

CURRICULUM VITAE

Present position:

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Earlier:

Director, ICAR-National Institute for Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi-110012

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Scientific

- Total Publication: 146 (International: 104); Citations: 5437; h-index 38
- Cumulative Impact factor: More than 400
- Granted Patents: Total 101; US Patents: 51 (DNA sequences 3, Plants 23, 10 processes, 15 compositions). Indian: 16; Other countries: 34; Filed: 2
- Variety Development: 46.
- PhD Students Guided: 17 awarded; 4 Continuing; M.Sc. students guided: 62
- Involved in 30 Projects from which led 16 projects as Principal Investigator/Co-PI.
- Research interest includes, plant diversity, metabolic engineering in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants and bioprospection for human health. Novel genes for phenylpropanoid, Terpenoid pathways for Aroma. Plant Immunity for crop production
- Complete genome and transcriptome sequencing of “Holy basil” *Ocimum sanctum*: (First medicinal plant Genome and first genome solely from India).

Societal

- Being a graduate in Agriculture, also engaged in dissemination of technology to farmers for income enhancement and livelihood upliftment;
 - Mint technology (Uttar Pradesh),
 - Geranium technology in (Uttarakhand),
 - Artemisia technology (Uttar Pradesh),
 - Aromatic plant technology (Odisha) for rural economic upliftment and livelihood.
- Leading in the development of 39 clusters of Aromatic Plants in 22 districts of Odisha under “Aroma Mission”. Developing start-up Entrepreneurs.

Awards and Recognisations

- Fellow, National Academy of Sciences (India), Allahabad. From 2018
- Fellow, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi. From 2017
- Samanta Chandra Sekhara Award 2012, Odisha Bigyan Academy, Govt of Odisha
- CSIR Technology prize for Biological sciences and Technology (1999) for development of early maturing disease and pest resistant menthol mint.
- CSIR-Technology Awards 2012 in Biological sciences, Development and commercialization of anti-malarial drug plant *Artemisia annua* technology package facilitating industrial growth, societal health and rural prosperity.
- CSIR Technology Award 2018 (Certificate of Merit) in Biological sciences on *Ocimum*. Team Leader
- CSIR young scientist award in biological sciences (2000) for mint research.
- Prof. Umakant Sinha Memorial award (Indian Science Congress Association) 2003, for genome analysis and IPR protection.
- Recognition for Indian Drug Manufacturers’ Association for Best Patent-2004-Member of the team
- Som award for developing high yielding *Mentha arvensis*, Kosi by Essential oil Association of India-(2005).
- Recognition for FICCI award 2005 for Rural Development to CSIR-CIMAP. Team Member
- Recognition for Nina Saxena Technology award by IIT Kharagpur, 2007. Team Member
- CIM-Fellow, 2007
- DBT Associateship and visiting scholar to Purdue University, USA 2007-2008
- Dr.Kumud Chandra Bora Memorial award for securing highest Overall Grade Point Average in M.Sc. (Agricultural Biotechnology).

- **Prof. Deveswar Pathak Memorial award** for securing highest Overall Grade Point Average in M.Sc. (Agriculture).
- **IARI Merit medal for outstanding Academic performance** during Ph.D Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (1996).
- **Member**, Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation (RCGM), DBT
- **Member**, Board of Management of CSAUK, Kanpur
- **Member**, Board of Research, Siksha `O` Anusandhan, Bhubaneswar
- **Member**, Research Advisory Committee Siksha `O` Anusandhan, Bhubaneswar
- **Member**, Advisory Committee of Biotechnology at CSTUP, Lucknow
- **Chairman**, FAD-23 of ISI, New Delhi