



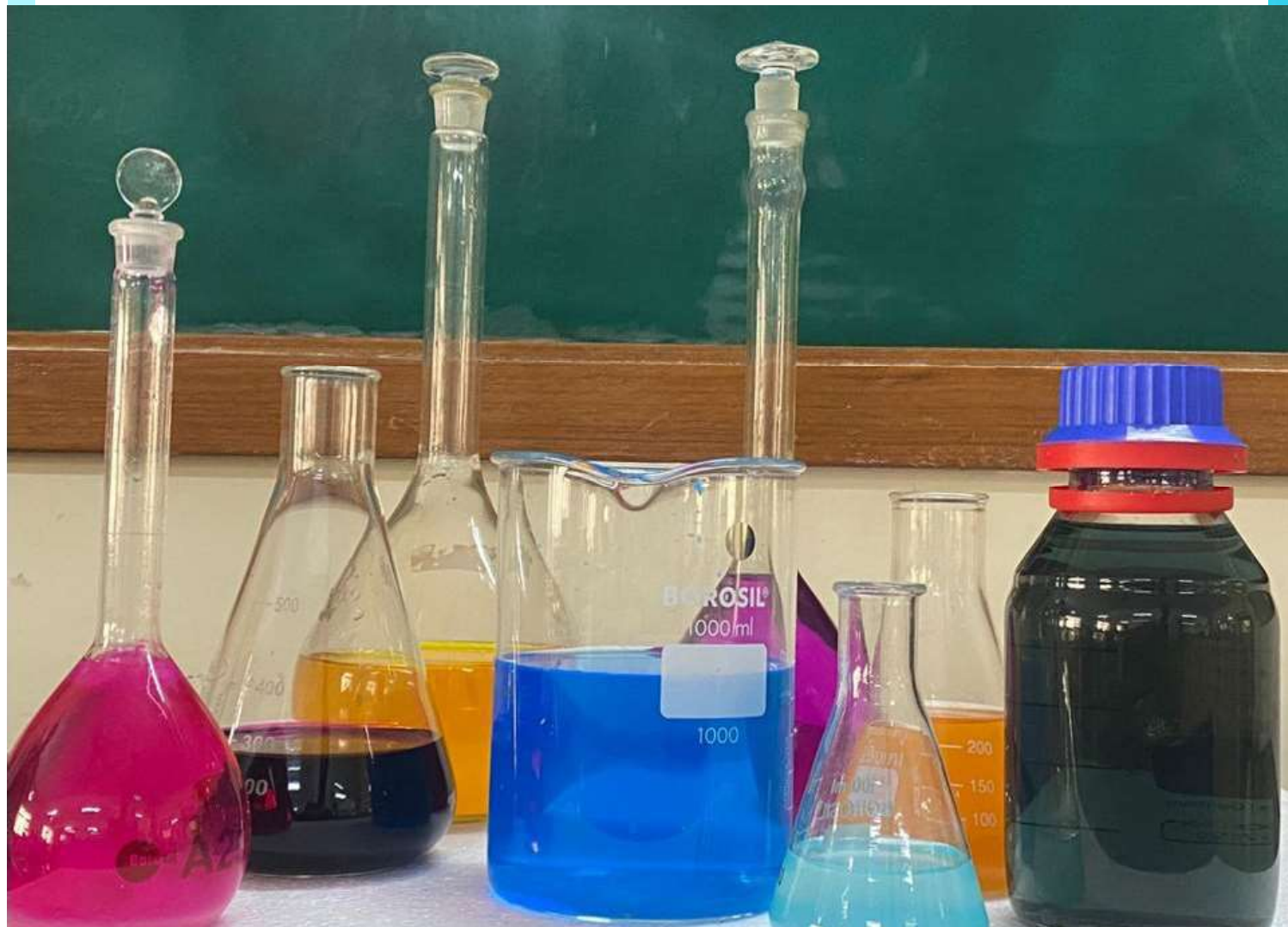
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## Message from the Chairperson School of Bioengineering



**Dr. M. Vairamani**

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It is a pleasure to know that the Department of Chemical Engineering, School of Bioengineering, SRM Institute of Science and Technology has come up with the second issue of the newsletter, “Chemical Chronicle”. This issue of the newsletter aims to project the various activities associated with the students and faculty of the Department of Chemical Engineering during the period from January to June 2022. A periodic consolidation of milestones achieved by the department helps motivate the team spirit and also indicates the areas of refinement and growth to be planned in future. Since both academia and research elucidate a need for traversing across departments to cultivate a multidisciplinary attitude, I am sure that this newsletter will pave way for many such collaborations.

I congratulate the team involved in putting together the newsletter “Chemical Chronicle” and hope to witness the continual growth of the Department of Chemical Engineering through this medium.

## From the HoD's Desk



**Dr. K. Suresh**

Head of the Department, Chemical Engineering

Dear Reader,  
Greetings!

I am delighted to present the second issue of 'Chemical Chronicle', the official newsletter of the Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering and Technology, SRMIST. This newsletter brings to you the highlights of the department activities such as research contributions, awards/prizes won, conferences, workshops, technical talks organized, and the recent placement records of our students.

The second issue of Chemical Chronicle serves to showcase all the aspects of growth of the department observed over a period of six months from January to June 2022. The students, faculty, and supporting staff have always put in their best efforts for the growth of the department and this period is no exception. There has been a remarkable increase in the research output of the department both in terms of quality and quantity. The number of patents filed and granted has increased considerably. The placement season for the final year students (2022 batch) was a very fruitful one resulting in a very high placement record of 84 %. The semester was a particularly engaging one that saw a number of department conferences, workshops, and project expos organized for the benefit of the students and research scholars. I hope we continue this wonderful journey together learning from our experiences and striving to achieve the best in whatever we pursue.

I wholeheartedly thank the students, parents, alumni, research scholars, faculty, and the non-teaching staff of the Department of Chemical Engineering, for being a part of this incredible journey and solicit your support in all our future endeavours to carry the department to a higher pedestal. I am thankful to the management for providing a conducive environment to synergise our strengths towards fulfilling the objectives of the department and the institute as a whole. I am sure this compilation consisting of our efforts will help to periodically review, retrospect and plan to improve our performance in a better manner.

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## About the Department

The Department of Chemical Engineering was started in the year 1995 offering B. Tech. degree programme in Chemical Engineering as one of the core departments of SRM Engineering College under the University of Madras. The department started offering a post-graduate programme, M. Tech. (Chemical Engineering) since 2002-2003. From the academic year 2003-2004, the department started functioning under SRM Institute of Science and Technology. The department now offers B. Tech. (Chemical Engineering), M. Tech. (Chemical Engineering) and Ph.D. (part time and full time) under SRM Institute of Science and Technology. So far, 24 batches of B. Tech. students and 19 batches of M. Tech. students have graduated from this department with meritorious performance. Presently, the department has 15+ Ph.D. scholars working on various socially relevant projects.

## Vision of the Department

To utilize Chemical Engineering and Technology and ensure overall socio-economic growth, welfare, and progress of Indian society and the World-at-large by supporting Academia, Industries through Research and Development, Consultancy and graduating high-quality Chemical Engineers

## Mission of the Department

1. To facilitate high quality education, well grounded in the fundamental and applied areas of engineering necessary for learners to contribute effectively to chemical and allied industries
- 2 .To educate, prepare, inspire and mentor learners with the technical and professional skill-set necessary to excel as professionals, grow in their careers and contribute to chemical engineering science and technology
3. To inculcate social-responsibility in learners and train them to contribute effectively to science and society

## Publications

The **faculty** members along with their **students** have published **38 papers** and **10 book chapters** in refereed journals and books respectively during the period, January to June 2022. The Department of Chemical Engineering congratulates its faculty members and students for their tremendous efforts towards contribution for publication in peer reviewed journals/books.

Publications	January to June 2022	Academic year 2021-2022
Number of Publications	38	63
Number of Corresponding Author Publications	32 (84 %)	51 (81 %)
Number of Science Citation Indexed (SCI) Publications	29 (76 %)	51 (81 %)
Highest Impact Factor	14.224	14.224
Average Impact Factor	3.917	3.428



**Dr. Paromita Chakraborty**  
Publication with Highest IF: 14.224  
Highest Number of Book Chapters: 6

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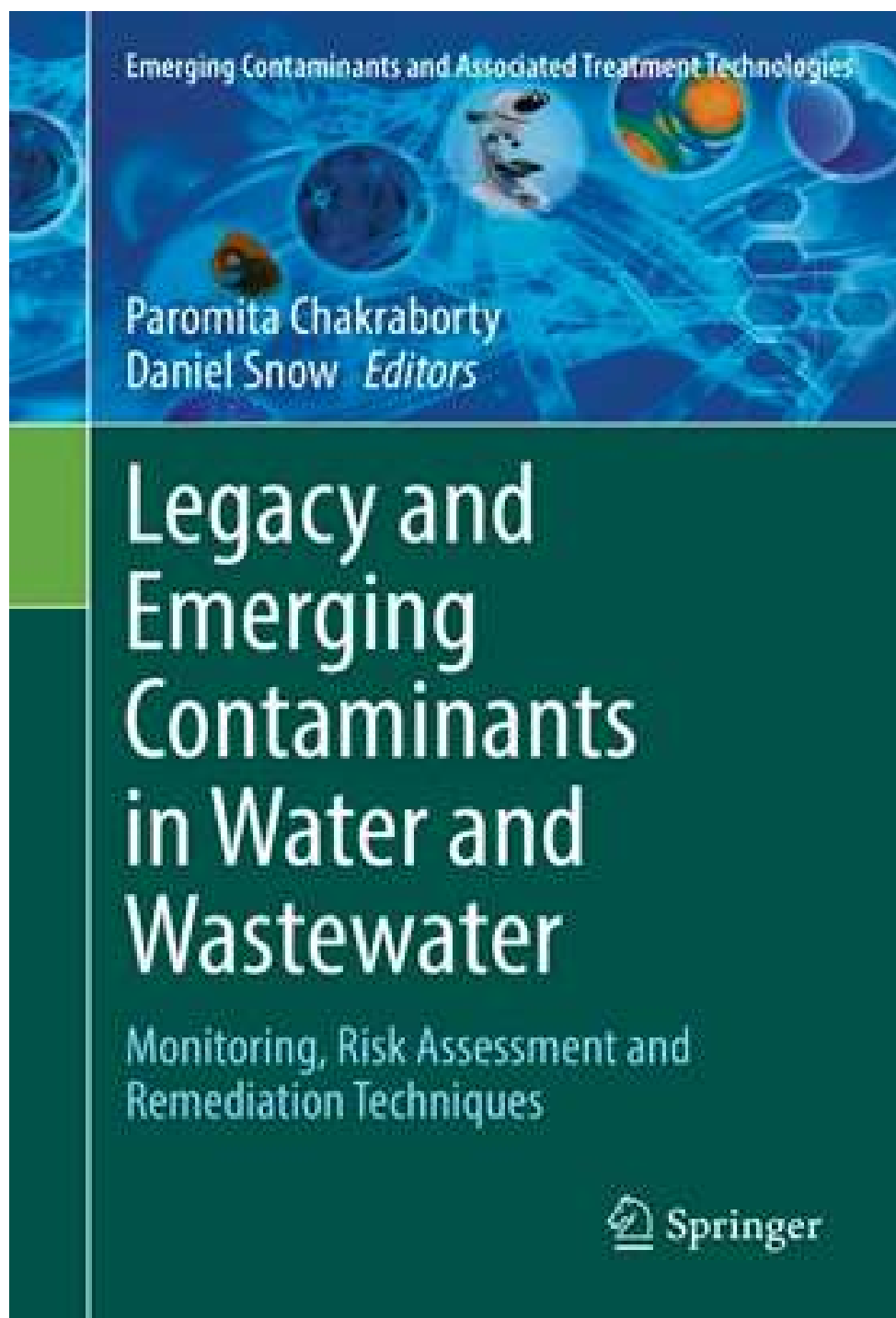
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## Book Editor

**Dr. Paromita Chakraborty\*** and Dr. Daniel Snow are the **editors** of the Book titled **Legacy and Emerging Contaminants in Water and Wastewater: Monitoring, Risk Assessment and Remediation Techniques** in the Book Series **Emerging Contaminants and Associated Treatment Technologies**. **Springer Cham**. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-95443-7>.



## Patents Granted

S. No.	Inventors	Title of the Patent	Date of Grant	Patenting Agency, Application Number and Patent Number
1	<b>Dr. M.P. Rajesh*</b> , <b>Dr. Mukund Shankar</b>	<b>PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CRUDE BIODIESEL USING PROTIC IONIC LIQUIDS</b>	31/01/2022	<b>Indian Patent Office,</b> 201741034757, 388148
2	<b>Dr. S. Vishali*</b> , <b>Dr. E. Poonguzhali</b>	<b>A PROCESS FOR TREATMENT OF LAUNDRY WASTEWATER</b>	28/02/2022	<b>Indian Patent Office,</b> 201941004457, 390852
3	<b>Dr. Paromita Chakraborty*</b> , Elvis Dsouza	<b>A POLYMER PENCIL</b>	30/05/2022	<b>Indian Patent Office,</b> 201641005428, 398097

**Total Patents Granted for the Academic Year 2021 – 2022**

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**Dr. M. P. Rajesh, Dr. Ashish Kapoor, Dr. S. Vishali, Dr. E. Poonguzhali & Dr. Mukund Shankar** received Felicitation Award for Indian Patent Granted from July 2021 to March 2022 on World Intellectual Property Day Function – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 organized by the SRM Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Centre (SIIEC), SRM IST Centre for Intellectual Asset Protection, SRMIST, Kattankulathur.





## Patent Published

S. No.	Inventors	Title of the Patent	Date of Publishing	Patenting Agency, Application Number
1	Dr. B. Muthukumaran A. Gayathri V. Selvarani <b>Dr. S. Kiruthika</b> S. Durga M. Priya L. Pournan	<b>Stoichiometry Effects in Proton-Exchange-Membrane-Fuel-Cells</b>	18.02.2022	<b>Indian Patent Office,</b> 202241007775 A

## Projects Sanctioned

S. No.	Principal Investigator	Project Title	Funding Agency	Sanctioned Amount
1	<b>Dr. S. Anandhakumar</b>	<b>Multifunctional Hydrogen Bonded Thermo-Responsive Nanocapsules: An Indigenous Carrier System for Cancer Theranostics and Anti-viral Applications?</b>	<b>DST-SERB</b> (Core Research Grant)	<b>21.98 Lakhs</b>
2	<b>Dr. S. Anandhakumar</b>	<b>MoS<sub>2</sub> Based Nanozymes: A Controlled Decoration of MoS<sub>2</sub> Nanoflower Surface for Improving Photothermal Heat Generation and Free Radical Scavenging Ability for Skin Cancer Therapy</b>	<b>Association Commonwealth Universities, UK</b>	<b>4.86 Lakhs</b>

Hearty Congratulations! **Dr. S. Anandhakumar**



## Awards / Achievements - Faculty

- Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** received the “**Best Environmental Researcher Award - 2022**” for her valuable contribution towards our Environment on **World Environment Day - 2022** organized by the Centre for Environmental Nuclear Research and the Directorate of Research, SRMIST.

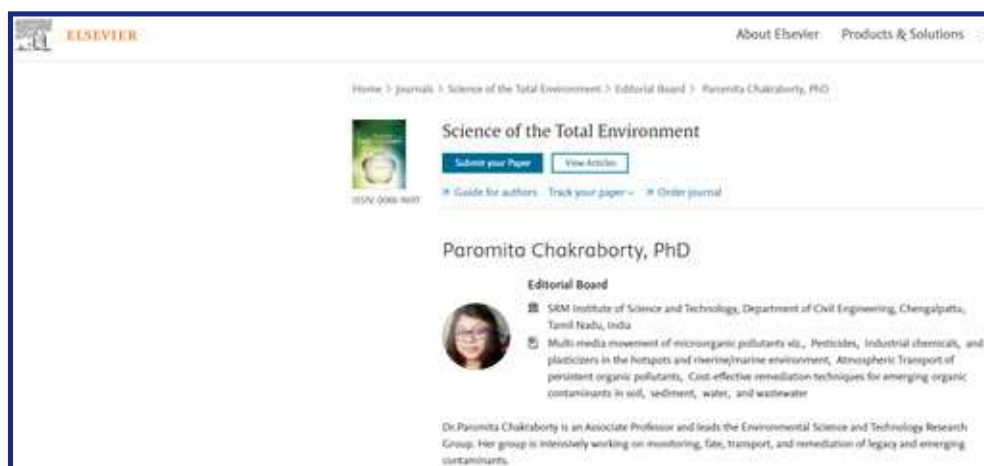


- **Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** has been awarded in recognition for her **research paper publication in a Nature Indexed Journal** during the Research Day held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 organized by SRMIST.



## Technical Expert Members

- [1] **Dr. S. Vishali** has been selected as an **Expert Member** in a Committee for Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMAS) for Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), Maraimalai Nagar from 12.01.2022.
- [2] **Dr. K. Tamilarasan** has been appointed as an **Academic Expert Member** for Board of Studies meeting in the Department of Chemical Engineering, Hindusthan College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore and the meeting was held on 28.01.2022.
- [3] **Dr. S. Vishali** has been selected as a **National Scientific Committee Member** for International Conference on Challenges in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering for Sustainable Development (CBSD) organized by Department of Chemical Engineering, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu from 23.03.2022 to 24.03.2022
- [4] **Dr. M. P. Rajesh** has been appointed as an **Adjunct Faculty** in the Department of Biotechnology, Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal - 576104, Karnataka from 22.04.2022.
- [5] **Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** is the **Editorial Board member** of the Journal, Science of the Total Environment, Elsevier Publication (Impact Factor: 10.753).



- [6] **Dr. S. Prabhakar** has been appointed as an Esteemed Member for the First and Second Stage **Project Evaluation Committee meeting for WTI 2021** on Desalination Technologies.
- [7] **Dr. S. Vishali** has been appointed as a **selection committee member** for the “TAMIL NADU GREEN CHAMPION AWARD (TNGCA)” - A District Level Award Committee, by The Collectorate office of Chengalpattu, from 25.04.2022.



**Thiru A. R Rahul Nadh,  
I.A.S**



**Dr. S. Vishali** in the selection committee meeting for the “**TAMIL NADU GREEN CHAMPION AWARD**” with Chengalpattu District Collector Thiru A. R. Rahul Nadh I.A.S., at the Collectorate office of Chengalpattu.

## Invited Talks Delivered

- [1] **Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** delivered an Invited Talk on **“Water-Health Nexus for Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals”** for **National Science Day 2022** virtually, organized by Wilson College, Mumbai, on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.
- [2] **Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** delivered an Invited Talk on **“Persistent Organic Pollutants in Indian Environment-Atmospheric Monitoring and Analytical Techniques”** as part of **“Advanced Training Program on Analytical Geochemistry”** virtually, organized by CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute, Telangana, on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.
- [3] **Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** delivered an Invited Talk on **“Elimination of Single-Use Plastics”** virtually, organized by Chattisgarh Environment Conservation Board and Consumer Education Research Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.
- [4] **Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** delivered an Invited Talk on **“Water- Health Nexus for Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals: New Challenges Related to COVID-19 Pandemic”** virtually, organized by J.C. Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- [5] **Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** delivered an Invited Talk on **"Toxic plastic additive residues in River Ganga and the Sundarban wetland: Pollution sources and risk assessment"** in the **5 day Faculty Development Program (FDP)** on **"Sustainability, Conservation & Protection of Water Resources"** organized by Centre for Ocean Research (COR), Col. Dr. Jeppiaar Research Park, jointly with the Centre for Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics and Department of Civil Engineering, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology (SIST) on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.
- [6] **Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** delivered an Invited Talk on **"Water- Health Nexus for Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals: New Challenges After the Outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic"** on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 towards the **“IPTIF’s Ananta Medha Webinar Series”** organized by IIT Palakkad Technology IHub Foundation (IPTIF).
- [7] **Dr. Paromita Chakraborty** was a part of the organizing committee and also delivered an expert talk in **“World Sustainable Development Summit, 2022”** inaugurated by the **Hon’ble Prime Minister of India**, as part of the EDIFY and INOPOL projects in collaboration with **“Norwegian Institute for Water Research”, “The Energy and Resources Institute”**.



## WORLD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT 2022



Reducing plastic and chemical pollution to the marine environment

18th February, 2022 (2:45 PM IST) | Virtual Hall: Bhadra



Dr. Rajeshwara Rao, IAS  
Special Secretary, NITI Aayog  
GOI



Dr. Marianne Olsen,  
Research Director, NIVA



Dr. Suneel Pandey,  
Director, Waste Management,  
TERI



Mr. Erlend Draget,  
Sr. Advisor, Norwegian  
Ministry of Climate &  
Environment



Dr. Paromita Chakraborty  
Associate Professor,  
SRMIST



Dr. Merete Grung,  
Research Scientist,  
NIVA



Mr. Suresh Padmenabhan,  
Strategy Advisor, Indorama  
Ventures Public Co. Ltd.



Dr. Rachana Arora, Team Leader,  
Circular Economy Solutions  
Preventing Marine Litter, GIZ



Dr. Girja Bharat  
Founder, Director,  
Mu Gamma Consultants



Dr. Rachel Hurley  
Research Scientist,  
NIVA



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## Resource Persons

- [1] **Dr. E. Poonguzhali, Dr. K. Suresh, Dr. E. Kavitha, Dr. S. Vishali, Dr. K. Deepa & Dr. B. Karunanithi** contributed as a **Judge for Oral Paper Presentation** in the **Virtual National Conference on Materials for Energy and Sustainability (MES – 2022)**, organized by the Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering and Technology, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur on the Afternoon Session of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- [2] **Dr. S. Kiruthika** contributed as an **Assessor for Oral Presentation** in the **Anveshan Students Research Convention 2022**, organized by the College of Engineering and Technology, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur on the Forenoon Session of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- [3] **Dr. Ashish Kapoor** contributed as a **Session host and Judge for Oral Presentation** in the **International Conference on Novel Materials and Technologies for Energy and Environmental Applications (NMTE2A 2022)**, organized by the Department of Chemical Engineering, Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani – Hyderabad Campus, on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- [4] **Dr. S. Vishali & Dr. K. Deepa** contributed as **Panel Judges for Oral Presentation** in the **Research Day 2022**, organized by the SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur on the Forenoon Session of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- [5] **Dr. Ashish Kapoor** **Chaired a Session on Process Modelling, Optimization & Intensification and been a Judge for Oral Presentation** in the **1<sup>st</sup> International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)**, organized by the Department of Chemical Engineering, KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.
- [6] **Dr. S. Vishali** **Chaired a Session and has been a Judge for Oral Presentation** in the **4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on “Challenges in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering for Sustainable Development (CBSD)”**, organized by the Department of Chemical Engineering, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

## Conference Presentations - Faculty

S. No.	Faculty Name	Title of the Paper Presented	Event Name	Organized by	Date
1.	Dr. S. Kiruthika	Electrochemical nutrient recovery from land fill leachate for sustainable food production systems - An alternative to traditional fertilizers	National Conference on Sustainable Chemistry and Renewable Energy	Universal Intellectuals Trust, Villupuram - 605 602, Tamil Nadu, India	26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
2.	Dr. E. Kavitha	Studies on the separation and recovery of heavy metals from galvanizing industry effluent	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022
3.	Dr. E. Poonguzhali	Separation of phenol from wastewater by membrane assisted solvent extraction	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2022
4.	Dr. E. Poonguzhali	A comparative study on the optimization of conventional and membrane assisted solvent extraction using response surface methodology	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022
5.	Dr. K. Sofiya	Study the extraction of natural components of aqueous phase rose oil using membrane solvent extraction	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022
6.	Dr. S. Kiruthika	Recovery of valuable nutrients as struvite from wastewater using bio electrochemical system for sustainable wastewater management: A systematic review	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022



7.	<b>Dr. S. Vishali</b>	<b>Studies on the treatability of the natural Coagulant on the laundry wastewater</b>	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022
8.	<b>Dr. D. Nanditha</b>	<b>Experimental study for the removal of methylene blue dye using PVDF -PTFE membrane by vacuum membrane distillation</b>	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022
9.	<b>Dr. S. Vishali</b>	<b>Optimization studies on the evaluation of Moringa oleifera as an effective green coagulant for grey water treatment</b>	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022

- **Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, presented a paper entitled “**Coagulopathy and Covid-19: A Quantitative Review on the Influence of Coronavirus**” at the International Conference on Biomedical Engineering and Computing Technologies (ICBECT 2022), organized by the Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering and Technology, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 and **won First Prize/Best Paper Award**.



Hearty Congratulations! **Dr. Ashish Kapoor**

## Conference Presentation - Students

S. No.	Name	Title of the Paper Presented	Event Name	Organized by	Date
1.	Simran Kaur Oberoi	Electrode configuration for salt in water electrolytes for remote power applications	Virtual National Conference Materials for Energy and sustainability (MES-22)	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> January, 2022
2.	Aiswarya Babu	Studies on the Treatability of the Natural Coagulant on the Laundry Wastewater	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	Department of Chemical Engineering, KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022
3	Aiswarya Babu	Studies on the Treatability of the Natural Coagulant on the Laundry Wastewater	International Conference on Challenges in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering for Sustainable Development (CBSD)	Department of Chemical Engineering, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
4	Hariprasath T/ R. Karthik/ Akaash Kumar R. D.	Optimization studies on the evaluation of <i>Moringa oleifera</i> as an effective green coagulant for grey water treatment	International Virtual Conference on Sustainable Water 2022 (ICSW 2022)	Department of Chemical Engineering, KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology (KPRIET), Coimbatore	22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2022
5.	Hariprasath T/ R. Karthik/ Akaash Kumar R. D.	Optimization studies on the evaluation of <i>Moringa oleifera</i> as an effective green coagulant for grey water treatment	International Conference on Challenges in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering for Sustainable Development (CBSD)	Department of Chemical Engineering, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
6.	G. Kanishka	Sustainable Green Solution of Industrial wastewater	National Conference on Environmental and Sustainable Technologies (NEST – 2022)	Department of Chemical Engineering, Vel Tech High Tech Dr. Rangarajan Dr. Sakunthala Engineering College	28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
7.	Aaditya Sarin	Trends in Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) Technologies and status in India	Chemflux 9.0, A National Level Technical Symposium	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022

8.	<b>Alice Jasmine D</b>	<b>Renewable biofuel production from the agriculture waste biomass by a sustainable process</b>	Research Day, 2022	SRMIST, Kattankulathur	28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
9.	<b>Alice Jasmine D</b>	<b>Sustainable biofuel synthesis from the agriculture waste biomass by an eco-friendly approach</b>	Dr. Paarivendhar Research Colloquium (DPRC – 2022)	SRMIST, Kattankulathur	24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
10.	<b>Abinaya M.B.</b>	<b>Highly-efficient organic pollutants degradation and synchronous power generation in a sustainable hybrid photocatalytic fuel cell system</b>	Research Day, 2022	SRMIST, Kattankulathur	28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022

## Students Achievements - Award / Prize Won

S. No.	Name	Title of the Paper Presented	Event Name	Organized by/ Date	Award / Prize Won
1.	Abinaya Stalinraja	Copper Supported Nitrogen doped Titanium Nanotubes for Electrochemical Reduction of CO <sub>2</sub> to Hydrocarbons	Virtual National Conference on Materials for Energy and sustainability (MES-22)	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur 21.01.2022	First Prize for Paper Presentation
2.	Abinaya Stalinraja	Copper Supported Nitrogen Doped Titanium Nanotubes for Electrochemical Reduction of CO <sub>2</sub> to Hydrocarbons	Research Day - 2022	SRMIST, Kattankulathur 28.02.2022	Gold Medal for Paper Presentation
3	Abinaya Stalinraja	Metal Supported Titanium Nanotubes for Electrochemical CO <sub>2</sub> reduction to Hydrocarbons	Dr. Paarivendhar Research Colloquium (DPRC-2022)	SRMIST, Kattankulathur 26.03.2022	First Prize for Poster Presentation
4	Hariprasath T/ R. Karthik/ Akaash Kumar R. D.	Optimization studies on the evaluation of Moringa oleifera as an effective green coagulant for grey water treatment	International Conference on Challenges in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering for Sustainable Development (CBSD)	Department of Chemical Engineering, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu 24.03.2022	Received Best Paper award for Oral Presentation
5.	Simran Kaur Oberoi	Formation of a microfluidic enabled saltwater device	CHEM PROJECT EXPO 2022	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur 11.05.2022	Secured First Place in Project Presentation
6.	Gauri Sengar/ Hitesh Saranjeet Singh	Low cost colorimetric sensor for detection of food toxins and its validation	CHEM PROJECT EXPO 2022	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur 11.05.2022	Secured Second Place in Project Presentation
7.	Bhavya Ghorawat	Production of methanol from CO <sub>2</sub> and Natural gas	CHEM PROJECT EXPO 2022	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur 11.05.2022	Secured Second Place in Project Presentation
8.	Rishabh Garg/ Darshan Sanjay Rathi/ Rahul Kumar	Micellar enhanced ultrafiltration studies on metal working fluid waste water	CHEM PROJECT EXPO 2022	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur 11.05.2022	Secured Second Place in Project Presentation

9.	<b>Gopika L</b>	<b>Process Safety Management (PSM)</b>	Online Internship Program (OIP)	Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Kolkata 25.02.2022 to 27.04.2022	Secured A+ Grade
10.	<b>Rahul Adithya C</b>				Secured A Grade

- ♦ **Ms. Gauri Awasthi** was selected to participate in the British Council Going Global Summer School on “**Responsible Research and Innovation in India's Energy-Water-Food-Health Nexus**” organized jointly by IIT Kharagpur and The University of Edinburgh from 13.06.2022 to 01.07.2022.



- ♦ **Mr. Arkaprava Roy** has been selected as the Organizer of Initiatives and Machination for Aarush, on 20.05.2022

Kudos to all the students and

Special wishes to the Ph.D. Scholar **Ms. Abinaya Stalinraja** who bagged 3 first prizes in this semester





## Mentoring Students for Competitive Events

**Dr. G. Keerthiga** was the faculty mentor for the team of **Mr. Amaan Sait, Ms. Sahana Sadhukhan, Mr. Srinivas Renganathan, Ms. Simran Kaur Oberoi**, worked on **“Salt Water Lamp for Portable Applications”**, Materials Next 2022 organized by Tata Steel.

## Events Participated by faculty

S. No.	Faculty Name	Event Name	Organizer	Title	Date
1.	<b>Dr. K. Deepa &amp; Dr. S. Sam David</b>	<b>Refresher Programme</b>	College of Engineering and Technology, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Faculty Refresher and Assimilation Programme (FRAP) FRAP 2022	10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022
2.	<b>Dr. B. Karunanithi</b>	<b>Virtual National Conference</b>	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Materials for Energy and sustainability (MES-22)	20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> January, 2022
3	<b>Dr. K. Deepa</b>	<b>Training Program</b>	Intellectual Property Office, Government of India	IP Awareness/ Training Program	18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
4	<b>Dr. S. Vishali</b>	<b>Lecture Series</b>	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Fundamentals of Biofuel Production Processes	25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
5.	<b>Dr. S. Vishali Dr. E. Poonguzhali Dr. Ashish Kapoor</b>	<b>World Intellectual Property Day Seminar</b>	Centre for Intellectual Asset Protection (CIAP), SRM Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Centre (SIIEC), SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Significance of IP in the START-UP Road Map	26 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022
6.	<b>Dr. K. Deepa</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities, BVRIT Hyderabad College of Engineering for Women, Hyderabad	National Level Online Workshop on Origin Software	28 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022
7.	<b>Dr. M. P. Rajesh Dr. P. Muthamilselvi Dr. S. Kiruthika Dr. E. Poonguzhali Dr. D. Nanditha</b>	<b>Faculty Development Program</b>	University of Engineering & Management (UEM), Jaipur	Holistic Development and Outcome Based Education in the Light of NEP - 2020	13 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022

## Events Participated by Students

S. No.	Student Name	Event Name	Organizer	Title	Date
1	Gauri Sengar/ Swathik Sajesh/ Varnika Singh/ Sarhak Asthana/ Deepa D/ Abinaya Stalinraja	Virtual National Conference	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Materials for Energy and Sustainability (MES-22)	20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> January, 2022
2	Meghana Mahadeo Hattarke	Online Short-Term Course	Centre for Lean and Six Sigma (CLASS), Department of Mechanical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Materials Testing	8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022
3	Deepa D/ Kaviya V	International Webinar	Institute of Innovations, Thiruvannamalai	Computer Aided Drug Design	23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2022
4	Pagilla Varshith Reddy/ Palak Kachhawah/ Aswathy Remesh/ Tramila Bhattacharjee/ Kanishka G	Virtual Outreach Program	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	What is Chemical Engineering?	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
5	R. Srivarsan	Technical Guest Lecture	Material Advantage Student Chapter, SRMIST	Applications of Fluid Mechanics in Oil and Gas Industry	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
6	Lokesh Kumaran	Online FDP on account of The World Water Day 2022	Centre for Ocean Research, Satyabhama Institute of Science and Technology	Sustainability, Conservation & Protection of Water Resources	22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
7	Kanishka G	Olympiad	National Engineering Olympiad (NEO)	6 <sup>th</sup> National Engineering Olympiad	29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
8	Abinaya Stalinraja	International Symposium	Department of Chemistry, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	What Paradigm shift can we expect in materials chemistry in the next decade- From fundamental to translational research (MCFTR – 2022)	29 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022

9	Abinaya Stalinraja	Faculty Development Programme	Department of Physics and Nanotechnology, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Recent Advances in Functional Materials: Design, Development and Applications	9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
10	Aaditya Sarin	Chemflux 9.0, A National Level Technical Symposium	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Photography	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
11	Melvin Abraham Aji / Shriram S/ Aaditya Sarin	Chemflux 9.0, A National Level Technical Symposium	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Workshop on Introduction to MATLAB	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
12	Aaditya Sarin	Chemflux 9.0, A National Level Technical Symposium	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Chem Task	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
13	Aaditya Sarin	Chemflux 9.0, A National Level Technical Symposium	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Extraction	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
14	Palak Kachhawah/ Aaditya Sarin	Chemflux 9.0, A National Level Technical Symposium	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Ideathon	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
15	Shriram S/ Melvin Abraham Aji/ Aaditya Sarin	Chemflux 9.0, A National Level Technical Symposium	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	Workshop on Climate Change and Nanotechnology	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
16	Aaditya Sarin	Chemflux 9.0, A National Level Technical Symposium	Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur	BGMI	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022

The following students of IV Year B. Tech. Chemical Engineering participated in the **CHEM PROJECT EXPO 2022** organized by the Department of Chemical Engineering, CET, SRMIST, Kattankulathur on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

S. No.	Student Name
1	Ms. Gauri Sengar
2	Mr. Bhavya Ghorawat
3	Ms. Mohamed Asif Irfana
4	Mr. Clement Dion Julian
5	Mr. Arjun K Yadav
6	Mr. Soumava Bisi
7	Mr. Vaibhav Shrivastava
8	Mr. Noel Abraham Thomas
9	Mr. Chandan Upadhyay
10	Mr. Tanmay Rajwade
11	Mr. Rishabh Garg
12	Mr. Ritvik B Panicker
13	Ms. Swati Mishra
14	Mr. Mohith Nalam
15	Ms. Simran Kaur Oberoi
16	Mr. Nandyala V V S S P Karthikeya
17	Mr. Adarsh
18	Mr. Darshan Sanjay Rathi
19	Mr. Jannabhatla Nydhruva Kameswara Prasad
20	Mr. Hitesh Saranjeet Singh
21	Mr. Sajal Sudhir Srivastava
22	Mr. Peddireddy Murali Ganesh
23	Mr. Rahul Kumar

## Online Courses Completed

- [1] **Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, completed an Online Course in **Coursera** titled **“AI FOR EVERYONE”** on 21.02.2022.
- [2] **Rajeshwaran N**, completed an Online Course in **Coursera** titled **“Everyday Excel Part I”** offered by the **Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, University of Colorado** on 18.01.2022.
- [3] **Ishaan Davariya**, completed an Online Course in **Sololearn** titled **“SQL”** on 24.02.2022.

## Ph.D. Awarded

**Ms. D. Nanditha** successfully completed her Ph.D. public viva-voce examination on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur.

**Title: Studies on Membrane Distillation for Value Recovery and Mitigation of Thermal Pollution**

The slide is titled "Current Approaches for Mitigating Thermal Pollution" and features the SRM logo. It includes a diagram showing "Industrial Cooling System" branching into "Cooling Tower" and "Cooling Pond". The "Cooling Tower" section has an image of a tower and lists "Disadvantages" as "High investment cost" and "High pump requirement". The "Cooling Pond" section has an image of a pond. A "Limitations" box lists: "The water temperature should not be more than 7 °C above the ambient temperature", "lot of cooling water required", "High Pumping energy", and "High Capital Investment". A video feed of a person is visible on the right side of the slide.

The slide is titled "Advantages of Membrane Distillation as a Process Intensification step for return cooling water" and features the SRM logo. It contains several bullet points: "The annual costs of Cooling tower as well as Membrane Distillation unit are nearly same but the investment costs are higher for cooling towers.", "The investment cost is less than that of the cooling tower.", "Operating cost of cooling tower is more due to cost of compressors/fans, periodic cleaning, etc.", "MD produces highly desalinated water besides bringing down the discharge temperature even 800 mgd flow temperatures can be as high as 80 °C.", "A Compared to cooling tower investment requirement of about 50% less water may be used for cooling thereby reducing water consumption." A video feed of a person is visible on the right side of the slide.

**Supervisor: Dr. S. Prabhakar and Co – Supervisor: Dr. Ashish Kapoor**



## Ph.D. Progress Details of Research Scholars

(DC Meeting-I/ Comprehensive Viva/ Pre Ph.D.-Presentation/ Synopsis Meeting/ Synopsis Submission/ Thesis Submission/ Oral Viva Voce)




S. No.	Name of the Research Scholar with Category	Name of the Supervisor	Area of Research	Research Progress	Date
1.	<b>Mr. Satyanarayan</b> (Part-Time External)	<b>Dr. M.P. Rajesh</b>	Sustainable Environment	DC Meeting - I	09.02.2022
2.	<b>Ms. P. Pavitra</b> (Full Time)	<b>Dr. Ashish Kapoor/ Dr. P. Muthamilselvi</b>	Emerging Contaminant Removal	DC Meeting - I	19.02.2022
3.	<b>Mr. Hussain Albattah Al Husni</b> (Full Time)	<b>Dr. K. Suresh</b>	Thermal Processing of Heterogeneous Food Products in a Sealed Container with Headspace	DC Meeting - I	22.02.2022
4.	<b>Ms. R. Thilakavathi</b> (Full Time)	<b>Dr. K. Suresh</b>	Numerical Analysis of Heat Transfer Behavior in Thermal Processing of Homogeneous Liquid Foods	Pre Ph.D.-Presentation	23.02.2022
				Synopsis Meeting	06.05.2022
				Synopsis Submission	12.05.2022
5.	<b>Mr. K. Selvam</b> (Part Time - Internal)	<b>Dr. B. Karunanithi</b>	Theoretical and Experimental Studies on the Formation of Hollow Fiber Membrane	Thesis Submission	05.03.2022
6.	<b>Ms. Uditia Gulia</b> (Full Time)	<b>Dr. M. P. Rajesh</b>	Bioprocessing	DC Meeting - I	18.03.2022

## Initiation in bringing an Industry for Placement

**Dr. E. Poonguzhali** has initiated interaction with the Industry, **Hettich Group, Chennai** and around **10 SRMIST students have been offered placement in April 2022.**

## On Campus Placements January to June 2022 (2018 – 2022 Batch)

S. No.	Name of the Student	Company Placed	Designation	CTC
1.	 Mr. Darshan Rathi	Sterlite Copper	Graduate Engineering Trainee	7.95 Lakhs
2.	 Mr. Sajal Srivastava	Sterlite Copper	Graduate Engineering Trainee	7.95 Lakhs
3.	 Mr. Arjun Yadav	The Tech Destiny	Business Development Associate/Marketing Executive	8 Lakhs
4.	 Mr. Perumal	The Tech Destiny	Business Development Associate/Marketing Executive	8 Lakhs
5.	 Mr. Aswin Shegar C. D.	Nayara Energy Ltd.	Assistant Manager	6.5 Lakhs

6.	 <b>Mr. Murali Ganesh Peddireddy</b>	Nayara Energy Ltd.	Assistant Manager	<b>6.5 Lakhs</b>
7.	 <b>Mr. Rupesh Raaman P.</b>	Cognizant	GenC – Hiring 2022	<b>4 Lakhs</b>
8.	 <b>Mr. Mohith Nalam</b>	Cognizant	GenC – Hiring 2022	<b>4 Lakhs</b>
9.	 <b>Ms. Charurathy R.</b>	Cognizant	GenC – Hiring 2022	<b>4 Lakhs</b>

Number of students registered for placements	<b>51</b>
Total number of students placed (Academic Year 2021 - 2022)	<b>43</b>
Placement Percentage	<b>84</b>
Average Salary Package (INR)	<b>7.09 Lakhs</b>

**Hearty Congratulations dear students!**  
**We are indeed proud of 2018 - 2022 batch for 84 % on campus placements**  
**Wishing you all the best and many more success in your future endeavours!**

## Admitted for Higher Studies (Batch 2018 - 2022)

S. No.	Name of the Student	Degree	University
1.	 Mr. Adarsh	M. Sc. Management	University of Edinburgh Scotland
2.	 Mr. B. Sudarshan	Masters in Chemical and Petroleum Engineering (Specialization in Chemical Engineering)	University of Calgary Canada
3.	 Mr. Ridhul Rajeev	M. Sc. in Advanced Chemical Engineering	University of Edinburgh Scotland
4.	 Mr. Hitesh Saranjeet Singh	M. Eng. in Chemical Engineering (Specialization in Process System)	University of Waterloo Canada
5.	 Mr. Rajkumar Selvaraj	M. Eng. in Environmental Engineering	University of Windsor Canada

6.	 <p><b>Mr. Aditya Nair</b></p>	M. Eng. in Chemical and Petroleum Engineering	University of Calgary Canada
7.	 <p><b>Ms. Mohamed Asif Irfana</b></p>	M. S. in Environmental Engineering	Georgia Institute of Technology United States
8.	 <p><b>Ms. Yuvashree I</b></p>	Masters in Chemical Engineering	University of Waterloo Canada
9.	 <p><b>Ms. Nadella Dimple Kranthi</b></p>	M. Eng. Chemical Engineering	Rutgers University United States
10.	 <p><b>Ms. Tanya Sharma</b></p>	Masters in Food Science and Technology	University of Queensland Australia



## Semester Abroad Program (SAP)

SRMIST provides an opportunity to experience global education by sending meritorious students abroad for one or more semesters to world-renowned Universities. The following two students of III - Year, VI Semester B. Tech. Chemical Engineering program have recently completed their Semester Abroad Program (March 2022 - July 2022) from the **Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) – Malaysia**.

S. No.	Name
1	<b>Sarthak Asthana</b>
2	<b>Sriversan R K</b>



**Sarthak Asthana & Sriversan R K in Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) – Malaysia.**

## Department Events Organized

- [1] Two-days **Virtual National Conference** on “**Materials for Energy and Sustainability - MES – 2022**” was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 by the Department of Chemical Engineering.

### Convener

**Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, Head of the Department, Chemical Engineering

### Co-Conveners

**Dr. K. Anbalagan**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Dr. M. Magesh Kumar**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Dr. G. Keerthiga**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering



- [2] Two-day **Outreach Programme** (virtual mode) on “**What is Chemical Engineering?**” was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022 by the Department of Chemical Engineering.

**Convener**

**Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, Head of the Department, Chemical Engineering

**Coordinators**

**Dr. K. Sofiya**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Dr. M. P. Rajesh**, Professor, Chemical Engineering



- [3] Two-day **National Level Technical Symposium “CHEMFLUX 9.0”** was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 by the Department of Chemical Engineering.

**Convenor**

**Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, Head of the Department, Chemical Engineering

**Co-Convenor**

**Dr. E. Kavitha**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Student Co-ordinators**

**Indrani Das** (III Year B.Tech. Chemical Engineering)

**AfeeZ Ahamed** (III Year B.Tech. Chemical Engineering)



- [4] Online **Alumni Talk** on “**Life after graduation from SRM**” was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 by the Department of Chemical Engineering.

**Organising Committee**

**Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, Head of the Department, Chemical Engineering

**Dr. M. P. Rajesh**, Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Dr. A. Rathinam**, Director, Alumni Affairs, SRMIST

**Coordinators**

**Dr. D. Nanditha**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Dr. G. Keerthiga**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering





- [5] **World Water Day** was celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 organized by the Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering and Technology, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur in association with the Indian Desalination Association (InDA – SZ), National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) and KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology.

#### Convenor

**Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, Head of the Department, Chemical Engineering







- [7] **Six-day Lecture Series (Webinar)** on “**Fundamentals of Biofuel Production Processes**” was delivered by **Dr. Debabrata Das** under INAE-AICTE Distinguished Visiting Professorship Scheme, was organized from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 by the Department of Chemical Engineering in association with Directorate of Research, SRM Institute of Science and Technology.

**Convenor**

**Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, Head of the Department, Chemical Engineering

**Coordinator**

**Dr. M. P. Rajesh**, Professor, Chemical Engineering

- [8] Farewell for 2018 to 2022 Batch and Fresher's party for 2020 to 2024 Batch, **ALOHA 2022** was organized on 6th May 2022 by the Students of III Year B.Tech. Chemical Engineering.

**Coordinator**

**Dr. G. Keerthiga**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering



[9] **Chem Project Expo 2022** was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by the Department of Chemical Engineering.

#### **Coordinators**

**Dr. K. Anbalagan**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Dr. E. Kavitha**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering



- [10] **Euphoria – 2022, Fresher's Day** for 2021 to 2025 Batch, was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by the Students of II Year B.Tech. Chemical Engineering.

**Coordinator**

**Dr. K. Sofiya**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering



- [11] **The Student Counselling Cell** of the Department of Chemical Engineering was Inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 by **Adv. M. LOURDU SAVIO**, Advocate Madras High Court; Former Fellow, Office of Human Rights commission, Geneva, UN and presented his views on **“The Need of Social Engineering for Aspiring Engineers”**.

**Convenor**

**Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, Head of the Department, Chemical Engineering

**Coordinators**

**Dr. K. Anbalagan**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Mr. K. Selvam**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Dr. S. Kiruthika**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering



[12] The Department of Chemical Engineering organized a Farewell for **Dr. B. Karunanithi**, Professor, Chemical Engineering on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**Dr. B. Karunanithi** was the first faculty member to get retired from the department with an experience of about 25 years. The staff members were thankful for all the help and support given by him.





[13] The Department of Chemical Engineering organized a Farewell for **Dr. Ashish Kapoor**, Head of the Department, Chemical Engineering on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### **Members Present**

#### **Staff members of Chemical Engineering**

**Dr. M. Vairamani**, Chair Person, School of Bioengineering

**Dr. Varshini Karthik**, Head of the Department, Biomedical Engineering

**Dr. M. Ramya**, Head of the Department, Genetic Engineering

**Dr. Gurumoorthy**, Head of the Department, Food Process Engineering



**A great applause to all the Conveners, Co-conveners and the organizing committee members for their tremendous efforts towards the successful completion of all the events!**

## Alumni Achievements

We are happy to share that our Chemical Engineering Alumni **G. Maanasa (2014 – 2018 Batch)** has scaled **Antarctica and planted our SRM flag** on the last continent she had set her heart on conquering. **SRM IST provided sponsorship for her expedition, aimed at the conservation and protection of the continent.** We wish her every success in all her future endeavours. We thank the Vice Chancellor and Registrar for their unstinted support and encouragement to make this project into a reality.



### SRM alumna reaches Antarctica



Maanasa Gopal in Antarctica

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI**

Maanasa Gopal, an alumna of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), visited Antarctica recently as part of the Climate Force International Antarctica Expedition 2022.

She was among the youth representing various countries who have been working on climate policy, action, research, and awareness with global climate experts in Antarctica.

Ms. Gopal completed her B.Tech in Chemical Engineering in 2018 and runs a start-up in Singapore. She hoisted the SRMIST Flag to mark the expedition.



## Message from Alumni



Department of Chemical Engineering - SRM University is one of the important choices I made in my career path. It happened to be a good decision with great faculty and good practical sessions, which made me strong in basic concepts of Chemical Engineering. I am thankful to the Department of Chemical Engineering, SRM University.

**- Somnath Ravi Kumar Sharma**

Operations Manager  
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited  
Mumbai, Maharashtra, India  
B. Tech. (2011-2015)



Hi Everyone,

I am Picasso Sengupta, a 2017 graduate from the Department of Chemical Engineering, SRM University. My experience of 4 years at SRM University is beyond words. The quality of education and faculty at the Department is one of the best in the country and life at SRM is more than just Engineering books and assignments. The faculties make sure that the students get the best-in-class experience which accounts for an all-round development of an individual. Besides the brand SRM, the R&D opportunities the college offers, numerous Student Exchange facilities with top colleges of the globe makes the Department of Chemical Engineering at SRM University the premier institution of the country. Every top MNC visits the campus regularly each year for the quality graduates the Department offers. I feel indebted to my faculty members and the Department for propelling my career growth and providing me with the best opportunities.

**- Picasso Sengupta**

Management Consultant  
Strategy & Operations  
(Metal and Mining Practice)  
KPMG India  
B. Tech. (2013 - 2017)

# The Chemical Engineering Team



## Students' Corner

This section showcases the research activities of B. Tech Chemical Engineering students.

### Magnetic Nanocatalysts: Synthesis and Catalytic Role of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-EDTA Nanoparticles



**Mohamed Irfana**

Organic dyes from textile, paint, printing, and food industries are major contaminants of waste water sources and soil. The toxic dyes have to be reduced or degraded before it gets discharged into the water. The nanocatalyst, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> coated with EDTA was prepared and characterized by HRSEM, VSM and FTIR. The reduction of methylene blue dye was studied both in the presence and absence of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-EDTA nanoparticles. Reusability tests showed that both Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-EDTA catalysts were regenerated 5 times with a minor difference in their catalytic reduction rates. Both the types of nanoparticles showed very high catalytic activity resulting in >90% degradation of methylene blue dye.

Keywords: Nanocatalyst, magnetic nanoparticles, dye degradation, regeneration

### A Short Review on Applications of Reverse Osmosis Water Wastage on Hydroponics



**Kanishka G.**

Reverse Osmosis (RO) is a membrane-based process technology to purify water by separating the dissolved solids from the feed stream resulting in permeate and reject stream for a wide range of applications in domestic as well as industrial applications. This RO technology is used to remove dissolved solids, color, organic contaminants, and nitrate from the feed stream. Hence RO technology is used in the treatment of water and hazardous waste, separation processes in the food, beverage, and paper industry, as well as recovery of organic and inorganic materials from chemical processes as an alternative method. This paper intends to provide an overall vision of RO technology as an alternative method for treating wastewater in different Industrial applications. The present short review shows the applicability of the RO system for treating effluents from the beverage industry, distillery spent wash, groundwater treatment, recovery of phenol compounds, and reclamation of wastewater treatment indicating efficiency and applicability of RO technology.

We can convert the waste-water discharge from RO purifiers into green gold. It is really simple to build and maintain a simple low-cost hydroponics system to grow greens at home. Hydroponics is a method of crop production that has been successfully used for the growth of vegetables and flowers. It uses a nutrient solution and generally controlled environmental conditions which makes it more energy-intensive, yet more productive than conventional agriculture. Hydroponic systems It was found that many examples exist of successful experiments: however, full scale examples are still limited. With the recent interest in vertical farming and the production of rice, potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers. The main advantages of hydroponics over soil culture are more efficient nutrition regulation, availability in regions of the world having no arable land, efficient use of water and fertilizers, ease and low cost of sterilization of the medium, and higher-density planting, leading to increased yields per acre.



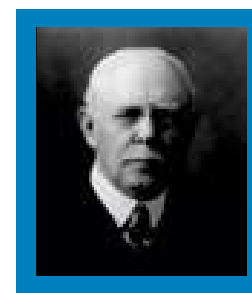
## Famous Chemical Engineers

George E Davis is often regarded as the ‘founding father’ of Chemical Engineering. No list of Chemical Engineers is complete without him. George shaped the world of Chemical Engineering as it emerged in the late 1800s; with George coining the term ‘Chemical Engineering’. The first Chemical Engineering course was delivered by George at the University of Manchester in 1887 in the form of 12 lectures covering various aspects of industrial chemical practice – this kick started the revolution that spawned generations of world-changing Chemical Engineers.



**George E Davis**

Arthur D Little is often thought of as the ‘American father’ of Chemical Engineering. He developed the concept of unit operations (a basic step in a process that involves a physical change or chemical transformation like evaporation or filtration), and used it to define the role of Chemical Engineering and explain industrial chemical processes. However, it was Arthur’s passion for researching and improving processes that made him and his company such as success. He was an advocate of the benefits of science and its capacity to transform life for the better – that Chemical Engineers really can make a difference.



**Arthur D Little**

Perry’s is the go to handbook for Chemical Engineers. However, this book would have been possible without John H. Perry for whom the book is named – as he edited its first edition – published in 1934. John went on to edit two more editions of Perry’s, until his son, Robert H. Perry, took over the family tradition for the fourth edition in 1963, until his death. John was a physical chemist and Chemical Engineer and was known for his development of improved catalysts for sulfuric acid production. However, it is his book that truly shaped the world and has been the key source of knowledge Chemical Engineers for over 70 years.



**John H. Perry**

In 1951, George Rosenkranz, a Chemical Engineer at the Mexican chemicals company Syntex, with Luis Miramontes and chemist Carl Djerassi, led the development of a substance they called norethindrone – or progesterone – which they used to make one of the first two combined oral contraceptive pills. Their work was started by Russell Marker who succeeded in revolutionising the progesterone production process. However, after Russell left Syntex, George and his team had to recreate Russell’s process and re-start the large-scale production of progesterone. George was also a pioneer of steroidal pharmaceuticals and his discoveries are still used today.



**George  
Rosenkranz**

# திருக்குறள்



ஞாலம் கருதினுங் கைகூடுங் காலம்  
கருதி இடத்தாற் செயின்.



## பொருள்

உரிய காலத்தையும் இடத்தையும் ஆய்ந்தறிந்து செயல்பட்டால் உலகமேகூடக் கைக்குள் வந்துவிடும்.

## Transliteration

Gnaalam Karudhinung Kaikootung Kaalam Karudhi Idaththaar Seyin

## Translation

The pendant world's dominion may be won, in fitting time and place by action done.

## Explanation

Though (a man) should mediate (the conquest of) the world, he may accomplish it if he acts in the right time and at the right place.