

**Shri. PRADEEP KUMAR V. K.**

Shri. PRADEEP KUMAR V. K. joined Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology (formerly known as Sagar Sampada Cell) under the erstwhile Department of Ocean Development in November 2001 and since then he displayed high level of sincerity and devotion to his duty. During the tenure, he has participated more than 125 scientific cruises including two International cruises. He has been one of the keymen of fishing operations onboard FORV Sagar Sampada. Besides his regular duties, he is actively participating in organizing the visits of Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC) to CMLRE, Public exhibitions and meeting of Joint Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (JSTAC) onboard the vessel FORV Sagar Sampada. He was out at sea about 2000 days and played a major role in the successful collection of samples required for all the MLR projects since 11<sup>th</sup> plan period. Also he has put his sincere effort during the Dry docks of the vessel both in India and abroad. He is also maintaining library and stores onboard FORV Sagar Sampada.