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Area of Interest:

Microbial remediation of various pollutants, Biological treatment of solid waste, Fly-ash utilization, Biological reclamation of soil.

Educational Qualification:

- **Ph.D. Environmental Science (Specialization in Microbiology)** in 2008

  Ph.D. Thesis: "Impact studies of Fly-ash as a carrier in Bio-formulations, Shelf life, Bio-efficacy and Genetic variation".
- **M.Sc. Microbiology** with CGPA 09.13 out of 10.00 (86.74%)
  M.Sc. Thesis: "Incidence of Beta-lactamase producing Gram-negative Clinical isolates and their Antibiotic susceptibility pattern".

Professional Experience:

Employer	Position held	Date of Joining	Date of Leaving	Pay with Scale of pay
IIT (ISM), Dhanbad	Associate Professor	06-06-2019	Till date	148100
IIT (ISM), Dhanbad	Assistant Professor	01-01-2017	05-06-2019	139400
IIT (ISM), Dhanbad	Assistant Professor	06-09-2016	31-12-2016	PB-4 + 9000
IIT (ISM), Dhanbad	Assistant Professor	06-09-2013	05-09-2013	PB-3 + 8000
ISM, Dhanbad	Assistant Professor	13.03.2013	05-09-2013	PB-3 + 7000
ISM, Dhanbad	Assistant Professor	10-03-2010	09-03-1013	PB-3 + 6000
SHIATS, Allahabad	Research Associate	01-11-2009	09-03-2010	14,000 pm (DBT, GoI fellowship)
SHIATS, Allahabad	SRF	01-11-2007	31-10-2009	12,000 pm (DBT, GoI fellowship)

Major achievements: (Details are given below)

No. of Ph. D Supervised as: Guide: **10;** Co-Guide: **02**
No. of Ph. D Supervising as Guide/Co-Guide: Guide: **05**; Co- guide: **01**
No. of project (Research & consultancy) as PI/CI/Co-CI: **11**
No. of short term Course conducted as CI/Co-CI: **08**
No. of research publication published in reputed Journals: **79**
No. of Book/Book chapters Authored: **07**
No. of research project proposal submitted: **05**

Teaching record:

I am teaching following undergraduate and postgraduate courses:

Sl. No.	Subjects
i.	I and II B. Tech (Common): Earth System Science
ii.	III B. Tech (Env. Engg.): Environmental Biology and Ecology
iii.	IV B. Tech (Env. Engg.): Environmental Microbiology
iv.	VI B. Tech (Env. Engg.): Solid Waste Management
v.	VII B. Tech (Mineral Engg.): Pollution Control & Environment Management
vi.	VII B. Tech (Civil Engg.): Solid Waste Management
vii.	VIII B. Tech (Env. Engg.): Hazardous and Biomedical Waste Management
viii.	I M. Tech (ESE): Ecology, Biodiversity and Environmental Microbiology
ix.	II M. Tech (MLE): Pollution Control and Waste Management

As per the student feedback, I have been rated always ~ 09/10 with excellent comments (Can be seen in MIS of IIT (ISM) feedback system).

Institutional Administrative Assignment:

- Coordinator (Environment): Centre for Earth, Energy and Environmental Research
- Secretary, DAC (2013-2019)
- Co-coordinator, ENVIS Centre, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad (2017 - continuing)
- Faculty In charge, Laboratory of Applied Microbiology
- Warden, Amber Hostel (2019 – continuing)
- Faculty In charge, Time Table Committee (2011- 2016)
- Faculty Coordinator B. Tech programs (2nd year)
- Faculty In charge, Tech Fest (Concetto), IIT (ISM)
- Member, IIT-JEE Admission Committee
- Member, IIT (ISM)/JRF Admission Committee
- Member, DUGC
- Member, Anti-ranging scouts
- Member, Tabulation Committe
- Member, various DSC Committees

Ph.D Thesis Guided/Guiding

Sl. No.	Student's name & Reg. No.	Date of Joining	Topic	Status	Role
Full Time					
1	Tripti (2010 DR0029)	September, 2010	Study on Pesticide Tolerant Bacteria and Their Phosphate Solubilization Activity: An Approach towards Bio-fertilizer Preparation.	Awarded	Guide
2	Shrabani Sen (2010DR0046)	December, 2010	A Comparative Study of Different Manures And Fly-Ash to Find Out Their Optimum Combination for Efficient Re-Vegetation of Overburden Dumps in Jharia Coal-Field.	Awarded	Guide
3	Ashwani Kumar (2012DR0086)	July, 2012	Analysis of contaminant transfer from coal-fired thermal power plant in soil, surface water and ground water	Awarded	Co-guide
4	S. K. Mritunjay (2013DR0034)	January, 2013	Microbiological Safety Evaluation and Recommendation of Raw Eaten Salad Vegetables	Awarded	Guide
5	Zeba Usmani (2013DR0245)	July, 2013	Study on heavy metals accumulation from coal fly-ash through Vermicomposting using Indigenous earthworm species	Awarded	Guide
6	Arti Hansda (2013DR0263)	July, 2013	Isolation and characterization of Cu (II) remediating *Pseudomonas* sp. and their plant growth promoting activity	Awarded	Guide
7	Gauri Gupta (2014DR0001)	January, 2014	Effectiveness of degradation potential of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons by bacterial consortium	Awarded	Guide
8	Mamta Besra, (2014DR0058)	January, 2014	Studying the antimicrobial activities of herbal plants extract with special emphasis on dental caries	Awarded	Guide
9	Rupa Rani (2014DR0138)	July, 2014	Biodegradation of organochlorine pesticides by plant growth promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR)	Awarded	Guide
10	Aaditya Chaturvedi (2014DR1126)	July, 2014	Geo-Environmental Study of Groundwater Resources of Subarnarekha River Basin with Special Reference to Pesticides and Heavy Metal Distribution	Awarded	Guide
11	Shruti Mishra (2015DR1167)	July, 2014	"Dynamics of Soil CO 2 sequestration in Tropical Deciduous Forest Ecosystem of Northern India"	Awarded	Co-Guide
12	NEHA (2015DR0037)	Jan, 2015	Biodegradation of Pharmaceutical byproducts in Soils through Solid State Fermentation	Submitted	Co-Guide
13	Pratishtha Gupta (2015DR0184)	July, 2015	Microbial-assisted Phytoremediation and assay of chromate reductase enzyme in effective remediation of hexavalent chromium from contaminated agricultural soils	Awarded	Guide
14	Madhurya Ray (17DR000517)	July, 2017	Enhancement of biosurfactant production by co-culture of oil degrading bacteria for efficient oil pollution remediation	Ongoing	Guide
15	Shalini Singh (17DR000547)	July, 2017	Enhanced mercury biosorption and assay the mercuric reductase by bacterial strains: An innovative approach to effective mercury(II) bioremoval	Ongoing	Guide
16	Ankur Singh (18DR0034)	July, 2018	Microbial Biosensors: A novel approach for detection and quantification of heavy metals	Ongoing	Guide
17	Bhanu Pratap Singh (19DR0027)	July, 2019	Recovery of copper through microbial mediated phytomining	Ongoing	Guide
18	Saumya Anand (19DR0136)	July, 2019	Studies on toxicity and mechanisms of bacterial enzymes mediated cadmium removal	Ongoing	Guide

Details of the Project Assignment Ongoing:

Sl. No.	Title	Funding agency	Role	Amounts (Lacs)	Status
1.	Recovery of copper from water bodies nearby copper mines using microbial electrochemical systems. (MoM/2020-2021/773/ESE)	Ministry of Mines	PI	25.00	Ongoing
2.	Health, Safety and Environmental study of Iron Ore Mines (Vedanta/2018-2019/598/ESE)	Vedanta	PI	8.85	Ongoing
3.	Land use Land cover study for Jharia group of collieries and washeries, Tata Steel. (TataSteel/2020-2021/719/ESE)	Tata Steel	Co-PI	23.60	Ongoing

Details of the Project Assignment Undertaken:

Sl. No.	Title	Funding agency	Role	Amounts (Lacs)	Status
1.	Environmental Impact Studies of Chotia Coal Mines (Cons/3367/16-17)	BALCO	PI	16.10	Completed
2.	Assessment of soil fertility through the application of Fly-ash based Bio-fertilizer in combination with Bio-compost. Sanction no. FRS (23)/2010-2011/ ESE.	MHRD	PI	5.64	Completed
3.	Soil and fly-ash characteristics for mine backfilling of Chotia Mines, Chhattisgarh. (Cons/3252/16-17)	BALCO	CI	1.64	Completed
4.	Utilization of Fly-ash as carrier in Bio-fertilizer and Bio-pesticide formulation. Sanction no. 2010/MRP/ESE/08/ Acad.	MHRD	PI	0.95	Completed
5.	Biodegradation of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons by efficient bacterial consortium	TEQIP - II	PI	1.50	Completed
6.	Regional Environmental Impact Assessment study of Goa region MoEF(13)/2011-12/294/ESE	MoEF	Co-PI	202.22	Completed
7.	Microbiological quality of drinking water. (CONS/2849/15-16)	Sky Lark, Dhanbad	CI	0.11	Completed
8.	Biodiversity study at Rolep Hydro project, Sikkim (CONS/2731/15-16)	Velanakani Energy Pvt. Ltd.	Co-CI	11.90	Completed
9.	Water quality of drinking water. (CONS/3495/17-18)	Sky Lark, Dhanbad	CI	0.11	Completed
10	Monitoring of Environmental parameters in respect of ambient air, stack monitoring, noise level and effluent discharge at BTPS B (O&M) CONS/1440/11-12	BTPS	Expert Member	5.23	Completed
11	Study on Compliance of Forestry Clearance condition in respect of Ghanoodih and Bera Projects of Bastacolla Area, BCCL, Dhanbad.	BCCL	Expert Member	12.68	Completed
12	Preparation of EIA of Patherdih Coal Washery, BCCL, Dhanbad	BCCL	Expert Member	17.00	Completed
13	Preparation of EIA of Dugda Coal Washery, BCCL, Dhanbad	BCCL	Expert Member	17.00	Completed
14	EIA Studies in the impact of leaching due to storage of fly-ash on the surface and mined voids on dumping area of Rajrappa site. (CONS/2296/2013-14)	Hindalco Muri	Expert Member	15.16	Completed
15	Waste water management and control of water pollution from plant and mines of BIOM, Bacheli complex, Dantewada, Chhattisgarh.	NMDC, Limited	Expert Member	14.25	Completed
16	Road transport impact study (Cons/3821/18-19)	RKM TPP, Raigarh	Expert Member	4.425	Completed
17	Source sustainability study of water requirement	RKM TPP	Expert	7.75	Completed

	(Cons/3766/17-18)	Raigarh	Member		
18	Hydrological Source sustainability study of water requirement (Cons/3748/17-18)	DB TPP Raigarh	Expert Member	12.25	Completed
19	Development of EPRI of coal mines. (Cons/3812/18-19)	CIL	Expert Member	11.80	On going

Details of the Short term course/Training program organized:

Sl. No.	Title	Duration	Role	Amounts (Lacs)	Status
1.	Sustainable waste management practices. (CONS/3097/15-16)	17-19 Feb, 2016	Course Coordinator	2.85	Completed
2.	Recent Trends in waste management practices. (CONS/3221/16-17)	02-04 June, 2016	Course Coordinator	3.09	Completed
3.	Ambient air quality assessment, prediction and control. (Cons/3236/16-17)	11-15 July, 2016	Course Co-coordinator	2.40	Completed
4.	Advanced Treatment of solid and Hazardous Waste. (Cons/3329/16-17)	18-22 Oct, 2016	Course Coordinator	1.855	Completed
5.	Env. Clearance Procedures and Impact assessment of Mining project. (Cons/3520/17-18)	7-11 June, 2017	Course Co-coordinator	2.75	Completed
6.	Air and Noise Quality Assessment, Prediction and Control for Industrial Areas	May, 15-18, 2018	Course Co-coordinator	3.60	Completed
7.	Certificate Course on Green Skill Development on Pollution Monitor: Air and Water	Aug 13 to Oct 12, 2018	Training In-charge	15.04	Completed
8.	Certificate Course on Green Skill Development on Pollution Monitor: Air and Water	June - Aug, 2019	Training In-charge	15.19	Completed
9.	Certificate Course on Green Skill Development on Waste Management	Jan - March 2020	Training In-charge	16.55	Completed

M. Tech Dissertation Guided/Guiding

Sl. No.	Student's Name	Year	Topic	Role	Status
1.	Om Shakar	2018-2019	Electroremediation of mercury from contaminated soil	Guide	Ongoing
2.	Bhanu P. Singh	2018-2019	Recovery of Cu from mill tailings	Guide	Ongoing
3.	Anand	2018-2019	Development of value added bacterial concrete	Guide	Ongoing
4.	Dhiraj Kumar	2018	Microbiological removal of Phosphorous from Linz-Donawitz Slag	Guide	Completed
5.	Mohd Faraz Khan	2018	Removal of Multiple Metals From Tannery Industries Contaminated Soil by Beneficial Plants-Microbes Interaction	Guide	Completed
6.	Saurabh Suman	2018	Enhancing degradation of Institutional bio-degradable solid waste using a natural source of essential microorganisms	Guide	Completed
7.	Uma A	2017	Role of S*porosarcina pasteurii* in performance enhancement of concrete	Guide	Completed
8.	Brij Nandan Kumar	2017	Isolation of calcifying bacteria and its utilization in fly ash bricks	Guide	Completed

9.	Madhurya Ray	2017	Microbial diversity in mining and non-mining area with emphasis on plant growth promoting rhizobacteria	Guide	Completed
10.	Aakankshya Das	2016	Endosulfan degradation by using Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria (PGPR)	Guide	Completed
11.	Pankaj Kumar	2016	Bacterial degradation of Anthracene	Guide	Completed
12.	Amrita Pandit	2015	Biodegradation of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons	Guide	Completed
13.	Kumar Partha S. Das	2015	Electricity generation from wastewater using a microbial fuel cell on a lab scale	Guide	Completed
14.	Madhukar Kumar	2014	Estimation of calorific value of biomass Briquettes prepared from sawdust and paper waste	Guide	Completed
15.	Amartanshu Srivastava	2014	Planning of Mine closure with demarcation of ESZ in Goa region	Guide	Completed
16.	Vikash Pandey	2013	Characterization and Impact of coal mine leachate on water regime and its management	Guide	Completed
17.	Ritika Mukharji	2013	Remediation of Halogenated Pesticides by Nano Zero-Valent Iron (nZVI) Particles Extracted from Steel Industry Waste	Co-Guide	Completed
18.	Arabinda Bahera	2012	Impact studies of Coal Mine Leachate on Different Water Bodies	Guide	Completed
19.	Gourav Jatav	2012	Effects of Mine waste Contamination at Multiple Levels of Soil	Guide	Completed
20.	Seema Kumari	2011	Comparative Study of Soil Quality And Carbon Flux of Different Land Use Type at Dugdha Coal washery area of Jharia Coalfield	Guide	Completed

Membership of Association/ Societies:

i. Fellow of Geological Society of India. (F. No. 3325)
ii. Life member of Geological Society of India. (LM No. 1733)
iii. Life member of The Mining, Geological & Metallurgical Institute of India, Kolkata (LM No. 10126)
iv. Life member of Indian Water Works Association (IWWA) Mumbai. (LM No. 7266)
v. Life member of The Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata (LM No. L 20805)

List of Research Publications in Refereed International and National Journals

**Corresponding author*

SCI/SCIE

1. Singh S., **Kumar V***., Gupta P., Ray M. and Kumar A. 2021. The synergy of mercury biosorption through Brevundimonas sp. IITISM22: Kinetics, isotherm, and thermodynamic modeling. *Journal of Hazardous Materials*. 415:125653. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2021.125653 (**IF 9.038**) [Q1]

2. Singh A. and **Kumar V***. 2021. Recent developments in monitoring devise for anaerobic digesters: A focus on bio-electrochemical systems. *Bioresource Technology* 326 (2021) 124937. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biortech.2021.124937 (**IF 7.539**) [Q1]

3. Ray M., **Kumar V***., Banerjee C., Gupta P., Singh S., Singh A. 2021. Investigation of biosurfactants produced by three indigenous bacterial strains, their growth kinetics and their anthracene and fluorene tolerance. *Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety* 208. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoenv.2020.111621 (**IF 4.872**) [Q1]

4. Singh A. and **Kumar V***. 2021. Recent advances in synthetic biology–enabled and natural whole-cell optical biosensing of heavy metals. Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry (2021) 413:73–82. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00216-020-02953-6. (**IF 3.637**) [Q2]

5. Singh S., **Kumar V***., Gupta P., Ray M. and Singh A. 2021. An implication of biotransformation in detoxification of mercury contamination by *Morganella* sp. strain IITISM23. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research. Online published. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11356-021-13176-2* (**IF 3.056**) [Q2]

6. Gupta P., **Kumar V***., Usmani Z., Rani R., Chandra A., Gupta V.K. 2020. Implications of plant growth promoting *Klebsiella* sp. CPSB4 and *Enterobacter* sp. CPSB49 in luxuriant growth of tomato plant under chromium stress. *Chemosphere* 240. doi: 10.1016/j.chemosphere.2019.124944 (**IF 5.778**) [Q1]

7. Singh S. and **Kumar V***. 2020. Mercury detoxification by absorption, mercuric ion reductase, and exopolysaccharides: A Comprehensive study. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research* 27: 27181-27201. DOI: 10.1007/s11356-019-04974-w (**IF =3.056**) [Q2]

8. Pandey V, Ray M, **Kumar V***. 2020. Assessment of water-quality parameters of groundwater contaminated by fly ash leachate near Koradi Thermal Power Plant, Nagpur. *Environmental Science Pollution Research*. 27: 27422–27434 doi:10.1007/s11356-019-06167-x. **(IF 3.056)** [Q2]

9. Neha., Tarafdar, A., Sinha, A*. and **Kumar, V**. (2020). Effect of glucose co-metabolism on biodegradation of Gabapentin (an anticonvulsant drug) by gram-positive bacteria *Micrococcus luteus* N.ISM.1". *Applied Biochemistry and Microbiology*. 56(4):433-440 (**IF 1.022**) [Q4].

10. Gupta P., **Kumar V***., Usmani Z., Rani R., Chandra A., and Gupta V.K. 2019. A comparative evaluation towards the potential of *Klebsiella* sp. and *Enterobacter* sp. in plant growth promotion, oxidative stress tolerance and chromium uptake in *Helianthus annuus* (L.). *Journal of Hazardous Materials* 377:391-398. DOI:10.1016/j.jhazmat.2019.05.054 (**IF = 9.038**) [Q1]

11. Usmani Z., **Kumar V*.,** Gupta G., Gupta P., Rani R., Chandra V. 2019. Efficacy of vermicomposted fly ash with enhanced plant growth promoting and microbial enzymatic activities on soil fertility, plant growth and yield of vegetable plants. *Nature Scientific Reports*, 9, 10455. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-46821-5 **(IF 4.011)** [Q1]

12. Rani R., **Kumar V***., Usmani Z., Gupta P., and Chandra A. 2019. Influence of plant growth promoting rhizobacterial strains *Paenibacillus* sp. IITISM08, *Bacillus* sp. PRB77 and *Bacillus* sp. PRB101 using *Helianthus annuus* on degradation of endosulfan from contaminated soil. *Chemosphere* 225: 479-489. DOI: 10.1016/j.chemosphere.2019.03.037. (**IF =5.778**). [Q1]

13. Kushwaha B. K., Singh S., Tripathi D. K., Sharma S., Prasad S. M., Chauhan D K., **Kumar V**. and Singh V. P*. 2019. New adventitious root formation and primary root biomass accumulation are regulated by nitric oxide and reactive oxygen species in rice seedlings under arsenate stress. *Journal of Hazardous Materials*. 361: 134-140. DOI: 10.1016/j.jhazmat.2018.08.035. **(IF = 9.038) [Q1].**

14. Rani R., **Kumar V***., Gupta P., and Chandra A. 2019. Effect of endosulfan tolerant bacterial isolates (*Delftia lacustris* IITISM30 and *Klebsiella aerogenes* IITISM42) with *Helianthus annuus* on remediation of endosulfan from contaminated soil. *Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety*. 168: 315-323. DOI: 10.1016/j.ecoenv.2018.10.059. (**IF =4.872**) [Q1].

15. Mishra, S., Singh, K., Sahu, N., Singh, S. N., Manika, N., Jain, M. K., **Kumar, V**., Behera, S. K. 2019. Understanding the relationship between soil properties and litter chemistry in three forest communities in tropical forest ecosystem. *Environmental Monitoring Assessment* 191, 797. doi:10.1007/s10661-019-7691-x. **(IF 1.959)** ISSN: 0167-6369 [Q3]

16. Mishra S, Chaudhary L B., Jain M K., **Kumar V**. 2019. Interaction of abiotic factor on soil CO_2 efflux in three forest communities in tropical deciduous forest from India. *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment* 191: 796. (**IF =1.959**). ISSN: 0167-6369 [Q3]

17. Kumar, A., Samadder, S.R. and **Kumar. V**. 2019. Assessment of groundwater contamination risk due to fly ash leaching using column study. *Environmental Earth Sciences* 78: 18. DOI: 10.1007/s12665-018-8009-y. **(I.F = 2.18) [Q2]**

18. Gupta P., Rani R., Chandra A. and **Kumar V***. 2018. Potential applications of *Pseudomonas* sp. (strain CPSB21) to ameliorate Cr^{6+} stress and phytoremediation of tannery effluent contaminated agricultural soils. *Nature Scientific Reports*. 8(1): 4860. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-018-23322-5. (**IF = 4.011**) [Q1].

19. Gupta P., **Kumar V***., Usmani Z., Rani R. and Chandra A. 2018. Phosphate solubilization and chromium (VI) remediation potential of *Klebsiella* sp. strain CPSB4 isolated from the chromium contaminated agricultural soil. *Chemosphere*. 192: 318-327. DOI: 10.1016/j.chemosphere. 2017.10.164. (**IF = 5.778**). ISSN: 0045-6535 [Q1]

20. Chaturvedi A., Bhattacharjee S., Mondal D C., **Kumar V**. Singh P K and Singh A K*. 2019. Exploring new correlation between hazard index and heavy metal pollution index in groundwater. *Ecological Indicators*. 97: 239-246. DOI: 10.1016/j.ecolind.2018.10.023. (**IF 4.490**). ISSN: 1470-160X [Q1]

21. Chaturvedi A., Bhattacharjee S., Singh A K*. and **Kumar V**. 2018. A new approach for indexing groundwater heavy metal pollution. *Ecological Indicators*. 87: 323-331. DOI: 10.1016/j.ecolind.2017.12.052. (**IF = 4.490**). ISSN: 1470-160X [Q1]

22. Besra M. and **Kumar V***. 2018. In vitro investigation of antimicrobial activities of ethnomedicinal plants against dental caries pathogens. *3Biotech* 8: 257 DOI: 10.1007/s13205-018-1283. (**IF = 1.798**) [Q3]

23. Usmani Z., **Kumar V***., Rani R., Gupta P. and Chandra A. 2018. Changes in physico-chemical, microbiological and biochemical parameters during composting and vermicomposting of coal flyash: A comparative study. *International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology*. 16 (8), 4647-4664. DOI: 10.1007/s13762-018-1893-6. (**IF = 2.54**) [Q2]

24. Rani R., Usmani Z., Gupta P., **Kumar V***., Chandra A. and Das A. 2017. Effects of organochlorine pesticides on plant growth-promoting traits of phosphate solubilizing rhizobacterium, *Paenibacillus* sp. IITISM08. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*. 25(6), 5668-5680. DOI 10.1007/s11356-017-0940-z. (**IF =3.056**) [Q2]

25. Ray M., Usmani Z., Chandra A., **Kumar V*** and Jain M. K. 2017. Bacterial diversity in mining and non-mining regions with emphasis on plant growth promoting traits. *Chemistry and Ecology*. 33(9): 826-842. DOI: 10.1080/02757540.2017.1389909. (**IF = 1.4**). ISSN: 0275-7540 [Q3]

26. Pandey V., Usmani Z., Chandra A., Mishra R. K. and **Kumar V*.** 2017. Environmental impact of leaching of trace elements from fly ash dumps on aquatic ecosystems.

Chemistry and Ecology. 33(8): 777-794. DOI: 10.1080/02757540.2017.1376663. **(IF = 1.4).** ISSN: 0275-7540 [Q3]

27. Gupta G., **Kumar V*.** and Pal A.K. 2017. Microbial degradation of high molecular weight polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons with emphasis on Pyrene. *Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds* 39: 124-138. DOI: 10.1080/10406638.2017.1293696. **(IF = 1.894).** ISSN: 1040-6638 [Q3]

28. Usmani Z. and **Kumar V***. 2017. Characterization, partitioning and potential ecological risk quantification of trace elements in coal fly ash. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*. 24(18): 15547-15566. DOI: 10.1007/s11356-017-9171-6 (**IF =3.056**). ISSN: 0944-1344 [Q2]

29. Kumar S., Hansda A., Chandra A., Kumar A., Kumar M., Sithambaresan A., Faizi S.H., **Kumar V.** and John R. P*. 2017. Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II) complexes of acenaphthoquinone 3-(4-benzylpiperidyl)thiosemicarbazone: Synthesis, structural, electrochemical and antibacterial studies. DOI: 10.1016/j.poly.2017.05.055. *Polyhedron*. 134: 11-21. (**IF =2.343**). ISSN: 0277-5387 [Q2]

30. Usmani Z. and **Kumar V***. 2017. Metal bioaccumulation in tissues of *Puntius sarana* and *Labeo rohita* and its associated risk status: A case study of Damodar River, India. *Desalination and Water Treatment*. 76: 196-211. DOI: 10.5004/dwt.2017.20719. **(IF =1.234)**. [Q3]

31. Hansda A., **Kumar V***. and Anshumali. 2017. Cu-resistant *Kocuria* sp. CRB15: a potential PGPR isolated from the dry tailing of Rakha copper mine. *3Biotech*. 7: 132. DOI: 10.1007/s13205-017-0629-5. ISSN: 2190-5738. **(IF = 1.798)**. [Q3]

32. Rani R. and **Kumar V***. 2017. Endosulfan Degradation by Selected Strains of Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria. *Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*. 99:138–145. DOI: 10.1007/s00128-017-2102-x. (**IF =1.657**). ISSN: 0007-4861 [Q3]

33. Mritunjay S. K. and **Kumar V***. 2017. **A study on prevalence of microbial contamination on the surface of raw salad vegetables.** *3Biotech*. 7: 13. DOI: 10.1007/s13205-016-0585-5. **(IF = 1.798)**. ISSN: 2190-5738 [Q3]

34. Singh M. K., Roy S., Hansda A., Kumar S., Kumar M., **Kumar V.,** Peter S. C., and John R. P*. 2017. Synthesis, characterisation and antibacterial activity evaluation of trinuclear Ni(II) complexes with N-substituted salicylhydrazide ligands. DOI: 10.1016/j.poly.2017.01.019. *Polyhedron*. 126: 100-110. **(IF =2.343)**. ISSN: 0277-5387 [Q2]

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