of researches in various aspects of mycology including basic and applied ever since it came into being in 1973. Over a period of time this prestigious journal, have had the honour of publishing research and review articles of some of the renowned mycologists from India and abroad. In the last forty years the Journal was published regularly from Chennai office. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Volume of KAVAKA dedicated to Professor C. V. Subramanian on his 90th birthday, brought a land mark change that the Journal started its publication online and offline simultaneously in August, 2014. So as to make the previously published notable contributions available to the mycologists, it has been decided to make all the back volumes of Kavaka available online. To make it a reality work has already been initiated. If everything goes as planned, by mid of February 2015 most of the Kavaka volumes will be available online. The papers published in the back volumes of Kavaka will be available for accessing and downloading from the official website of Mycological Society of India ([www.fungiindia.co.in](http://www.fungiindia.co.in)). As decided during the last meeting of Mycological Society of India held at Annamalai University, the 43rd volume of Kavaka is dedicated to Dr. M. J. Thirumalachar, the first Vice President of Mycological Society of India, as 2014 is his Birth Centenary year. I take it as an honour to be associated with this volume of Kavaka being published in honour of a distinguished mycologist. My gratitude to Professor M. C. Srinivasan for agreeing to my request to write an article highlighting the scientific contributions of this great luminary. I would like to express sincere gratitude to all reviewers and contributors of this issue.

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