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Academic Qualifications:

2010–2015	Ph.D. (Chemistry) <i>Institution:</i> CSIR- Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) / Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad, India <i>Department:</i> Inorganic & Physical Chemistry Division <i>Thesis Title:</i> Synthesis, characterization and catalytic properties of supported nano gold catalysts <i>Supervisor:</i> Dr. K.V.R. Chary, Scientist-G & Professor AcSIR <i>Awarded:</i> May 02, 2015
2001–2003	M.Sc. (Chemistry) with specialization in Analytical Chemistry <i>University:</i> Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra, India <i>College:</i> St. John's College, Agra <i>Department:</i> Department of Chemistry <i>Division:</i> 1 st
1998–2001	B.Sc. in Chemistry, Zoology and Botany <i>University:</i> Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra, India <i>College:</i> Shri Chitragupt Degree College, Mainpuri <i>Division:</i> 1 st
2018-2019	P.G. Diploma in Yoga <i>University:</i> Kumaun University, Nainital, India <i>College:</i> Radhey Hari Govt. P.G. College, Kashipur, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand <i>Division:</i> 1 st

Awards, Fellowships and Memberships of Scientific Organization:

- Fellowships**
- Qualified CSIR-UGC-NET (Chemical Sciences) in June 2007 and June 2006
 - Qualified CSIR-UGC-NET-JRF (Chemical Sciences) in June 2008
 - Qualified GATE-2009 in Chemical Sciences with AIR: 966, Score: 351
 - Awarded Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) 2009-2011 and Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) 2011-2014 from University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, for doctoral study.
- Memberships**
- Life Member of Indian Science Congress.
 - Life Member of Indian Council of Chemists.
 - Life Member of Green Chemistry - Royal Society of Chemistry.
 - Life Member of PLANTICA association of plant science researchers (APSR).
 - Lifetime member of the Agricultural Technology Development Society (ATDS).

- Awards**
1. **Global Young Excellence Teaching Award – 2024** in 7th International Conference entitled “Global Approaches in Agricultural, Biological, Environment and Life Sciences for Sustainable Future (GABELS- 2024)” on June, 08-10, 2024 at Buddha Hall, D.A.V. College (TU), Kathmandu, Nepal.
 2. **Devbhumi Education Excellence Award – 2023** in MIET Kumaon Campus, Lamachaur, Shiksha Nagar, Kaladhungi Road, Haldwani, Nainital, Uttarakhand, India, November 27, 2023 honored by *Hon'ble Chief Minister- Uttarakhand, Shri. Pushkar Singh Dhami*.
 3. **Best Oral Presentation Award – 2023** in ACS Publications Sponsored 1st International Conference on "Recent Trends in Chemical Sciences & Sustainable Energy" (RTCSSE-2023) held at Department of Applied Sciences, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Delhi, March 24 - 25, 2023 (OP-03, Page No. 44)

4. **Outstanding Faculty in Science Education Award – 2022** in National Conference on “Agriculture, Applied and Life Science, 5th Plant Science Research Meet (PSRM)” – 2022 held at Uttarakhand Open University Campus, Haldwani, Uttarakhand, India, November 18-19, **2022**.
5. **Best Research Paper Award - 2022** in DRDO Sponsored 2nd National conference on “Advanced Technologies and Environmental Safety (ATES-2022)” held at IFTM University, Lodhipur Rajput Moradabad, U.P., India, July 23-24, **2022** (Page No. 01)

Professional Experience (Teaching / Industrial / Research): Total – 20 years

August, 2024 – Continue	Assistant Professor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Institute:</i> Government Post Graduate College, Kunidhar, Manila (Almora) Uttarakhand, India• <i>Department:</i> Chemistry• <i>Nature of work:</i> Teaching U.G. (B.Sc.) students and research active in the area of Heterogeneous Catalyst and Nano-structure Materials with their industrial application in thermal and photo-catalytically.
October, 2018 – August 2024	Assistant Professor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Institute:</i> Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Government Post Graduate College, Khatima – 262308 Uttarakhand, India• <i>Department:</i> Chemistry• <i>Nature of work:</i> Teaching U.G. (B.Sc.) and P.G. (M.Sc.) students and research active in the area of Heterogeneous Catalyst and Nano-structure Materials with their industrial application in thermal and photo-catalytically.
August, 2015 – December, 2017	Lecturer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Institute:</i> Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala, Punjab• <i>Department:</i> School of Chemistry and Biochemistry• <i>Nature of work:</i> Teaching Undergraduate and Postgraduate students and responsible for carrying out innovative and insightful research in the area of Heterogeneous Catalyst and Nano-structure Materials with their industrial application in thermal and photo-catalytic processes.
May, 2015 – August, 2015	Post-doctoral Fellow <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Institution:</i> Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi• <i>Department:</i> Department of Chemical Engineering• <i>Nature of work:</i> Development of electrochemical reactor and solid electrolyte for efficient electrochemical conversion of CO₂ into value-added products and synthesis of Graphene for energy application.
July, 2009 – May, 2015	Research Fellow <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Institution:</i> CSIR- Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad, India• <i>Department:</i> Inorganic & Physical Chemistry Division
July, 2007 – June, 2009	Analyst ‘A’ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Institution:</i> Shriram Institute for Industrial Research (SRI), 19 University Road, Delhi, India• <i>Nature of work:</i> Testing and analysis of water & effluent, COD, BOD, soil, Ambient air quality monitoring, Petroleum products, Chemicals, Analysis of pollutants. Analytical chemistry of waste, Hazardous waste, Lab sampling.
October, 2004 – June, 2007	Research Associate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Company:</i> INNODATA ISOGEN Private India Limited, NOIDA (U.P.), India• <i>Nature of work:</i> Indexing and abstraction of articles from the field of chemistry for Elsevier MDL (Molecular Designs Limited) in the Beilstein Database.

Areas of Research Interest:

- Heterogeneous Catalysis
- Nanomaterials, Nanotechnology and Advanced Mesoporous Materials
- Composites of Graphene, Graphene Oxide and Carbon Nanotubes
- Photocatalysis
- Fixed bed catalysis process
- Metal Catalysed Organic Synthesis
- Green Chemistry
- Dye degradation

- **Supervised M.Sc. Dissertation Thesis (Completed: 03) from TIET, Patiala, Punjab**

- ☞ **Mandeep Kaur** – *Synthesis and Characterization of Mesoporous SnO₂ Photocatalyst for Degradation of Dye and Volatile Organic Compound*, completed – July 2016.
- ☞ **Kamaljeet Kaur** – *Synthesis and Characterization of Magnetite Nanocomposites for Photocatalytic Reactions*, completed – July 2017.
- ☞ **Ankita Bharti** – *Synthesis and Characterization of Tungsten Oxide Nanocomposites for Adsorption and Photocatalytic Studies*, completed – July 2018.

- **Supervised M.Sc. Dissertation Thesis (Completed: 28) from HNB GPGC Khatima, UK India**

No. of M.Sc. Dissertation Thesis	Academic Session	Year of submission
07	2018-2019	July 2020
08	2020-2021	July 2022
13	2021-2022	July 2023

- **Supervised M.Sc. Dissertation Thesis (Completed: 02) from Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, UK India**

No. of M.Sc. Dissertation Thesis	Academic Session	Year of submission
02	2021-2022	July 2023
05	2022-2023	April 2024
02	2023-2024	July 2024

Chapters published in an Edited Book

S. No.	Title	Publisher	National/International	ISBN No.	Year
1.	Richa Sharma, Ashish Kumar & Amritesh C. Shukla, A.C. (2023) Chapter – 1; Chapter Title: Cordyceps militaris: Artificial Culture Technique: A Soft Gold Medicinal Fungal; Page No: 01-03 Book Title: Mushroom Cultivation Management and Marketing	Plantica Foundation, Dehradun, Uttarakhand	National	978-81-953419-2-4	May 2023
2.	Kumar, A.* , Vishwanathan, V., Belwal, M., Thapliyal, D., Arya, R.K., Aeshala, L.M. Chapter – 4; Chapter Title: Thermo-chemical processes for hydrogen production SCOPUS INDEX Edited Book Title: Sustainable Hydrogen Energy: Production, Storage, & Transportation	Walter de Gruyter GmbH, Germany (Springer)	International	978-31-1124-728-1	April 2024

Book Published

S. No.	Title	Publisher	ISBN No.	Year
1.	Inorganic Chemistry - III	Pragati Prakashan	978-93-5854-366-7	July 2024

Professional Activities: Administrative Responsibilities

Admission Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted in admission of B.Sc. and M.Sc. (Chemistry) for the academic session: 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 at H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand.
Election Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted in college election committee for academic year 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 at H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand.
Sport Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted in organization committee for Annual Sport Day on February 27-28, 2019; February 28-29, 2020; February 27-28, 2021 and November 22-23, 2022 at H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand.
Internal Examiner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted in conducting chemistry practical examination of B.Sc. and M.Sc. as internal examiner (academic session: 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024) at H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand.
Convenor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To organize an International e-Conference on “<i>Recent Advances in Science & Technology – 2023 (ScienceTech-2023)</i>” held on November 04-05, 2023 at the <i>e-platform</i> in IIST e-unit of IITyam India Academy Delhi together with the Department of Chemistry, HNB Govt PG College, Khatima, US Nagar, UK, India supported by Dharm Jyoti (PG) College, Aligarh Uttar Pradesh, India (Affiliated, RMPS University Aligarh, UP India) & Shri Varshney (PG) College, Aligarh (Affiliated to RMPS State University Aligarh, UP, India). To organize an International e-Conference on “<i>Recent Advances & Innovations in Applied Sciences – 2023 (RAIAS-2023)</i>” held on August 12, 2023 at <i>e-platform</i> in IITyam, India Academy Delhi in collaboration with Department of Chemistry, HNB Govt PG College, Khatima, US Nagar, Uttarakhand and Department of Zoology, Rajkiya Sanatakottar Mahavidyalaya Bazpur (GPGC, Bazpur), US Nagar, Uttarakhand. To organize a National Level e-Quiz Contest on “World Environmental Day - 2023 (05, June 2023)” held on June 05, 2023 at <i>e-platform</i> in H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. To organize “World Origami Day - 2022” held on November 11, 2022, H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. To organize National Level e-Quiz Contest on “World Environmental Day - 2022 (05, June 2022)” held on June 05, 2022 at the <i>e-platform</i> in H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. To organize a one-day National Virtual Workshop on “Lab Safety Aspect and Environmental Health Protection - 2021 (LSA-EHP-2021)” held on March 26, 2021 at <i>e-platform</i> in H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. To organize a one-day National Webinar on “Role of Science for Sustainable Rural Development of Uttarakhand - 2021 (RSS-RD-2021)” held on February 28, 2021 (National Science Day) at <i>e-platform</i> in H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. To organize a two-day international virtual conference on “Modern Instrumental and Characterization Techniques in Applied Sciences-2020 (MICTAS-2020)” held on July 5-6, 2020 at <i>e-platform</i> in H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. To organize a National Level e- Quiz Contest on “Know the Physics Around you-2020” held on June 15-28, 2020 at <i>e-platform</i> in H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. To organize a National Level e-Quiz Contest on “Chemistry in Everyday Life-2020” held on June 01-14, 2020 at <i>e-platform</i> in H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. To organize a National Level e-Quiz Contest on “Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Chemistry Awareness” held on May 15-31, 2020 at <i>e-platform</i> in H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand.

Organising Secretary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To organize a speech competition on “No Single Use Plastic” held on December 16, 2022, H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. 2. To organize a Poster competition on “No Single Use Plastic” held on December 08, 2022, H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. 3. To organize an Essay and Quiz competition on “No Single Use Plastic” held on October 17, 2022, H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. 4. To organize “No Single Use Plastic” Awareness Programme held on September 29, 2022, H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand. 5. To organize a two-day national virtual conference on “Recent Advances in Analytical Techniques - 2020 (RAAT-2020)” held on August 16-17, 2020 at <i>e-platform</i> in H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand.
Co-organising Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To organize a one-day National Conference on “Role of Innovative Technology for Rural Development (RITRD-2022)” held on February 26, 2022 at MIET Kumaon, Haldwani, Uttarakhand.
Co-coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To organize a two-day 1st International Conference on “Emerging Trends in STEM & Health - Agri Sciences for Sustainable Development” held on March 11-12, 2024 at MIET Kumaon, Haldwani, Uttarakhand.
National Organizing Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International e-conference on “Textiles for Advanced Technologies (TextileTech-2022)” held on November 11-13, 2022 at Textile Association (India) Delhi together with Asian Polymer Association.
Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Conference on <i>Recent Advances and Future Perspectives in Chemical Sciences: An Interdisciplinary Approach</i>, July 26-27, 2019 Organized by Department of Applied Sciences Dr. K.N. Modi University INS-1, RIICO Industrial Area, Phase-II Newai-304021, Rajasthan.
Organising Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in preparation of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) reports of H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand, Year-2023. • Assisted in organization of National Science Day in February 28, 2016 and February 28, 2017 at School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed to be University), Patiala. • Assisted in preparation of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) reports of School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed to be University), Patiala, Year-2016. • Assisted in preparation of Annual Report of SCBC 2015-2016, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed to be University), Patiala. • Assisted in preparation of Ph.D. entrance exam and grading at School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed to be University), Patiala, Year-2015, 2016, 2017. • Assisted in the preparation of Self-Assessment Review (SAR) Report for Trinity College Dublin (TCD) at School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed to be University), Patiala, Year-2016. • Assisted in Advertisement of M.Sc. Chemistry Program and other departments at School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed to be University), Patiala, Academic session (2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018). • Responsible for the coordination of production of conference content (e.g., Abstracts, Editorial, Booklets, Certificates etc.) and served as the point of contact for all explore submission-related inquiries before and after the conference in 21st National Symposium on Catalysis-2013 (CATSYMP-21), CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad, 11-13 February, 2013.

Professional Development Programs**(Orientation, Refresher, Short Term Course, and Faculty Development Programme)**

Faculty Development Program (FDP)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Completed one-week Faculty Development Program - FDP on <i>Advanced Research Methodology and Teaching Pedagogy</i> from 6 July 2023 to 10 July 2023 in MIET Kumaon Haldwani, Uttarakhand India. Completed Faculty Development Program - FDP on May 04, 2017 at School of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (Deemed to be University), Patiala. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Communication Emotional Intelligence during Change Patent & Guide to Patent Process How to Write a Research Proposal for Funding
Short-Term Courses	<p>Attended the short-term course on “<i>Electrochemical Technologies in Hydrogen Production and Utilization for Electrical Energy</i>” under the sponsorship of Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme–II (TEQUIP-II), held at Department of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, October 8-9, 2015.</p>

List of Publications: (Total Published: 24 SCI)

Published	Publications from H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Khatima (U.S. Nagar), Uttarakhand, (2019-2022): Published: 10 SCI
2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rajeev K. Gautam* and Ashish Kumar “A review of bipolar plate materials and flow field designs in the all-vanadium redox flow battery” <i>Journal of Energy Storage</i> (2022) Volume 48 pp 104003 (Impact Factor: 8.907; ISSN: 2352-152X; h-index: 42) DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.est.2022.104003 Rashi Malhotra, Amjad Ali & Ashish Kumar “Sodium doped zirconia drenched SBA-15 as a reusable solid catalyst for concurrent esterification and transesterification of low-quality oils” <i>YMER International Open Access Journal</i> (2022) Volume 21: Issue 8 (Aug) – 2022 pp 286-304 (Impact factor : 5.7; ISSN : 0044-0477) DOI : 10.37896/YMER21.08/25
2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ashish Kumar*, Venkataraman Vishwanathan “The emergence of carbon nano-onions as electrode material in photovoltaic cells” <i>SREYAS International Journal of Scientists and Technocrats</i>, (2021) Volume 5(3) pp. 1-8 (Impact Factor : 0.51 ; ISSN: 2456-8783) Ashish Kumar*, Venkataraman Vishwanathan, Mamta Belwal and Dhaneswar Das “Catalytic Oxidation of Benzyl Alcohol over Supported Gold Nanocatalysts” <i>Engineering & Technology Review</i> (2021) Volume 2(1) pp 31-37 (Impact Factor : 0.53 ; ISSN 2693-115X) DOI: https://doi.org/10.47285/etr.v2i1.86 Sachin Kumar, Nishant Thakur, Km Abida, Ashish Kumar, Raj Kumar Gupta, Amjad Ali* “Transesterification of triglyceride over Ni impregnated Zn/CaO nanocatalysts” <i>Materials Today: Proceedings, Elsevier Publisher</i> (2021) Volume 36 pp A1–A8 (Impact Factor : 2.59; ISSN 2214-7853). DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.matpr.2020.03.215
2020	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ashish Kumar and Venkataraman Vishwanathan* “Photocatalytic decomposition of methylene blue present in wastewater using nano-sized titanium dioxide particles” <i>Journal of Nanosciences Research & Reports</i>, (2020) Volume 2(3), pp.1-5. (Impact Factor : 0.50 ; ISSN: 2754-4966) Ashish Kumar*, Mamta Belwal, Varun Mohan, Radha Raman Maurya, Venkataraman Vishwanathan “Catalytic vapor phase oxidation of glycerol to glyceric acid over activated carbon supported gold nanocatalysts” <i>International Journal of Nanoscience, (World Scientific)</i> (2020) Volume 19, No. 06, 2050007 (Impact Factor : 0.8; ISSN (print): 0219-581X (online): 1793-5350) DOI: https://doi.org/10.1142/S0219581X20500076 Ashish Kumar*, Mamta Belwal and Venkataraman Vishwanathan* “Application of instrumental methods and techniques for characterization of solid catalysts” <i>SREYAS International Journal of Scientists and Technocrats</i>, (2020) Vol. 4(1) pp. 17-33 (Impact Factor: 0.51 ; ISSN: 2456-8783) Mandeep Kaur, Mamta Belwal, Aakriti Sharma, Ashish Kumar* and Venkataraman

- Vishwanathan “Efficient removal of organic pollutants in wastewater using tin oxide nanospheres under photo irradiation” *Journal of Applied Material Science & Engineering Research* (2020) Volume 4, Issue 3, pp 68-73 (Impact Factor : 0.11; ISSN: 2689-1204)
- 2019** 10. **Ashish Kumar***, Mamta Belwal, Radha Raman Maurya, Varun Mohan, Venkataraman Vishwanathan “Heterogeneous catalytic reduction of anthropogenic pollutant, 4-nitrophenol by Au/AC nanocatalysts” *Materials Science for Energy Technologies, Elsevier Publisher* (2019) Volume 2, pp 526–531
(Impact Factor : 8.25 ; ISSN : 2589-2991) DOI:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mset.2019.05.007>
- Publications from Thapar University, Patiala (2016-2018) : Published: 08 SCI**
- 2018** 11. **Ashish Kumar***, Rajeev K. Gautam and Mamta Belwal “Synthesis and Characterization of Au/ γ -Al₂O₃ Nanocatalysts for Vapor-Phase Selective Oxidation of Benzyl Alcohol under Aerobic Condition” *Current Catalysis, Bentham Science* (2018) Volume 7, pp 35-42
(Impact Factor: 2.621; ISSN 2211-5447 (Print))
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2174/2211544706666170811101508>
12. Manu Sharma, **Ashish Kumar***, Rajeev K. Gautam, and Mamta Belwal “Synthesis and Characterization of ZnO–CeO₂ Nanocomposite with Enhanced UV-Light-Driven Photocatalytic Dye Degradation of Rhodamine-B” *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, American Scientific Publishers* (2018) Volume 18, pp 3532–3535 (Impact Factor : 1.354 ; ISSN: 1533-4880 (Print) 1533-4899 (web) ; h-index : 105)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1166/jnn.2018.14675>
- 2017** 13. Akansha Mehta, Manu Sharma, **Ashish Kumar*** and Soumen Basu “Effect of Au Content on the Enhanced Photocatalytic Efficiency of Mesoporous Au/TiO₂ Nanocomposites in UV and Sunlight” *Gold Bulletin, Springer* (2017) Volume 50, pp 33–41 (Impact Factor : 1.601 ISSN : 2364-821X (Print) 2190-7579 (web) ; h-index : 59) DOI : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13404-016-0191-7>
14. Ashish Kumar*, Manu Sharma, Rajeev K. Gautam, Pooja Agarwala and Soumen Basu “Synthesis of Mesoporous Cerium Oxide (CeO₂) Nanoparticles and Effect of Cerium Precursors with High Catalytic Activity for Transamidation Reaction under Solvent-Free Conditions” *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, American Scientific Publishers* (2017) Volume 17, pp 4983–4988 (Impact Factor : 1.354 ; ISSN: 1533-4880 (Print) 1533-4899 (web) ; h-index : 105) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1166/jnn.2017.13744>
15. Manpreet Kaur Aulakh, Nishi Arora, **Ashish Kumar**, Amjad Ali and Bonamali Pal* “Effect of Different Shapes of TiO₂ Nanoparticles on the Catalytic Photodegradation of Salicylic Acid under UV Light” *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, American Scientific Publishers* (2017) Volume 17, pp 5303-5309 (Impact Factor : 1.354 ; ISSN: 1533-4880 (Print) 1533-4899 (web) ; h-index : 105) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1166/jnn.2017.13851>
16. Gijnupalli Srinivasa Rao, **Ashish Kumar**, N. Nagaraju, P. Bhanuchander and Komandur V.R. Chary* “Preparation and characterization of SBA-15-supported vanadia catalysts for ammoxidation reaction” *Advanced Porous Materials, American Scientific Publishers* (2017) Volume 5, pp 76–85 (Impact Factor : 1.318 ; ISSN: 2327-3941 (Print); EISSN: 2327-395X (Online) ; h-index : 105) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1166/apm.2017.1122>
- 2016** 17. Akansha Mehta, Manu Sharma, **Ashish Kumar*** and Soumen Basu “Gold Nanoparticles Grafted Mesoporous Silica: A Highly Efficient and Recyclable Heterogeneous Catalyst for Reduction of 4-Nitrophenol” *Nano (World Scientific)* (2016) Volume 11, No. 9 1650104
(Impact Factor : 1.2; ISSN: 1793-2920 (print); 1793-7094 (web) ; h-index : 27)
DOI:<https://doi.org/10.1142/S1793292016501046>
18. **Ashish Kumar**, V. Pavan Kumar, A. Srikanth, V. Vishwanathan and K.V.R. Chary* “Vapor phase oxidation of benzyl alcohol over nano Au/SBA-15 catalysts: Effect of preparation methods” *Catalysis Letters, Springer* (2016) Volume 146, pp 35-46
(Impact Factor : 3.28; ISSN : 1011-372X (print) 1572-879X (web) ; h-index : 121)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10562-015-1656-7>

Publications from others (2016-2015) : Published: 02 SCI

- 2015 19. V. Pavan Kumar, S.S. Priya, Y. Harikrishna, **Ashish Kumar** and K.V.R. Chary* "Catalytic Functionalities of Nano Ruthenium/ γ -Al₂O₃ Catalysts for the Vapour Phase Hydrogenolysis of Glycerol" *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, American Scientific Publishers* (2016) Volume 16, pp 1952-1960 (Impact Factor : 1.354 ; ISSN: 1533-4880 (Print) 1533-4899 (web) ; h-index : 105) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1166/jnn.2016.10715>
20. V. Pavan Kumar, **Ashish Kumar**, G.S. Rao and K.V.R. Chary* "Vapor-phase hydrogenolysis of glycerol over nanostructured Ru/MCM-41 catalysts" *Catalysis Today, Elsevier Publisher* (2015); Volume 250, pp 226–238 (Impact Factor : 6.562 ; ISSN: 0920-5861 ; h-index : 211) DOI : <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cattod.2014.03.036>

Publications from Ph.D. (2015-2014) : Published: 04 SCI

21. **Ashish Kumar**, B. Sreedhar and K.V.R. Chary* "Highly dispersed gold nanoparticles supported on SBA-15 for vapor phase aerobic oxidation of benzyl alcohol" *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, American Scientific Publishers* (2015) Volume 15, Number 2, pp 1714-1724 (Impact Factor : 1.354 ; ISSN: 1533-4880 (Print) 1533-4899 (web) ; h-index : 105) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1166/jnn.2015.9022>
22. **Ashish Kumar**, V. Pavan Kumar, V. Vishwanathan and K.V.R. Chary* "Influence of preparation methods of nano Au/MCM-41 catalysts for vapor phase oxidation of benzyl alcohol" *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, American Scientific Publishers* (2015) Volume 15, Number 12, pp 9944-9953 (Impact Factor : 1.354 ; ISSN: 1533-4880 (Print) 1533-4899 (web) ; h-index : 105). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1166/jnn.2015.10510>
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Workshops / Conferences (Presented / Attended):

- Workshop**
1. Two-day workshop on **SERB-Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR)** Organized by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar International Training Centre, CSIR-IIP, Dehradun on December 21-22, **2023**.
 2. One-day workshop on "**Intellectual Property Right**" organized by MIET Kumaon on November 10, **2023**.
 3. Hands-on Training Workshop on **Skill Development Program On Sophisticated Research Instruments** Under the Scheme Synergistic Training Program Utilizing the Scientific and Technological Infrastructure (**STUTI**) Sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India Organized by Department of Chemistry H. N. B. Garhwal University Srinagar (Garhwal) (A Central University) Uttarakhand in Association with Banasthali Vidyapith Banasthali, Rajasthan held on May 12 – 18, **2023 (one week)**
 4. National Seminar Cum Workshop on Mushroom Cultivation with Agri-Business Management Organised by PLANTICA Indian Academy of Rural Development (IARD), Dehradun, Uttarakhand UOU Main Campus, Haldwani (U.K.) In Collaboration with SCHOOL OF SCIENCES Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) Haldwani, Uttarakhand on May 08 - 09, **2023**
 5. Institute Academia Connect Program under **one week** one lab event (13th – 19th April 2023)

- organized by CSIR-IIP, Dehradun, India held on April 18, **2023**.
6. One Day Workshop on “Scientific Paper Writing” held at SBS Govt. P. G. College, Rudrapur, (US Nagar) Uttarakhand, March 15, **2023**
 7. One Day National Workshop on “In conversation with the Queen of Kumaun Dr. Megha Bharti Meghall a Session Personality Development & Effective Communication” held at Government PG College, Bazpur (US Nagar) Uttarakhand, February 20, **2023**.
 8. One Day State Level Workshop on “Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)” held at Indira Priyadarshini Govt. Girls P.G. College of Commerce Haldwani, Nainital, Uttarakhand, February 08, **2023**.
 9. Indo-EU Workshop on “*Electrochemical Technologies*” held at Chemical Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, March 2, **2017**.
 10. 17th National Workshop on “*Challenges in Catalysis Science and Technology*” held at CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Catalysis Society of India (CSI), June 23-25, **2016** (Poster-56, Page No. - 87).
 11. International Workshop on “*Chemistry for a Sustainable Future*” held at Jaipur, Rajasthan, sponsored by the Royal Society of Chemistry London (North India Section), December 10-12, **2012**.
 12. International workshop on “*Nanotechnology and Advanced Functional Materials*” held at National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, July 09-11, **2009**.
 13. Workshop on “*Green Chemistry Education*” held at Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, March 10, **2007**.
- Webinar**
1. One-day National Webinar titled “*भारतीय स्वाधीनता आंदोलन में भारत रत्न पंडित गोविंद बल्लभ पंत का योगदान*” conducted by Govt. Degree College Pabau, Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand on September 09, **2023**.
 2. International INDO-SPAIN WEBINAR on “Electrolyzed Water and its application in Agriculture” held at Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University) MMU Mullana-Ambala, Haryana, April 08, **2022**.
 3. National webinar on “*COVID-19: Impact on Environment and Social Change*” organized by Pranahi, the Eco Club of BCAS held on 05th June, **2020** through Google Meet.
 4. National webinar on “*Challenges and Opportunities in Covid-19 Scenario*” organized by Department of Mathematics, Sri Jai Narain Misra P.G. College (KKC), Lucknow on 05th June, **2020**.
 5. Webinar on topic “*Language Technology and Role of Literature Departments in India*” organized by ARSD College, Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi held on 02nd June, **2020**.
 6. Participated in the online “*Chemistry Quiz*” competition organized by Department of Chemistry, Ghulam Nabi Azad Arts, Commerce & Science College, Barshitakli in June, **2020**.
 7. National webinar on “*Preventative healthcare diagnostic platforms based on Micro-Nanotechnologies*” organized by Department of Science, Lady Irwin College held on 30th May, **2020**.
 8. Webinar on topic “*Care for Earth: Thy Survival*” organized by ARSD College, Dhaula Kuan held on 30th May, **2020**.
 9. National webinar on “*Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic Indian Education System*” organized by Bajaj College of Management & Technology, Gadarpur, Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand) on 27th May, **2020**.
 10. International webinar on “*Contribution of Language, Literature and Genres in Covid-19 Public Awareness Campaign and Dimensional Changes in Social Science*” organized by Government Raza P.G. College, Rampur on 26th May, **2020**.
 11. National webinar on “*Ecological Revival during Pandemic*” organised by Department of Chemistry of BCAS held on 21st May **2020** through Google Meet.
 12. Guest Lecture on “*Role of Material Science in Protection of Environment against Corona Infection*” organised by IFTM University, Moradabad, U.P. on 20th May, **2020**.

- Conference**
1. 7th International Conference entitled “Global Approaches in Agricultural, Biological, Environment and Life Sciences for Sustainable Future (GABELS- 2024)” held at Buddha Hall, D.A.V. College (Tribhuvan University), Kathmandu, Nepal on June, 08-10, **2024 (Oral Presentation - 08**, Page No. 82) (ISBN : 978-81-970319-5-3)
 2. Two days National conference on “The Role, Impact, Issues and Challenges of Artificial Intelligence: A Journey Towards Transforming the Society” Organized by Department of Psychology Indira Priyadarshini Govt. Girls P.G. College of Commerce, Haldwani Nainital, Uttarakhand, March 30-31, **2024**.
 3. National seminar on “Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts in globalisation and socio-economic development” held at Govt. Degree College, Sitarganj, US Nagar, Uttarakhand, April 14, **2023**.
 4. 1st International Conference On "Recent Trends in Chemical Sciences & Sustainable Energy" (RTCSSE-2023) held at NIT Delhi, March 24-25, **2023 (Oral Presentation - 03**, Page No. 44)
 5. 2nd International Online Conference on "Emerging Trends in Chemical Science" (E.T.C.S.-2023) held at Department of Chemistry, H.V.M. (P.G.) College, Raisi, Haridwar, Uttarakhand, March 17-18, **2023 (Oral Presentation - 11**, Page No. 39)
 6. National Seminar on “Social and Economics of women in Uttarakhand” held at Department of Sociology, Govt. PG College, Berinag, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, February 24-25, **2023**.
 7. National Conference on Agriculture, Applied and Life Science, 5th Plant Science Research Meet (PSRM) -2022 at Uttarakhand Open University Campus, Haldwani, Uttarakhand, India, November 18-19, **2022 (Oral Presentation - 21)**
 8. DRDO Sponsored 2nd National conference on "*Advanced Technologies and Environmental Safety (ATES-2022)*" held at IFTM University, Lodhipur Rajput Moradabad, U.P., India, July 23-24, **2022** (Page No. 01)
 9. National conference on “*Modern Instrumental and Characterization Techniques in Biotechnology & Applied Sciences-2020 (MICTBAS-2021)*” held at MIET Kumaon Haldwani Uttarakhand, September 3-4, **2021**.
 10. National Seminar on “Biophysics (BIOPHYSIKA-2019)” held at Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Basic Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi on October 4, **2019**
 11. International Conference on “Advances in Catalysis: Industrial Outlook” held at CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad on August 1-2, **2019**.
 12. National Conference on "Recent Advances and Future Perspectives in Chemical Sciences: An Interdisciplinary Approach" held at Dr. K.N. Modi University, Newai, Rajasthan on July 26-27, **2019**.
 13. National Seminar on “Carrier Counselling in Dynamic World Issues and Challenges” held at R.H.G.P.G. College, Kashipur on April 19-20, **2019**
 14. National conference on "*Advanced Technologies and Environmental Safety (ATES-2019)*" held at IFTM University, Lodhipur Rajput Moradabad, U.P., India, March 9-10, **2019** (Page No.33, 51)
 15. National Seminar on “*Technology for Environmental Sustainability, Socio-Economic Responsibility and Associated Entrepreneurial Opportunities in 21st Century*” held at Seminar Hall, Sri Aurobindo College, Department of Chemistry, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi, March 8-9, **2019** (Poster–PP05, Page No.91).
 16. National Seminar on "*Emerging Trends and Future Challenges in Science (ETFCS-2019)*" held at Department of Chemistry, Shri Guru Ram (P.G.) College, Dehradun (Uttarakhand), February 27-28, **2019** (Page No. 61, 68).
 17. International Conference on “*Recent Trends in Environment and Natural Sciences (ICRTENS-2019)*” held at Government Science College, Sabalpura, Sikar, Rajasthan, India, February 12-13, **2019** (Oral Presentation) (ISBN 978-93-5351-064-0) (Page No. 78).
 18. National Conference on “*Chemistry for Human Health and Environment (CHHE)*” held at Conference Center, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007, December 15-16, **2018** (Poster–PP 22, Page No.35).

19. International Conference on “*Catalysis Science, Engineering & Technology (ICSET 2018)*” hosted in Stockholm, Sweden, November 04-07, **2018** (Oral Presentation).
20. 1st Biennial Conference on “*Thematic Conference in Chemical Sciences (TC₂S) –2017: Sustainable Chemistry*” held at Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology Ropar, May 15-16, **2017** (Poster–PA-60)
21. *Nano India 2017 & DST Nano Mission Review Meeting* held at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi, March 15-16, **2017** (Poster–136).
22. Fourth International Conference on *Nanostructured Materials and Nanocomposites (ICNM-2017)* held at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India, February 10-12, **2017**.
23. 9th National Seminar on “*New Paradigm in Chemical Sciences: Synthetic and Analytical Perspectives 2017 (NPICS: SAP2017)*” held at Department of Chemistry, Punjabi University, Patiala (Punjab), February 09-10, **2017** (Poster–PP01, Page No.35).
24. 3rd International Conference on “*Nanotechnology for Better Living, 2016*” (Nanotech - IITK - NITS - Better Living Main)” held at Centre for Nanoscience Department of Physics National Institute of Technology Srinagar, India, May 25-29, **2016** (Oral-512). Vol. 3, No. 1, p. 266, doi:10.3850/978-981-09-7519-7nbl16-rps-266.
25. International Conference On “*Frontiers at the Chemistry - Allied Sciences Interface (FCASI)*” held at Centre of Advanced Study, Department of Chemistry, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Rajasthan (India), April 25-26, **2016** (PS-36).
26. 18th CRSI National Symposium in Chemistry (CRSI-2016) held at INST Mohali and Punjab University, February 5-7, **2016**.
27. Indian Council of Chemists (ICC), XXXIII Annual Conference held at Department of applied Chemistry, Indian School of Mines Dhanbad, India, December 15-17, **2014**.
28. International Conference on “*Nano Science & Engineering Applications (ICONSEA-2014)*” held at JNTU Hyderabad, India, June 26-28, **2014** (Oral Presentation).
29. International Conference on “*New Dimension in Chemistry & Chemical Technologies- Applications in Pharma Industry (NDCT-2014)*” held at Centre for Chemical Sciences & Technology, JNTU Hyderabad, India, June 23-25, **2014** (Poster– CHA–113, Page No.139).
30. International Conference on “*Nano, Bio & Material Sciences (ICONBMS-2014)*” held at Department of Physics, Nizam College, Osmania University, Hyderabad, January 8-10, **2014**.
31. Symposium on “*Modern trends in inorganic chemistry – XV (MTIC -XV)*” held at Department in Chemistry, IIT Roorkee, from December 13-16, **2013**
32. 3rd International Conference on “*Advanced Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology (ICANN-2013)*” held at Centre for Nanotechnology, IIT- Guwahati, India, December 1-3, **2013** (Poster– 035, Page No.102).
33. 7th International Symposium on “*Feedstock Recycling of Polymeric Materials (7th ISFR 2013)*” held at New Delhi, India, October 23-26, **2013** (Poster–PBC-06, Page No.79).
34. International Conference on “*Advanced Nanomaterials & Emerging Engineering Technologies (ICANMEET-2013)*” held at Sathyabama University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, July 24-26, **2013**.
35. *NANO INDIA 2013* held at CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), Pappanamcode, Industrial Estate PO, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, February 19-20, **2013**.
36. 21st National Symposium on “*Catalysis-2013 (CATSYMP-21)*” held at CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad, February 11-13, **2013** (Poster – 074; Page No. 122).
37. 20th National Symposium on “*Catalysis for Energy Conversion and Conservation of Environment*” held at NCCR, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, December 19-22, **2010** (Poster –47, Page No. 105).
38. DAE-BRNS 3rd International Symposium on “*Materials Chemistry (ISMC-2010)*” held at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, December 7-11, **2010**.
39. 12th CRSI-National Symposium in Chemistry (NSC-12) held at CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad, February 5-7, **2010** (Poster–355, Page No. 389).
40. 92nd Indian Science Congress at Nirma University of Science & Technology, Ahmedabad, January 3-7, **2005**.

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- Catalysis and Reagents (Course code: PCY307)

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- Synthetic and Natural Polymers (Course code: PCY212)

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- Stereochemistry and Photochemistry (Course code: PCY109)
- Catalysis and Reagents (Course code: PCY307);
- Inorganic Synthesis Lab (Course code: PCY305)

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- Industrial and Green Chemistry (Course code: PCY208)
- Synthetic and Natural Polymers (Course code: PCY212)

☞ **2015-2016 ODDSEM** (from July, 2015 to Dec, 2015) : Lectures

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Summary of Present Research Work

Synthesis of mesoporous SnO₂ nanoparticles (SnO₂ NPs), nanostructure Fe₃O₄ and supported metal/non-metal (Au/Fe₃O₄, SiO₂/Fe₃O₄, CeO₂/Fe₃O₄, AC/Fe₃O₄) and Au/SiO₂, Au/ γ -Al₂O₃, Au/AC, Au/TiO₂ and these were confirmed by various physico-chemical characterization techniques such as XRD, TEM, SEM, XPS, FT-IR, and BET surface area, UV–visible spectroscopy. These catalysts and photo-catalysts are used in various industrial applications like degradation of dyes, pesticides and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Summary of Postdoctoral Research Work

In my post-doctoral work, I have synthesized a bimetal electro-catalyst synthesized by Co and Ag metals to investigate the effect of the bimetal over gas phase CO₂ electrochemical reduction. Electrochemical reduction of carbon dioxide to fuel is one of the most promising and challenging techniques but requires significant energy input. Various metals, metal oxides, and metal complexes have been studied to increase the Faradic efficiency, selectivity, and to reduce the energy input for the generation of hydrocarbons. However, bimetallic electro-catalysts are hardly evaluated for the electrochemical reduction of CO₂ in spite of the proven synergetic effect of bimetals for various chemical reactions. Therefore, the present study investigates the role of bimetallic electro-catalysts in the CO₂ electrochemical reduction. It is found that though the chosen metals are individually selective for the CO formation the combination results in CH₄ and C₂H₄ formation along with CO. The maximum Faradic efficiency for CH₄ is 19.5% at 2V using Co-Ag.

Summary of Doctoral Research Work

Catalyzed oxidation of aromatic hydrocarbons with molecular oxygen has been studied for several decades. For example, toluene can be converted into oxidation products such as benzyl alcohol, benzaldehyde, benzoic acid and benzyl benzoate. At present, the principal industrial production of benzoic acid via the oxidation of toluene involves the use of homogeneous cobalt catalysts in an air pressurized aqueous acetic acid mixture in the presence of Mn ions. However, the use of solvent causes difficulties in the separation of catalysts and products, equipment corrosion, and due to the environmental hazards associated with the use of liquid acids as solvent. Developing solvent free benzyl alcohol oxidation having great activity has attracted special attention as a promising environmentally friendly reaction.

In my Ph.D. work, I have synthesized nano gold catalysts supported on various supports like mesoporous materials (SBA-15, MCM-41, TiO₂) and commercial supports (activated carbon, SiO₂ and γ -Al₂O₃). The catalysts were characterised for their physico-chemical properties using X-ray diffraction (XRD), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), BET surface area, pore size distribution (PSD), CO-chemisorption, temperature programmed reduction (TPR)/desorption (TPD) and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) techniques. The catalytic activity and stability of the various supported nano gold catalysts are investigated during the vapor phase aerobic oxidation of benzyl alcohol to benzaldehyde and investigated the following parameters : (i) the quantitative influence of particle composition; (ii) the role of particle size; (iii) the influence of the supports; (iv) influence of metal loading; (v) correlation of catalytic functionalities with surface structural properties; (vi) deactivation of the catalysts during the reaction.