# **Curriculum Vitae**

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# **Academic Qualifications**

### Ph.D:

1985 - 1990 Biochemical Engineering Research Centre Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi Thesis title: " Operational Characteristics of Fluidized-Bed Reactors for Anaerobic Process ".

### M.Tech :

1983 - 1985 Biochemical Engineering Research Centre Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi Discipline : Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology Cumulative Grade Point Average (out of 10 point scale) : 9.62

# **B.Sc** (Engineering) :

1978 - 1983 University of Cochin Discipline : Chemical Engineering Overall Marks Secured : 85.6 % Overall Classification : First Class with Honours

# **Positions Held**

### October, 2006 to date:

**Professor** Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology Indian Institute of Twechnology, Delhi Hauz Khas, New Delhi - 110 016

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### February, 1995 to January, 2000:

Assistant Professor Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology Indian Institute of Twechnology, Delhi Hauz Khas, New Delhi - 110 016 India.

### February, 1992 to February, 1995 :

Post Doctoral Scientist INRS-Eau Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique Complexe Scientifique 2700, rue Eistein Sainte - Foy (Quebec) GIV 4C7 Canada

### December, 1990 to January, 1992 :

Senior Technical Officer

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### February, 1990 to November, 1990 :

Senior Scientific Officer - II Biochemical Engineering Research Centre

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### **Scholarships / Distinctions**

Awarded the Post-Doctoral Fellowship of INRS, Quebec, Canada for 1992 - 1993

Awarded Senior Research Fellowship of IIT, Delhi during the course of the Ph.D

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Ranked overall First in the Masters' Programme

# **Affiliations in Professional Bodies**

Life member, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers

# Academic/professional interactions

- Associate Editor, "Journal of Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste", American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).
- Member, Editorial Board, "Environmental Technology".
- Visiting faculty at INRS-Eau, Canada during May, 1996 to July 1996.
- · Advisor on biomethanation technology to the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI)
- Member, Board of Studies, TERI School of Advanced Studies
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- Member, Local Area Environment Committee for Delhi (LAEC Delhi) constituted by the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee(SCMC)

# **Publications**

### Papers presented in Conferences / Symposia:

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Association on Water Pollution Research and Control, Quebec, Canada, Oct 26-27.

Sreekrishnan, T.R., Tyagi, R.D., Campbell, P.G.C. (1993)" A techno-economic study of processse for heavy metal leaching from seweage sludge". 28<sup>th</sup> Central Canadian Symposium on Water Pollution Research, Burlington, Ontario, Canada, February 10.

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T.R.Sreekrishnan and R.D.Tyagi (1996) "Application of a membrane bioreactor to treat the wastewater from a pulp and paper industry". *IMS* 14<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Membranes in Chemical and Biochemical Industries, New Delhi, February 16-17.

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Sreekrishnan, T.R., Ramachandran, K.B. and Ghosh, P. (1996) "Treatment of a yeast industry wastewater using an anaerobic fluidized-bed reactor". *Proceedings of the international Conference on Advances in Chemical Engineering (ICAChE-96), p 207, Madras, India, 11-13 December.* 

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# Summary of research work carried out during the Doctoral Programme

The Doctoral project was titled "Operational characteristics of fluidized-bed reactors for anaerobic process". Two fluidized-bed reactor systems were designed and fabricated for this purpose. Anaerobic degradation of a synthetic glucose-based effluent as well as an effluent from a bakers' yeast manufacturing unit were studied using these reactors. Sand was used as the inert carrier in the reactors and the factors which affect the formation of biofilm on the carrier particle were studied as a function of (i) dilution rate (or, hydraulic retention time) (ii) COD loading rate (iii) quality of the inoculum used and (iv) quantity of inoculum used. The major factors affecting the biofilm formation process were identified and a conceptual model was proposed for the process of biofilm formation.

Theoretical as well as experimental studies were also carried out to explain the bed fluidization characteristics of a biological fluidized-bed and also to explain the substrate diffusion and reaction taking place in the biofilm.

Detailed studies were carried out using mixed cultures of acidogenic and methanogenic bacteria separately also to corroborate earlier conclusions.

# **Post-doctoral experience**

Worked as Senior Scientific Officer in a DBT (Department of Biotechnology, Government of India) sponsored project for ten months at IIT, Delhi. The project was titled "Process optimization of restriction enzymes: large scale production and purification". The objective was to optimize the complete process for the production of restriction enzymes Bgl II, Eco RI and Bam HI. The work involved production of the cells in fermenters of 6 to 30 litre capacity, downstream processing for release of the intracellular enzymes followed by purification of the enzymes using chromatographic technics. Study of parameters affecting cell as well as enzyme production was done during the fermentation as well as downstream processing and purification stages.

Worked as a Senior Technical Officer at the Technical Centre of McDowell & Co. Ltd., a private company having manufacturing units all over India, for a period of fourteen months. The work involved performance monitoring, process updating and troubleshooting in the areas of fermentation, distillation and wastewater treatment. Many of the existing wastewater treatment facilities were modified to improve the performance and new, state-of-the-art technologies were implemented at many places.

Worked as a post-doctoral scientist at INRS-Eau, Quebec, Canada for a period of three years. The work involved study of the kinetics of heavy metal bioleaching process as well as the simultaneous sludge digestion and metal leaching (SSDML) process for heavy metal removal from sewage sludges. Also involved in an industry-institute collaborative project funded by the provincial and federal governments as well as participating industries to treat the effluents generated by pulp and paper mills using a novel reactor configuration.

Presently employed as Professor at the Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. Duties inculde teaching at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels as well as academic and applied research. Research interests are mainly on application of biochemical engineering for solving environment-related problems. Process and reactor development for aerobic as well as anaerobic biological treatment of waste waters, wastewater sludges and solid wastes, treatment of toxic wastes, development of biosensors for environmental monitoring are some of the areas currently being looked into.

Have already produced nineteen (19) Ph.Ds, forty (40) M.Techs and eight (08) M.S (Research.) graduates in this area. Currently supervising nine (09) Ph.D and two (02) M.Tech projects in these areas. Currently involved in eight sponsored research projects/consultancy projects in these areas. These projects are funded/sponsored by Government agencies like Department of Biotechnology(DBT), Ministry of Environment and Forests(MOEF), Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources(MNES), Municipal Corporation of Delhi(MCD) as well as Private Industries.

# **Administrative Tasks**

- Chairman, Grades and Registration, Undergraduate Studies (2006-2009)
- Chairman, Grades and Registration, Post-graduate Studies (2007-2010)
- Vice-Chairman, Joint Entrance Examination, JEE-2008
- Vice-Chairman, Joint Entrance Examination, JEE-2009
- Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies, 2009 2012
- Vice-Chairman, Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) 2013
- Vice-Chairman, Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) 2014
- Head, Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology, 2011 to date.