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Research Award instituted by Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India

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National Design and Research Forum, Institution of Engineers (India), India

GATE Fellowship, India

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- (19) Aparna Singh, Soumya Koippully Manikandan and Vaishakh Nair, "Harnessing Microbial cell -Biochar Synergy for Eco-Friendly Wastewater Treatment", The International Conference on Desalination, Environment and Sustainability IDEAS 2024, January 22-23, 2024, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- (18) Aparna Singh, Soumya Koippully Manikandan and Vaishakh Nair, "Harnessing Microbial cell -Biochar Synergy for Eco-Friendly Wastewater Treatment", International Conference on Separation and Purification Technologies ICSPT 2023, December 07-08, 2023, IIT Patna, India.
- (17) Soumya Koippully Manikandan and **Vaishakh Nair**, "Biodegradation of chlorpyrifos by *Aeromonas veronii* immobilized rice husk biochar," 4th International Conference on Bioresource Technology for Bioenergy, Bioproducts & Environmental Sustainability, May 14–17, 2023, Lake Garda, Italy.
- (16) Krishna Subhash and **Vaishakh Nair**, "Sunlight assisted Photocatalytic Degradation of Polyethylene Incorporated TiO₂- biochar based Photocatalyst", International Hybrid Conference on Nano Structured Materials and Polymers (ICNP 2023) , May 12-14, 2023, Mahatma Gandhi University ,Kerala, India.
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- (10) Soumya Koippully Manikandan and **Vaishakh Nair**, "Effect of coconut shell biochar on tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.) growth in lateritic loam and clay soil", International Conference on Chemical Engineering: Enabling Transition Towards Sustainable Future, September 08-10,2022, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Roorkee, India.
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 - (8) Anuradha and **Vaishakh Nair**, "Effect of weed biochar and natural fertilizer on the growth of okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus* L.) Plant", International Conference on Recent Technologies and Advanced Materials for Green Energy and Sustainable Environment (RTAMGESE-Online), March 12-13, 2021, NIT Trichy, India.
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Patents

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Invited Talk

- (6) **International Conference Series II on "Smart Materials for Biotechnology and Mechanical Applications" (IC-SGMat) 2025 Hybrid mode** (10th-11th March 2025) at Department of Biotechnology and Biochemical Engineering, Sree Buddha College of Engineering, Pattoor, Alappuzha, Kerala, India
- (5) **FDP on "Advances and Recent Trends in Environmental and Energy Applications of Nanomaterials"** (04 – 07

December 2024, MIT, Manipal

- (4) **Indo-Japan workshop on Frontiers in Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis for Energy and Environment (FAAPEE) 2024** (26th -27th February 2024) at IIT Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- (3) **First International Online Conference on Blends, Composites, Bio-Composites and Nanocomposites (ICNC–2020)** (9th -11th October 2020) at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India.
- (2) **TEQIP-III Sponsored Online Faculty Development Programme On Recent Advances in Nanotechnology, Catalysis and Biochemical Engineering (RANCBE- 2020)** (16th – 20th September 2020) Department of Chemical Engineering, Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha, India.
- (1) **e-Workshop on “Emerging Applications in Nanotechnology”** (10th -14th August 2020) Department of Biotechnology and Department of Chemistry, Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

Research Guidance

Ph.D. Scholar

Guided: 1 ; On-Going : 1

M.Tech (Research) Scholar

Guided: 1

M.Tech Scholar

Guided: 15 ; On-Going : 2

B.Tech Scholar

Guided: 4 ; On-Going : 1

Courses Handled

UG Courses: Heat Transfer, Process Instrumentation, Introduction to Design Thinking

UG Labs: Momentum Transfer Lab, Heat Transfer Lab, Mass Transfer Lab, Chemical Reaction Engineering and Process Control Lab

PG Courses: Solid Waste Management, Environmental Biotechnology, Bioremediation Technique, Advanced Separation Techniques, Bioprocess Engineering

PG Labs: Environment Quality Analysis Lab