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Education

Ph. D. 2005, Bioorganic Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India. Mentor: Prof. Anju Chadha.
M. Sc. 1999, Organic Chemistry, Berhampur University, Odisha, India.

Professional experience

Jan'24-Present, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India.

Jan'15-Jan'24, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India.
Jan'12-Jan 15, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, BITS Pilani, Rajasthan, India.

Jan'10-Dec' 11, Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Biotechnology & Enzyme catalysis, Ernst-Moritz-Arndt University, Greifswald, Germany, Mentor: Prof. Uwe T. Bornscheuer.

July'07-Aug'09, Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics, Biotechnology Institute, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, USA, Mentor: Prof. Romas J. Kazlauskas.

Aug'05-July'07, Postdoctoral Associate, Biochemistry Division, Department of Chemistry, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA, Mentor: Prof. Jon D. Stewart.

Accolades

Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) Foundation, Germany Renewed Research Fellowship June 2023 to August 2023.

“Outstanding Reviewer for Catalysis, Science and Technology in 2018” recognized by Catalysis, Science and Technology, Royal Society of Chemistry.

Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) Foundation, Germany Renewed Research Fellowship May 2018 to July 2018.

Research and Academics (OPERA) award by BITS Pilani, Rajasthan, -December 2014

Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) Research Fellowship, Germany, 2010-2011.

First rank in M.Sc, Berhampur University, Odisha, India.

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Publications

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Patents

Patent No/Application No	Patent Title	Authors	Applied Year	Granting Year
IN2021-41041921	A process for the preparation of optically active secondary alcohols	THANGAVELU SARAVANAN, SANTOSH KUMAR PADHI, DAYANANDA SIDDAVATTAM, SIVAKUMARAN MEENAKSHISUNDERAM	2022	IN-PROCESS
IN2021-41041923	A process for the enantioselective synthesis of (R)-beta-amino butyric acid	SANTOSH KUMAR PADHI, THANGAVELU SARAVANAN, DAYANANDA SIDDAVATTAM, SIVAKUMARAN MEENAKSHISUNDERAM	2022	IN-PROCESS
202341031596	Variants of hydroxynitrile lyase and their use in diastereoselective synthesis of beta-nitroalcohols	SANTOSH KUMAR PADHI, AYON CHATTERJEE, BADIPATLA VISHNU PRIYA	2023	IN-PROCESS
202341031597	(R)-Hydroxynitrile lyase variants and their application in enantioselective synthesis of optically active beta-nitroalcohols	SANTOSH KUMAR PADHI, BADIPATLA VISHNU PRIYA	2023	IN-PROCESS
202341047813	Baliospermum montanum hydroxynitrile lyase in the stereoselective synthesis of optically active beta-nitroalcohols of one or more chiral centers	SANTOSH KUMAR PADHI, AYON CHATTERJEE, SUKADEV RANA	2023	IN-PROCESS

Projects

Title	Year	Duration	Amount(In Lakhs)	PI/I
Enantioselective synthesis of chiral pharmaceutical intermediates using engineered enzymes	2022	2	45	Santosh Kumar Padhi
Developing biocatalytic processes for the synthesis of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs)	2022	2	29	Santosh Kumar Padhi
Enzyme cascade biocatalysis in the stereoselective synthesis of chiral intermediates	2018	20		Santosh Kumar Padhi
Enzyme engineering for efficient synthesis of diastereoselective Henry products	2017			3 63 Santosh Kumar Padhi

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