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Area of Specialization

Dr. Ashutosh K. Shukla's core research area is medicinal plant molecular biology and biotechnology with a focus on alkaloid-producing plants. His lab aims to make a meaningful contribution towards a better understanding of various aspects of secondary metabolism in medicinal plants. He has carried out studies on biotic/abiotic modulation of plant secondary metabolism and also contributed in medicinal plant authentication and validation of traditional claims on medicinal properties of plants. His work has provided new insights for omics-based characterization of secondary metabolism in contrasting organs, genotypes and developmental stages of medicinal plants like *Catharanthus roseus*, *Papaver somniferum* and *Artemisia annua*. A major thrust area of the lab is focused on evolving vindoline enhancing strategies and carrying out relevant gene prospecting in *C. roseus*. It involves elucidation of stress and micronutrient dependency of vindoline accumulation in *C. roseus*. Analysis/characterization of genes responsible for modulating high-value medicinally-important secondary metabolite biosynthesis is expected to facilitate cost-effective production alternatives. Further, the lab is using biotechnology for validation of Ayurveda and providing a scientific basis for principles of traditional medicine. Special interest lies in gaining insights into hypoglycemic/antidiabetic, anti-allergic, hepatoprotective and IBD-managing potential of medicinal plants. The lab is also venturing to study the biosynthesis of economically important alkaloids in some unexplored Indian medicinal plants.

Education

B.Sc. (Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics) – University of Lucknow, 1994, Position in university merit list

M.Sc. (Biochemistry) - University of Lucknow, 1996, Gold Medal for First Position in Order of Merit

M.B.A. (Marketing) - University of Lucknow, 1998

Ph.D. (Biochemistry) - University of Lucknow, 2005 (Submitted), 2007 (Awarded)

Title of PhD thesis - "Molecular studies on biosynthesis of shoot alkaloids in *Catharanthus roseus* (L.) G Don"

Supervisors - Dr. Suman P.S. Khanuja, Former Director, CSIR-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow & Prof. Prakash C. Misra, Former Head, Department of Biochemistry, University of Lucknow, Lucknow

Post-Doctoral

Visiting Scientist and IUSSTF Research Fellow - Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, St. Louis, Missouri, USA, September 2012 to September 2013

Title of Project - "Identification and characterization of candidate genes towards filling in the gaps present in the biosynthetic pathways of therapeutically useful plant alkaloids"

Host Supervisor - Prof. Dr. Toni M. Kutchan

Visiting Scientist and Raman Research Fellow - Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Germany, March 2018 to June 2018

Title of Project - "Biomimicking medicinal plant-derived enzymes and using microbes towards production of value-added phytochemicals"

Host Supervisor - Prof. Dr. Michael Müller

Countries visited: USA, Germany, France, and Switzerland

Academic scholarships and awards

1. **Topped the school** (St. Mary's High School, Lucknow) in ICSE (1989).
2. **National Scholarship Award** - 1994 from Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education, Government of India, New Delhi on the basis of merit position in the B.Sc. examination of 1994 conducted by the University of Lucknow.
3. **Rai Saheb Sheo Shanker Memorial Scholarship** for securing highest marks and first position in M.Sc. I (Biochemistry) examination conducted by the University of Lucknow, Lucknow in 1995.
4. **Prof. P.S. Krishnan Gold Medal** for securing first position in order of merit in the M.Sc. (Biochemistry) examination conducted by the University of Lucknow, Lucknow in 1996.
5. **BioTalent Award - First prize at the Bangalore Bio 2007** Poster Session – *Walkway of Discovery* (7th to 9th June, 2007).
6. **First prize in the Science and Innovation Quiz organized by UK Trade and Investment at Bangalore Bio 2007**, which also found a mention in the June-July, 2007 issue of *Britain Today*.
7. **CIMAP Day Award 2007** in recognition of contribution towards enabling CIMAP to achieve the Biotalent Award at Bangalore Bio 2007 – *Walkway of Discovery*.

8. **Award for the Highest Impact Factor Publication of CIMAP during 2006-07** on the occasion of CIMAP Day (11 August 2007).
9. **BioTalent Award at the Bangalore Bio 2008** Poster Session – *Walkway of Discovery* (24th to 26th April, 2008).
10. **Best Research Paper Award 2007** given by the Alumni Association of the Department of Biochemistry (AADB), University of Lucknow.
11. **Indo-US Research Fellowship for the year 2012** by the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) and Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India for conducting advanced research in the area of Life Sciences with Prof. Dr. Toni M. Kutchan at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.
12. **Award for an Outstanding Research Publication of CSIR-CIMAP** (as Team Member) for 2014, 2016, 2020, and 2021 (two papers).
13. **Raman Research Fellowship for the year 2017-18** by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India for conducting advanced research in the area of alkaloidomics with Prof. Dr. Michael Müller at the University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany.

Invited Lectures

1. Delivered an invited talk titled, “**Phytoceuticals: the future of plant-derived health aids**” by Suman PS Khanuja and Ashutosh K Shukla, at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Society of Biological Chemists (India) at SV University, Tirupati on 27th November, 2007.
2. Delivered an invited lecture on “**Bioinformatics: as the outcome of genomics-based research**” on 15 February, 2008 during the Hands on Training on Genome and Proteome Analysis (12-16 February, 2008) organized at the Department of Biochemistry, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, under the Bioinformatics Facility (BIF) of DBT.
3. Delivered an invited lecture titled, “**Catharanthus roseus – A model non-model plant for alkaloidomics research**” on 20 March, 2012 during the UGC SAP (DRS-I) sponsored National Seminar on Current Trends in Secondary Plant Metabolite Research (19-20 March, 2012) organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Faculty of Science, Jamia Hamdard, Hamdard Nagar, New Delhi 110062.
4. Delivered an invited lecture titled, “**Understanding Ayurveda – The plant way**” on 26 December 2013 at the symposium on Ayurvedic Biology held during the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Anniversary Meet at SGPGI, Lucknow (26-28 December, 2013).
5. Delivered an invited lecture titled, “**Genomics Applications – Case Studies from Medicinal Plants and Microbes**” on 11 March 2015 during the short course on Recent Advances in Molecular Markers and Population Genomics at NBFGR, Lucknow (10-19 March, 2015).
6. Delivered an invited talk titled, “**Medicinal plants – From orphans to models through omics interventions**” on 05 June 2018 at the Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Germany.
7. Delivered an invited talk titled, “**The Journey of Medicinal Plants from Orphans to Models: Facilitated Through Biotechnology-Based Approaches**” on 24 February 2021 to the B.Tech./M.Tech. (Biotechnology) students of Vignan's Foundation for Science Technology and Research (VFSTR), Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, in a webinar.
8. Delivered an invited talk titled, “**Alkaloid-producing Medicinal Plants: The Original Materia Medica**” on 02 September 2023 to research scholars through webinar organized by Team iGEM 2023 of IISER, Tirupati.
9. Delivered an invited talk titled, “**Periwinkle – the drug value of ‘Sadabahar’ from traditional knowledge to modern medicine**” on 14 September 2024 for the FloraFauna Science Foundation (FFSF) Webseries ‘Vigyan se Muskan’.
10. Delivered an invited talk titled, “**Case Studies on Medicinal Plant Transcriptomics: Deriving Meaning from Data**” on 06 December 2024 under Bioinformatics Skill Development Program on Plant's Transcriptome/RNA-Seq Data Analysis & Functional Annotation organized by CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow.

Publications (* Corresponding author) († Equal contributing first author) (†† Equal contributing second author)

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Original Research Articles

1. **Ashutosh K Shukla**, Ajit K Shasany, Suman PS Khanuja, 2005. Isolation of poly (A)⁺ mRNA for downstream reactions from some medicinal and aromatic plants. *Indian Journal of Experimental Biology* **43**, 197-201.
2. Ajit K Shasany, Mahendra P Darokar, Sunita Dhawan, Anil K Gupta, Soni Gupta, **Ashutosh K Shukla**, Nirmal K Patra, Suman PS Khanuja, 2005. Use of RAPD and AFLP markers to identify inter- and intraspecific hybrids of *Mentha*. *Journal of Heredity* **96**, 542-549.
3. Ajit K Shasany, **Ashutosh K Shukla**, Soni Gupta, S Rajkumar, Suman PS Khanuja, 2005. AFLP analysis for genetic relationships among *Mentha* species. *Plant Genetic Resources Newsletter* **144**, 14-19.
4. **Ashutosh K Shukla**, Ajit K Shasany, Madan M Gupta, Suman PS Khanuja, 2006. Transcriptome analysis in *Catharanthus roseus* leaves and roots for comparative terpenoid indole alkaloid profiles. *Journal of Experimental Botany* **57**, 3921-3932.
5. Amita Misra, Ajit K Shasany, **Ashutosh K Shukla**, V Sundaresan, Seetal P Jain, Guru D Bagchi, Janardan Singh, Suman PS Khanuja, 2007. AFLP-based detection of adulterants in crude drug preparations of the ‘Safed Musli’ complex. *Natural Product Communications* **2**, 93-97.
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11. **Ashutosh K Shukla**, Ajit K Shasany, Ram K Verma, Madan M Gupta, Ajay K Mathur, Suman PS Khanuja, 2010. Influence of cellular differentiation and elicitation on intermediate and late steps of terpenoid indole alkaloid biosynthesis in *Catharanthus roseus*. *Protoplasma* **242**, 35-47.
12. Amita Misra, Ajit K Shasany, **Ashutosh K Shukla**, Mahendra P Darokar, Subhash C Singh, V Sundaresan, Janardan Singh, Guru D Bagchi, Shital P Jain, Dharmendra Saikia, Suman PS Khanuja, 2010. AFLP markers for identification of *Swertia* species (Gentianaceae). *Genetics and Molecular Research* **9**, 1535-1544.
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21. **Ashutosh K Shukla**, Ajit K Shasany, Suman PS Khanuja, 2012. cDNA-AFLP-based numerical comparison of leaf and root organ cDNAs in *Catharanthus roseus*. *OMICS: A Journal of Integrative Biology* **16**, 397-401.
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33. Uzma Faridi[†], Sunita S. Dhawan[†], Shaifali Pal, Sanchita Gupta, **Ashutosh K. Shukla**, Mahendra P. Darokar, Ashok Sharma, Ajit K. Shasany, 2016. Repurposing L-menthol for systems medicine and cancer therapeutics? L-menthol induces apoptosis through caspase 10 and by suppressing HSP90. **OMICS: A Journal of Integrative Biology** **20**, 53-64.
34. Shiv S. Pandey[†], Sucheta Singh[†], C.S. Vivek Babu, Karuna Shanker, N.K. Srivastava, **Ashutosh K. Shukla**, Alok Kalra, 2016. Fungal endophytes of *Catharanthus roseus* enhance vindoline content by modulating structural and regulatory genes related to terpenoid indole alkaloid biosynthesis. **Scientific Reports** **6**, 26583. (doi: 10.1038/srep26583).
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2. Primers and a screening method for identification of artemisinin producing plants.
 - i. Indian Patent No. 234832 (June 17, 2009)
 - ii. US Patent No. 7,473,768 (January 6, 2009)
 - iii. Canada Patent No. CA 2551627 (February 21, 2012)
 - iv. Australian Patent No. AU2003290404 (October 29, 2009)
 - v. China Patent No. ZL200380110931.7 (September 8, 2010)
 - vi. Madagascar Patent No. 029/08 (January 13, 2009)
 - vii. South Africa Patent No. 2006/6250 (September 25, 2008)
 - viii. Vietnam Patent No. 7463 (January 8, 2009)
3. A new, high seed and silymarin yielding plant of *Silybum marianum*, 'CIM-LIV'. Ref. No.: 36NF2005. Filed in USA.

Technologies Developed

1. **CIM-Grow** – a highly effective plant growth promoter derived from a superior bacterial strain (*Bacillus* sp CIMAP B1) (2004). (Team Member)

2. **CSIR-CIMAP Cough Syrup** – An *Ayurveda*-based polyherbal cough syrup (2016). (Team Member)
3. **CIM-Mridashakti** – A soil fertility enhancer made from distilled waste of aromatic crops (2020). (Team Member)

Plant Variety Developed

1. **CIM-Sushil** - A high vindoline yielding variety of *Catharanthus roseus* (L.) G. Don (2019). (Team Leader)
2. **CIM-Liv** - A new, high seed and silymarin yielding plant of *Silybum marianum* (2005). (Team Member)
3. **CIMAP-Patra** – A menthofuran-rich inter-specific hybrid peppermint variety (2010). (Team Member)
4. **CIM-Unnati** – A new essential oil rich variety of menthol mint (*Mentha arvensis*) (2020). (Team Member)

Membership of Scientific Societies and Scientific Responsibilities

- Life member of the Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata.
- Life member of the Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Society of India, Lucknow.
- Life member of the Society of Biological Chemists (India), Bangalore.
- Life member of the Alumni Association of Department of Biochemistry, University of Lucknow. Executive Committee member of the same since January 2012.
- Member, Scientific Committee, First International Symposium on *Papaver* organized by CSIR-CIMAP and the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) at CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow during 7-11 February, 2011. Co-chaired a session on the theme, “Genetic Resources and Crop Improvement”, as well as the poster session.
- Editor, *Journal of Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Sciences* (CSIR-CIMAP, India) (2010 onwards).
- Reviewer for *Protoplasma*, *Journal of Plant Physiology*, *OMICS: A Journal of Integrative Biology*, *Plant Genetic Resources*, *African Journal of Biotechnology*, *Journal of Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Sciences*, *Natural Product Communications*, *Plant Cell Reports*, *PLoS ONE*, *Journal of Genetics*, *Plant Disease*, *Plant Physiology and Biochemistry*, *The Journal of Horticultural Science and Biotechnology*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, India Section B Biological Sciences*, *RNA Biology*, *Journal of Plant Growth Regulation*, *Journal of Applied Research on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants*, *Industrial Crops and Products*, *South African Journal of Botany*, *Acta Physiologiae Plantarum*, *Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants*, *Molecular Genetics and Genomics*, *Journal of Experimental Botany*, *Plant Molecular Biology*, *Agricultural Research*, etc.
- Recognized as research guide for PhD students of CIMAP-JNU and AcSIR PhD programs.
- Member, Local Organizing Committee, 80th Annual Meeting of the Society of Biological Chemists (India) on the theme “Metabolic pathway modulations – Applications in health and agriculture” organized by CSIR-CIMAP at CIMAP, Lucknow during 12-15 November, 2011.
- Life member of Association of Knowledge Workers, Lucknow.
- Member, Core Committee, CSIR-CIMAP activities for the Second Meeting of Medicinal Plant Focal Points of Indian Ocean Rim Association Regional Centre for Science and Technology Transfer (IORA RCSTT) cum Exhibition held at Lucknow during 18-19 March, 2015.
- Member, Scientific Committee, International Conference on Medicinal Plants: Resource for Affordable New Generation Healthcare (ICOMP-2015) organized by CSIR-CIMAP at Lucknow during 20-22 March, 2015.
- Member, Assessment Committee, Group-III staff members of CSIR-CSMCRI, Bhavnagar, on 30 November, 2019.
- Expert/Mentor in the area of Agriculture and Allied Sciences for WOS-B projects (leading to societal benefits), funded by KIRAN division of DST. Mentoring workshop conducted on 05 December, 2019 at CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow.
- Served on various committees of SERB, DST at various time points – as Co-opted Member of the Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) on Organismal and Evolutionary Biology (OEB); Member, PAC for a special call; Domain Expert in the PCR (Project Completion Report) Evaluation Committee for OEB - Plant Science; Special Invitee in the preliminary screening committee for SERB POWER (Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research) Grant for Life Sciences.
- Member, Selection Committee of the Stage-I Youth Parliament Debate Competition Event (Mission LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment) on the theme “Individual behaviour & habits have an impact on environment and climate change” jointly organized by NBRI-EIACP and IWSLU-EIACP Programme Centers for the state of Uttar Pradesh at CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow, on 17 May 2023. The event was held under the auspices of Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Govt. of India.
- Judge, Technical Session of Poster Presentations (on 15.12.23) at the National Conference on Recent Trends & Challenges in Green Chemistry, Pollution Control and Climate Change (GPCC-2023) jointly organized by the National Environmental Science Academy, New Delhi and CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, at Lucknow during 14-16 December 2023.

Number of papers presented as abstracts in seminar/symposia – 61

Number of popular articles/abstracts published – 17

Number of laboratory manuals edited – 2

Number of sequences submitted to GenBank (NCBI) – 2611

Number of Microarray Data Submissions to GEO (NCBI) – 2

Number of BioProject NGS Data Submissions to NCBI SRA - 3
Number of Protein Model DataBase (PMDB) Submission - 1
Number of scientific projects involved in (as PI, Co-PI, Investigator) - 36
Number of visits / conferences / seminars / meets/ workshops / schools / trainings participated / contributed in – 104
Number of lectures delivered in schools / workshops / institute seminars – 26
Number of schools / trainings convened - 4
Number of MSc / MTech / BTech dissertations guided – 15
Number of MSc / MTech / BTech scholars guided under CSIR-SRTP 2020 program – 01
Number of MSc interns guided under SERB Scientific Social Responsibility - 01
Number of research scholars (Project Assistants / Project Associates / Research Associates / JRFs / SRFs in various projects tenable at CIMAP) guided - 23
Number of PhDs guided – 07 (Awarded), 04 (Continuing); Co-guided – 02 (Awarded), 01 (Continuing)

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