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Honours and awards:

- 2020 **Infosys Prize** in Life Sciences category awarded by the Infosys Science Foundation.
- 2020 Member of the **Board of Reviewing Editors** (BRE) of the journal **Elife**.
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- 2015 Awarded the **G. N. Ramachandran Gold Medal** for Excellence in Biological Sciences and Technology by CSIR, India.
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- 2014 Editorial board member of **Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences**, a Swiss, Gold open-access academic publisher in partnership with Nature Publishing Group.
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- 2009 Received the **National Bioscience Award** for the year 2008 from the Department of Biotechnology, India.
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- 2007 Editorial board member of the **Journal of Structural Biology**, an Elsevier publication.
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- 2003 Received an International Senior Research Fellowship (ISRF) award in Biomedical Science for five years from The Wellcome Trust, UK.
- 1996 **'Shamrao Kaikini Gold medal and award'** for the best thesis from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
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Presentations

Invited speaker at the 12th International symposium '**AARS-2019**' held at Hangzhou, China during 5-9, November 2019.

Plenary speaker at the **27th international tRNA conference** held at Strasbourg, France from 23 – 27 September, 2018.

Delivered **Sir J. C. Bose Memorial Lecture** at NIPGR, New Delhi on the Foundation day on 30th November, 2017.

Delivered **Prof. MR Das Memorial Lecture of INSA** at Banaras Hindu University on 13, November, 2017.

Chaired a session and delivered an invited talk at the **IUBMB focussed meeting on AARS-2017** held at Clearwater, Florida, USA from 29 October to 2 November, 2017.

Delivered **Prof. A. K. Lala Memorial Lecture** at IIT, Bombay on 13th September, 2017.

Invited speaker at the **5th Asia Pacific Protein Association (APPA)** conference held at Bansaen, Thailand during 11-14, July, 2017.

Invited speaker at the **international tRNA meeting** held at Jeju, South Korea during 4-8, September, 2016.

Invited speaker at **MCB-75** to celebrate the 75 years of MCBL department of IISc, Bangalore during 11-14, December, 2015.

Chair and invited speaker at the **Asian Crystallographic Association meeting** (AsCA-2015) held at Science City, Kolkata during 5-8, December, 2015.

Invited speaker at the **FAOBMB meeting** held at BITS Hyderabad Campus, Hyderabad from 27-30, November, 2015.

Invited speaker at the **'Institute of Protein Research, Osaka and Australian National University, Canberra'** joint symposium held at Canberra during 14-16 November, 2015.

Invited speaker at the **aaRS-2015 meeting** held at Barcelona, Spain from 18-22nd October, 2015.

Invited speaker at the 10th **International Symposium on Bio-Organic Chemistry** (ISBOC-10), under the aegis of IUPAC, held at IISER, Pune from 11-15 January, 2015.

Invited to deliver the **GN Ramachandran Award Lecture** at the IUPAB-International Biophysics Congress held at Brisbane, Australia during 3 - 7 August, 2014.

Invited **Platinum Jubilee Award Lecture** at the 100th Indian Science Congress held at Kolkata from 3rd to 7th January, 2013.

Invited as a Session Organizer for the **Indo-American Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium** organized by National Academy of Sciences, USA at Beckman Centre, Irvine from 17th to 20th April, 2011.

Invited speaker at the 'Asian Biophysics Association' meeting held at India Habitat Center, New Delhi from 30th January to 2nd February, 2011.

Invited session chair on 'Combining methods/new tools in structural biology' at the Asian Crystallography Association (AsCA-2010) meeting held at Busan, South Korea from 31st October to 4th November, 2010.

Presented an invited talk entitled 'Evolution of virulence properties using old folds in pathogenic bacteria' at the **International conference on Microbial Biotechnology** (**MICROCON-2009**) held at Panjab University, Chandigarh from 3rd to 4th March, 2009.

Invited session chair on 'Protein-Nucleic acid interactions' at the **International Union of Crystallography (IUCr) congress and general assembly** held at Osaka, Japan from 23rd to 31st of August 2008.

Presented an invited lecture entitled 'Structure-function analysis of enzymes involved in the complex lipid cell wall synthesis of Mycobacterium tuberculosis' at the joint 4th AOHUPO (Asia Oceania Human Proteome Organization) and 2nd PRICPS (Pacific Rim International Conference on Protein Science) held at Cairns Convention Centre, Australia from 22nd to 26th June, 2008.

Presented an invited lecture entitled 'Rational design for enantioselectivity: A lesson from nature' at the 6th Temasek Life Sciences symposium on Biotechnology: Innovative applications from basic research held at **Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory, Singapore** from 24-25th January, 2008.

Presented a **plenary lecture** entitled 'Structural basis for proofreading during translation of the genetic code' in the **76th SBC (Society of Biological Chemists, India) meeting** held at Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati from 25th-27th November, 2007.

Presented an invited talk entitled 'Inverting enantioselectivity in modules responsible for enforcing a high fidelity during translation' at the **EMBL**, **Hamburg, Germany** on 14th September, 2007.

Invited popular lecture on 'Physics of Living Matter' on the **Indian Academy of Sciences** sponsored lecture programme from 19th to 20th July 2007 organized by Aurora Degree and PG College, Hyderabad to Graduate and Post graduate students.

Invited as a session chair and to present a talk on 'Macromolecular Machines' at the **Indo-American Frontiers of Science Symposium** at University of California, Irvine from 18th to 20th January, 2007.

Invited talk entitled 'Inverting enantioselectivity in modules responsible for enforcing a high fidelity during translation of the genetic code ' at the **RNA group, Ohio State University**, Columbus, USA on the 10th October, 2006.

Presented an invited talk entitled 'A single residue enantioselectivity switch in a domain enforcing homochirality during translation of the genetic code' in the **International Symposium on Recent Trends in Macromolecular Structure and Function** (**ISRTMSF**) held at Guindy Campus, University of Madras, Chennai from 18th to 20th January, 2006.

Invited as a Session Chair and also to present a talk in the **`21st International tRNA meeting**' held between 2-7, December 2005 at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Presented an invited talk entitled 'Structure-function studies on enzymes involved in the complex lipid cell wall biosynthesis of Mycobacterium tuberculosis' in the **Symposium on 'Tuberculosis Research – An Indian perspective'** organized by Astra Zeneca at Bangalore on the 20th October, 2005.

Presented an invited talk entitled 'A novel substrate binding tunnel reveals the structural basis for generating diverse metabolites by a type III polyketide synthase from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis'* at **IGBMC, Strasbourg, France** on 22nd September, 2004.

Presented an invited talk entitled 'A novel tunnel in mycobacterial PKS18 reveals the structural basis for generating diverse metabolites' in the **International Conference on** 'Structural Biology at Crossroads: From Biological molecules to Biological Systems' held at EMBL, Hamburg, Germany from 15th to 18th of September, 2004.

Presented an invited talk entitled 'Exploring the Structural basis of enhanced thermostability in *Bacillus subtilis* lipase' in the **International Symposium on Recent**

Trends in Macromolecular Structure and Function (ISRTMSF) held at Guindy Campus, University of Madras, Chennai from 19th to 23rd January, 2004.

Presented an invited talk entitled 'Structural basis of how threonyl-tRNA synthetase acts as a translational repressor and solves a crucial double discrimination problem for a faithful translation of the genetic code' in the **Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology (IMCB)**, Singapore on the 7th July, 2003.

Presented an invited talk entitled 'How Threonyl-tRNA Synthetase Solves a Crucial Double Discrimination Problem to Ensure a High Fidelity During Translation of The Genetic Code?' in the **School of Biological Sciences, Nanyang Technological University** (**NTU**), Singapore on the 5th July, 2003.

Presented a talk entitled 'Unexpected conformational movements upon substrate binding by the class II threonyl-tRNA synthetase' in the 4th tRNA Synthetase meeting on "**tRNA Synthetases in Biology, Medicine, and Evolution**" held at the Asilomar Conference Center, Monterey, California, U. S. A. Janunary 13th -18th, 2002.

Presented a talk entitled 'Solution to the double discrimination problem by the class II threonyl-tRNA synthetase' in the international symposium on **Current Trends in Drug Discovery Research** (CTDDR-2001) organized by the Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, India, $11^{\text{th}} - 15^{\text{th}}$ February, 2001.

Presented a talk entitled 'The fidelity in the translation of the genetic code' in a meeting on the **Molecular architecture of evolution** organized by the Polish Academy of Sciences in The Institute of Bio-organic chemistry, Poznan, Poland, $29^{th} - 31^{st}$ October, 2000.

Presented a talk entitled 'Zinc ion mediated amino acid recognition by threonyl-tRNA synthetase' in **European Crystallographic Meeting** (ECM-19), Nancy, France, $25^{th} - 31^{st}$ August, 2000.

Presented a talk entitled 'Crystal structure of threonyl-tRNA synthetase-tRNA^{Thr} complex from *E. coli*' in the Fifth IUPAC international symposium on **Bio-organic chemistry ISBOC-5** held at National chemical laboratory, Pune, 30^{th} Jan – 4^{th} Feb, 2000.

Presented a talk entitled 'Structure of *E. Coli* Threonyl-tRNA synthetase' in the 12^{th} Regio meeting on **X-ray crystallography of Biomacromolecules**, Strasbourg, France 30^{th} Sept -2^{nd} October, 1998.

Presented a talk entitled 'Structural studies on Lectins' in the Asian Regional Seminar on Crystallography in Molecular Biology, University of Madras, Madras, $9^{th} - 14^{th}$ December, 1993.