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Prof. Kopparthi Suribabu is an experienced microbiologist currently serving as the Head of the Department of Microbiology at Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya PG College, Visakhapatnam. With over two decades of academic and research experience, he has a diverse educational background, holding an M.Sc., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in Microbiology from Andhra University. He holds an MCA and an MBA along with several postgraduate diplomas. He qualified for APSET in Microbiology in 2013.

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