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EDUCATION

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (NTU) <i>Ph.D. Microbiology & Biochemistry</i>	SINGAPORE 2012-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigated a novel drug target critical to opportunistic pathogen <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> biofilm regulation.Awarded Nanyang Research Scholarship for 4-year Ph.D. program	
BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY <i>M.Sc. (Hons) Botany (1st Rank in University)</i>	INDIA 2007-2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Studied the plant species, <i>Allamanda cathartica</i>, as a potential biofuel source using gas chromatography-mass spectroscopyAwarded the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Junior Research Fellowship and Lectureship	
UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI <i>B.Sc. (Hons) Microbiology (1st Rank in University)</i>	INDIA 2004-2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Received Prof. J. V. Bhat Memorial Scholarship for pursuing Masters program from University of Mumbai	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

COLD SPRING HARBOR LABORATORY <i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i>	NEW YORK March 2017- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigating small-molecule inhibitors against cancer, Down's syndrome and Alzheimer's disease	
NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY <i>Ph. D.</i>	SINGAPORE 2012 - 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Received American Society for Microbiology Award to present at ASM <i>Pseudomonas</i> conference, Washington D.C. (2015)Received German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) Award for oral presentation at the 5th Heidelberg Forum for Young Life Scientists (HFYLS), Germany (2017)	
INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION (ISRO) <i>Remote Sensing & GIS- Technology & Applications</i>	INDIA May 2010-Aug 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trained in remote sensing, digital image processing, GPS and satellite data products and use of GIS softwareAwarded best project for mapping land cover changes in a wildlife sanctuary over 11 years and published a paper	

PROFESSIONAL & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

POST DOC LIASION COMMITTEE <i>Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory</i>	NEW YORK Feb 2018 –Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Elected to postdoctoral representative body to facilitate communication with laboratory administration	
LEAD SCIENTIFIC INFORMATIONIST <i>Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Library & Archives</i>	NEW YORK Feb –Mar 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded the Ellen Brenner Memorial Fellowship (awarded to 2 individuals per year) by the Library and Archives DepartmentCo-ordinated outreach with scientific community to publicize improvements in library services & resources that aid researchers	
NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (NTU) <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	SINGAPORE Aug 2012 - May 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mentored 3 undergraduate students for their final year project	
CSIR-UGC JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP & LECTURESHP <i>Field study in ornithology and climate change</i>	INDIA Jun 2009-Jul 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initiated an environmental monitoring program to track migratory patterns of 274 bird species at Point Calimere Wildlife Sanctuary (a Ramsar site) to study the impact of climate change on the arrival patterns and food availability for these birds.Awarded best presentation at the First International Conference on Indian Ornithology for the study of birds at Point Calimere	
BARN OWL NATURE CLUB (affiliated to WWF-India) <i>Founder & Advisor (Motto –Think Globally Act Locally)</i>	INDIA 1996 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Won the trophy for the best Nature Club in Mumbai among 65 nature clubs in Maharashtra state from WWF India (1997)Awarded All-India First prize in painting competition on Endangered species organized by British Council & WWF (2004)	

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- Venkataramani, P., et al.** (2016). A cyclic di-GMP-binding PilZ protein interacts with histidine kinase to regulate two-component signaling. *J Biol Chem* 291(31):16112-23.
 - Venkataramani, P.** and Liang, ZX. (2017). Enzymatic synthesis of c-di-GMP using a thermophilic diguanylate cyclase. In c-di-GMP Signaling: Methods and Protocols *Methods in Molecular Biology*, Springer, Chapter 2:11-22.
 - Xu, L., Xin, L., Zeng, Y., Yam, JKH., Ding, Y., **Venkataramani, P et al.** (2016). A cyclic-di-GMP-binding adaptor protein interacts with a chemotaxis methyltransferase to control flagellar motor switching. *Science Signaling* 9 (450):ra102.