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# **ACADEMIC PROFILE**

**1. Ph. D (Organic Chemistry):** Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Jadavpur, Kolkata, India

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Thesis title: Synthetic Studies on the Catalysis by Supported Metal, Metal Nanoparticles and Other Benign Materials.

2. M. Sc. (Chemistry): 2010, IIT-Kharagpur, India (1<sup>st</sup> class: 9.21 CGPA out of 10). (University Rank 1<sup>st</sup>)

Thesis title: "Synthesis of carbacycles and seven-membered oxacycles by Pd-catalysed intramolecular Heck reaction and intramolecular tandem Michel-Aldol reaction." Supervisor: Prof. Jayanta K. Ray (FRSC)

- **3. B. Sc. (Chemistry):** 2008, Visva-Bharati university, West Bengal, India (1<sup>st</sup> class: 76.9%). (University rank 1<sup>st</sup>)
- **4. Higher Secondary Education in Science** (**10+2**): 2004, Birbhum Zilla School, Birbhum, India (1<sup>st</sup> division: 86.1%).
- **5. Secondary Education:** 2002, Birbhum Zilla School, West Bengal, India (1<sup>st</sup> division: 83.1%).

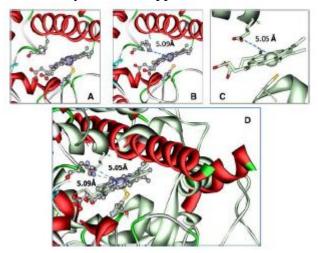
# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- 1. University Merit Scholarship for 1<sup>st</sup> Rank holder in B.Sc. in University.
- 2. **UGC Merit Scholarship** (One of the most prestigious scholarships in India) for University first rank in B.Sc during the period of 2009-2010.
- 3. All India rank in JAM-2008 is 38.
- 4. **INSTITUTE SILVER MEDAL** for 1<sup>st</sup> position in M.Sc. in IIT-Khragpur.
- 5. **10 pointer** in IIT-Kharagpur in 3<sup>rd</sup> semester in Autumn 2009 (Reportedly only Ten pointer in the past 30 years in Chemistry department of IIT Kharagpur).
- 6. Selected for Summer Research Fellowship Programme (**SRFP**) in 2009 in **JNCASR**, Bangalore (Only 30 students were selected from all over India).
- 7. Registered as a **VSRP-2009** (Visiting Students Research Programme) in **TIFR**, Mumbai.
- 8. **Senior Research Fellowship** (2012-2015) and **Junior Research Fellowship** (2010-2012) from CSIR-New Delhi, India.
- 9. **National Merit scholarship** for ranking in higher secondary examination (rank-770 out of more than 350000 students).
- 10. Selected in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Indo-German Symposium on Sustainable Catalysis** in ICT-Mumbai for poster presentation.
- 11. **Best Poster Award** in International Symposium of **Light in Chemistry, Materials** and **Biology** (**LCMB-2014**) held in IIT-Kharagpur.
- 12. Selected for PhD interview in **BIG-NSE Germany**; only 20 students were selected from all over the world.
- 12. **DST-DFG Award** of Selection as an **Indian researcher participant** in 65<sup>th</sup> **Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting-2015, Germany** which is dedicated to Chemistry, Physics,

  Medicine and Physiology (672 research scholars were selected from 88 countries and
  only 16 research scholars were selected from India.)
- 13. **Eli Lilly Asia Outstanding Thesis Award 2015** for PhD research in application of sustainable catalysis in organic synthesis.

#### PROJECTS TAKEN in M.Sc.

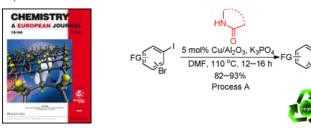
1. "Enhancement in peroxidase activity in thermophilic Cytochrome P 450(CYP175A1) through rational protein engineering" under the guidance of Prof. Shyamalava Mazumdar in TIFR Mumbai. In this project I carried out site – specific mutation of a cyt P-450(A221D) enzyme (changing Alaline into Glutamic acid) and studied the peroxidase activity of the mutated enzyme in different reactions. The mutated enzyme shows appreciable increase in rate of the reaction.



2. "Synthesis of Carbacycles and seven-membered oxacycles by Pd-catalysed intramolecular Heck reaction and intramolecular tandem Michel-Aldol Reaction "under the guidance of Prof. Jayanta K. Ray in IIT-Kharagpur. In this Project I have developed a general method for the synthesis of fused seven membered oxacycles derivative by palladium catalyzed intramolecular heck reaction. This methodology can be applied for the synthesis of Napthoxepine related natural product in due time. I have also developed a new methodology for the synthesis of cyclopentenones which are the building block of several drug targets and biologically active molecules.

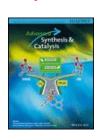
#### **PUBLICATIONS**

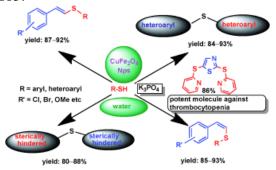
1) Heterogeneous Cu(II) catalyzed solvent controlled selective *N*-arylation of cyclic amides and amines with bromo-iodoarenes, **Debasish Kundu**, Sukalyan Bhadra, Nirmalya Mukherjee, Bojja Sreedhar and Brindaban C. Ranu, *Chem. -Eur. J.*, **2013**, *19*, 15759.



2) Copper assisted nickel catalyzed ligand free  $C(sp^2)$ -O cross coupling of vinyl halides and phenols, **Debasish Kundu**, Pintu maity and Brindaban C. Ranu, *Org. Lett.*, **2014**, *6*, 1040.

3) Magnetically Separable CuFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nanoparticles Catalyzed Ligand-free C-S Coupling in Water: Access to (*E*)- and (*Z*)-Styrenyl-, Heteroaryl and Sterically Hindered Aryl Sulfides, **Debasish Kundu**, Tanmay chatterjee, Brindaban C. Ranu., *Adv. Synth. Catal.*, **2013**, *355*(*11*+*12*), 2285.





H<sub>2</sub>O, 100 °C, 12-18 h

72-88%

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4) Visible light photocatalyzed direct conversion of aryl-/heteroaryl amines to selenides at room temperature, **Debasish Kundu**, Sabir Ahammed and Brindaban C. Ranu, *Org. Lett.*, **2014**, *6*, 1814.

5) First Cobalt-catalyzed Intermolecular  $C(sp^2)$ -O Cross-Coupling, **Debasish Kundu**, Manisha Tripathy, Pintu Maity, Brindaban C. Ranu, *Chem. -Eur. J.* **2015**, *21*, 8727.



6) Microwave-assisted reaction of aryl diazonium fluoroborate and diaryldichalcogenides in dimethyl carbonate: a general procedure for the synthesis of unsymmetrical diaryl chalcogenides, **Debasish Kundu**, Sabir Ahammed and Brindaban C. Ranu, *Green Chem.*, **2012**, *14*, 2024.

$$Ar^{1}N_{2}BF_{4} + Ar^{2}_{2}X_{2} \xrightarrow{DMC} Ar^{1}XAr^{2}$$
 $X = S, Se, Te$ 

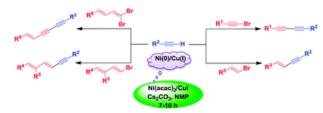
7) Magnetically separable and recyclable CuFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticle catalysed coupling of organoboronic acids and dichalcogenides in PEG-400: A general protocol for the synthesis of organochalcogenides, **Debasish Kundu**, Nirmalya Mukherjee and Brindaban C. Ranu, *RSC Adv.*, 2013, 3, 117–125.



8) Tert-butyl nitrite mediated regiospecific nitration of (E)-azoarenes via palladium catalyzed directed C-H activation, Biju Majhi, **Debasish Kundu**, Sabir Ahammed and Brindaban C. Ranu, Chem.-Eur. J. 2014, 20, 9862.

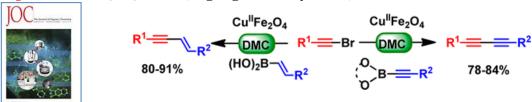
9) A co-operative Ni/Cu system for Csp-Csp and Csp-Csp2 cross-coupling providing a direct access to unsymmetrical 1,3-diynes and en-ynes, Nirmalya Mukherjee, **Debasish Kundu**, Brindaban C. Ranu, *Chem. Commun*. 2014, 50, 17584.





10) A Direct Synthesis of selenophenes by Cu-catalyzed one- pot Addition of Selenium Moiety to (*E*, *E*)-1,3-Dienyl Bromides and Subsequent Nucleophilic Cyclization, Pintu Maity, **Debasish Kundu**, Rajdip Roy, Brindaban C. Ranu, *Org. Lett.* **2014**, *16*, 4122. (**Highlighted in Synfacts**)

11) Cu-Catalyzed Fe-Driven Csp—Csp and Csp—Csp<sup>2</sup> Cross-Coupling: An Access to 1,3-Diynes and 1,3-Enynes Sabir Ahammed, **Debasish Kundu**, Brindaban C. Ranu, *J. Org. Chem.* 2014, 79, 7391. (Highlighted in Synfacts).



12) Visible-Light-Photocatalyzed Metal-Free C-H Heteroarylation of Heteroarenes at Room Temperature: A Sustainable Synthesis of Biheteroaryls, Pintu Maity, **Debasish Kundu**\* and Brindaban C. Ranu\*, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2015**, 1727. (Most accessed article in 2/2015).

13) Ascorbic Acid Promoted Oxidative Arylation of Vinyl Arenes to 2-Aryl Acetophenones without Irradiation at Room Temperature under Aerobic Conditions, Biju Majhi, **Debasish Kundu** and Brindaban C. Ranu, *J. Org. Chem.*, **2015**, **DOI:** 10.1021/acs.joc.5b00825.





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14) Nickel-Copper Catalyzed C(sp2)-N Cross Coupling of Cyclic and Bridged Amides: An Access to Cyclic Enamides and Alkenyl Vince Lactams, Pintu Maity, Debasish Kundu and Brindaban C. Ranu, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2015, DOI 10.1002/adsc.201500457 (accepted).

15) Palladium-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Selective Acylation of 4*H*-benzo[*d*][1,3]oxazin-4-one Derivatives with α-Oxocarboxylic acids *via* Cyclic Imine- *N*-directed Aryl C-H Activation, Biju Majhi, Debasish Kundu, Tubai Ghosh and Brindaban C. Ranu, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2016, *358*, 283.



16) An efficient and general procedure for the synthesis of alkynyl chalcogenides(selenides and tellurides) by alumina-supported Cu(II)-catalyzed reaction of alkynyl bromides and diphenyl dichalcogenides; Sabir Ahammed, Sukalyan Bhadra, **Debasish Kundu**, Bojja Sreedhar and Brindaban C. Ranu; *Tetrahedron*, **2012**, 68, 10542.

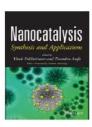
17) Thiol-mediated tandem Michel-aldol reaction: a convenient method for the synthesis of fused cyclopentenones, Subhankar Samanta, Nasima Yasmin, **Debasish Kundu** and Jayanta K. Ray., *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **2010**, *51*, 4132-4136

18) Metal and solvent free selective oxidation of sulfides to sulfone using bifunctional ionic liquid [pmim]IO4, Sabir Ahammed, **Debasish Kundu** and Brindaban C. Ranu, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **2015**, *56*, 335.



19) Palladium-Catalyzed Oxidative C—C Bond Cleavage of α-Hydroxyketones: Application to C—H Acylation of Azoarenes and Synthesis of a Liver(X) Receptor Agonist, B. Majhi, S. Ahammed, **D. Kundu**, B. C. Ranu, *Asi. J. Org. Chem.* **DOI:** 10.1002/ajoc.201402280.

- 20) Ionic liquid as base and phase transfer agent: A green protocol for the synthesis of diaryl sulphides in water, **Debasish Kundu** and Brindaban C. Ranu, *J. Ind. Chem. Soc.*, **2013**, *90*, 1761. [Invited Manuscript in honour of Prof. Sunil Kumar Talapatra on the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 21) Book Chapter on Aryl Carbon-Heteroatom Coupling Reactions Using Nano-Metal Catalyst, in Nanocatalysis: Synthesis and Applications (eds V. Polshettiwar and T. Asefa), John Wiley Sons, Inc., Hoboken, NJ, USA. doi: 10.1002/9781118609811.ch 6, pp 189-220, Brindaban C. Ranu, Debasree Saha, Debasish Kundu and Nirmalya Mukherjee.



# PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE

\* **Operational experience**: (i) FT-NMR (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR)

- (ii) UV-VIS Spectrophotometer.
- (iii) Fluroscence Spectrophotometer.
- (iv)UV-VIS spectrometer
- (v) EPR

- (vi) TEM
- (vii) SEM
- (viii) Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectra
- (ix) Microwave reactor (CEM Discover)
- (X) Cell Culture and protein extraction
- \* **Synthetic skill**: (i) Synthesis of useful organic molecules
  - (ii) Chromatographic purification
  - (iii) Spectral analysis for characterization of the molecules,
  - (iv) Designing of heterogeneous catalysts, nano-catalysts and their application in synthetic organic chemistry

# **PARTICIPATIONS**

- 1. 13<sup>th</sup> CRSI National Symposium in Chemistry (NISER and KIIT Bhubaneswar, India), 4-6<sup>th</sup> February, 2011. (**Attendee**).
- 2. International Symposium on Chemistry and Complexity (IACS-Kolkata), 6-8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. (**Attendee**).
- 3. 7<sup>th</sup> J-NOST conference (IISER Mohali), 15-18<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, (**Oral Presentation**), *Copper Catalysed Solvent Selective Differential N-Aylations of Cyclic amides and amines with Bromo-iodobenzenes*.
- **4.** National Seminar on "Recent Trends in Chemical Research: Challenges Ahead" (Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur), 30-31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012, (**Poster Presentation**), *Microwave-assisted reaction of aryl diazonium fluoroborate and diaryl dichalcogenides in dimethylcarbonate: A general procedure for the synthesis of unsymmetrical diaryl chalcogenides.*
- **5**. ACS-Meeting at IACS-Kolkata, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2012, (**Attendee**).
- **6. 2**<sup>nd</sup> **International Indo-German Symposium** on "Green Chemistry and Catalysis for Sustainable Development" (ICT-Mumbai, Matunga), 29-31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012, (**Poster Presentation**), *Copper Catalysed Solvent Selective Differential N-Aylations of Cyclic amides and amines with Bromo-iodobenzenes.*
- 7. 8<sup>th</sup> J-NOST Conference (IIT-Guwahati), 8-10<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, (**Oral Presentation**), CuFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Nanoparticle Catalysed Coupling of Different Types of Organoboronic Acids and Dichalcogenides in PEG-400.

**8.** International Symposium of Light in Chemistry, Materials and Biology (LCMB-2014) (IIT-Kharagpur), 24-25th February, 2014, (**Poster Presentation**), *Visible Light Photocatalyzed Direct Conversion of Aryl-/Heteroarylamines to Selenides at Room Temperature*.

#### Visited Research Institutes

- 1) Visiting researcher in **University of Tubingen**, Germany.
- 2) Visiting researcher in **Spemann Graduate School for biology and medicine** (**SGBM**), **University of Freiburg**, Germany.
- 3) Visiting researcher in Max-Plank –Institute for the Science of Light (MPL), Erlangen, Germany.
- 4) Visiting researcher in **Institute of Molecular Biology gGmbH (IMB), Mainz**, Germany.
- 5) Visiting researcher in Collaborative Research Center (SFB) 1083: Structure and Dynamics of Internal Interfaces, Marburg, Germany.
- 6) Visiting researcher in Cluster of Excellence (EXC 147): Cardio Pulmonary System, Giessen, Germany.
- 7) Visiting researcher in **Summer School of the IRTG 1642 (International Research Training Group)**, Mittlelwihr, France.
- 8) Visiting researcher in **IIT-Guwahati** during oral presentation in 8<sup>th</sup> J-NOST conference.
- 9) Visiting researcher in **IISER- Mohali** during oral presentation in 7<sup>th</sup> J-NOST conference.
- 10) Visiting researcher in **ICT-Mumbai** during 2<sup>nd</sup> International Indo-German Symposium on Sustainable catalysis.
- 11) Visiting Researcher in **Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR-Mumbai)** in visiting student's research programme (VSRP-2009).

# References

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# **Declaration**

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