

**Research Areas
&
List of Research Supervisors**

Research Topics - Civil Engineering

1. Sustainable Construction Materials from Recycled Waste

Abstract: This research aims to explore the development and utilization of sustainable construction materials made from recycled waste. By investigating the mechanical properties and environmental impact of construction materials such as bricks and concrete produced from recycled plastics, glass, and other industrial wastes, the study seeks to reduce construction's carbon footprint and waste production, contributing to more sustainable building practices.

2. Smart Infrastructure Monitoring with IoT Devices

Abstract: This project focuses on the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) devices into infrastructure monitoring systems to enhance safety and longevity. By deploying sensors across critical structures like bridges, buildings, and roads, the research aims to provide real-time data on their condition, enabling predictive maintenance and immediate detection of issues. This approach promises to reduce maintenance costs, extend infrastructure lifespan, and enhance public safety.

3. Enhancing Water Resource Management through Rainwater Harvesting Systems

Abstract: The research investigates the implementation of advanced rainwater harvesting systems in urban and rural areas to improve water resource management. By analyzing the potential for these systems to mitigate water scarcity, reduce urban flooding, and decrease reliance on groundwater, the study aims to offer scalable and sustainable water management solutions that can be adopted in various geographical regions.

4. Earthquake-Resistant Design of Buildings and Infrastructure

Abstract: This project aims to develop innovative design strategies and materials for the construction of earthquake-resistant structures. Through the study of seismic activity patterns and the integration of new materials and technologies, such as base isolation and energy dissipation systems, the research seeks to enhance the resilience of buildings and infrastructure, thereby minimizing the risk and impact of seismic events.

5. Green Roof Systems for Urban Environments

Abstract: Focusing on sustainable urban development, this research explores the benefits and implementation strategies of green roof systems. By analyzing their impact on building energy efficiency, air quality improvement, and biodiversity enhancement, the study aims to provide guidelines for integrating green roofs into urban planning, contributing to healthier and more sustainable cities.

6. Use of Geospatial Technologies in Urban Planning and Management

Abstract: This research investigates the application of geospatial technologies, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and remote sensing, in urban planning and management. By facilitating the analysis of spatial data for land use planning, infrastructure development, and environmental monitoring, the project seeks to enhance decision-making processes, promoting more efficient and sustainable urban development.

7. Advanced Wastewater Treatment Technologies for Water Reuse

Abstract: The project aims to develop and assess advanced wastewater treatment technologies to enable safe water reuse. By exploring innovative treatment processes such as membrane bioreactors, ultraviolet disinfection, and reverse osmosis, the study seeks to address water scarcity issues and reduce the environmental impact of wastewater discharge, offering a sustainable approach to water management.

8. Impact of Climate Change on Coastal Infrastructure and Adaptation Strategies

Abstract: This research focuses on assessing the impact of climate change on coastal infrastructure, including rising sea levels and increased storm intensity. By identifying vulnerable structures and regions, the study aims to develop effective adaptation and mitigation strategies, such as seawalls, breakwaters, and coastal vegetation reinforcement, to protect coastal communities and infrastructure against the effects of climate change.

Research Areas in Civil Engineering

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Sustainable Construction Materials: This study explores the development of sustainable construction materials by repurposing recycled waste, addressing environmental concerns.	Dr. Bharathraj Etigi Y B	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering Materials	
	Dr. Harish B A	Civil Engineering	Concrete Composites & Recycled Aggregates	Jagadeesh V M
Water Resource Management: Through the strategic capture and storage of rainwater, the research aims to optimize water availability and mitigate scarcity.	Dr. Kiran Kumar H S	Civil Engineering	Water and Waste Water Treatment	Avinash H R D
	Dr. Arun Kumar S L	Civil Engineering	Water Shed Management & Remote Sensing and GIS	
Wastewater Treatment: The study provides insights into enhancing water quality for safe and responsible reuse. The findings contribute to the promotion of efficient water resource management and environmental conservation.	Dr. Kiran Kumar H S	Civil Engineering	Water and Waste Water Treatment	
	Dr. Arun Kumar S L	Civil Engineering	Water Shed Management & Remote Sensing and GIS	
Earthquake-Resistant Design: The research contributes to the development of robust materials and structures capable of withstanding earthquakes. The findings offer valuable insights for creating safer and more durable built environments in seismically active regions.	Dr. Bharathraj Etigi Y B	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering Materials	
	Dr. Varun B K	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering Materials	Kiran Kumar C M Akash C Arakere
	Dr. Harish B A	Civil Engineering	Concrete Composites & Recycled Aggregates	Subramanya P G
	Dr. Hanumesh B M	Civil Engineering	Concrete Composites & FRP Bars	Pruthvi Rani K M

Research Topics - Computer Science and Engineering

1. Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI): Bridging the Gap between Performance and Interpretability

Abstract: This research focuses on developing advanced algorithms and methodologies for Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI). The goal is to enhance the transparency and interpretability of complex machine learning models. By creating models that provide understandable explanations for their decisions, this research contributes to building trust in AI systems, making them more accessible for critical applications such as healthcare diagnostics, financial decision-making, and autonomous vehicles.

2. Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning Techniques for Sensitive Data

Abstract: Addressing the growing concerns over data privacy, this research investigates privacy-preserving machine learning techniques. The study aims to develop algorithms that allow the training of machine learning models on sensitive data without exposing individual details. The outcomes of this research could have far-reaching implications for healthcare, finance, and other industries where preserving data privacy is paramount.

3. Blockchain-based Decentralized Applications (DApps) for Social Impact

Abstract: This research explores the design and implementation of decentralized applications (DApps) using block chain technology to address societal challenges. By leveraging the decentralized and transparent nature of block chain, the project aims to develop applications that can improve transparency, accountability, and efficiency in areas such as supply chain management, voting systems, and charitable donations.

4. Human-Computer Interaction in Virtual Reality (VR) Environments: Enhancing User Experience

Abstract: With the growing popularity of virtual reality, this research focuses on improving Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) within VR environments. The study aims to enhance user experience by developing novel interaction techniques, immersive interfaces, and realistic simulations. The outcomes could have applications in education, training, gaming, and therapy, creating a positive impact on how users interact with virtual worlds.

5. Cybersecurity for Internet of Things (IoT) Devices: Threat Detection and Mitigation

Abstract: As the number of IoT devices continues to rise, so does the potential for cybersecurity threats. This research focuses on developing effective and efficient cybersecurity solutions for IoT devices. The study aims to design intrusion detection systems, secure communication protocols, and threat mitigation strategies specifically tailored for the unique challenges presented by IoT ecosystems.

6. Natural Language Processing (NLP) for Multilingual Sentiment Analysis

Abstract: In the era of global communication, understanding sentiments expressed in different languages is crucial. This research aims to advance Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques for sentiment analysis in a multilingual context. By developing models that can accurately analyze sentiments across languages, the study contributes to applications such as social media monitoring, customer feedback analysis, and opinion mining on a global scale.

7. Edge Computing for Real-Time Processing of IoT Data

Abstract: This research focuses on leveraging edge computing to process and analyze data generated by IoT devices in real-time. By distributing computational tasks closer to the data source, the study aims to reduce latency, improve system responsiveness, and optimize bandwidth usage. The outcomes could enhance the efficiency of IoT applications in areas such as smart cities, healthcare monitoring, and industrial automation.

8. Responsible AI: Ethical Considerations in Machine Learning and Decision-making Systems

Abstract: With the increased deployment of AI systems in critical decision-making processes, this research addresses the ethical considerations surrounding AI technologies. The study aims to develop frameworks for building responsible and ethical AI models, focusing on issues such as bias mitigation, fairness, and accountability. This research contributes to ensuring that AI technologies are developed and deployed in ways that align with societal values and ethical standards.

Research Areas in Computer Science and Engineering

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Advances in Image Processing and Pattern Recognition: This research explores recent advances in image processing and pattern recognition, showcasing cutting-edge techniques and methodologies. The study investigates innovative algorithms and technologies that enhance the accuracy and efficiency of image analysis.	Dr. Sanjay Pande M B	CSE	Image Processing & Medical Imaging, Neurological Disorders	
	Dr. Shivanagowda G M	CSE	Personalized Learning Environment, Recommendation System, Local and Indoor Navigation System.	Rashmi S C Devraj H S
	Dr. Shweta Marigoudar	CA	Image Processing, Machine Learning, Pattern Recognition	Chetan Kumar G S* Rekha M R Sindhu K S
	Dr. Asha K	AIML	Image Processing & Pattern Recognition	Kavyashree P N
	Dr. Aruna Kumar B T	CSE	Image Processing & Video Processing	Dayanand Bhovi*
	Dr. Rachana P G	CSE	Image Processing & Machine Learning	Manjula K Usha N* Varun K S
Cybersecurity for Internet of Things (IoT) Devices: Threat Detection and Mitigation: This study addresses cybersecurity concerns in Internet of Things (IoT) devices, focusing on threat detection and mitigation strategies. Through advanced security measures, the research aims to	Dr. Sunil Kumar B S	ISE	Cyber Security, Networking, Image/Video Processing	Soumya Yattinahalli
	Dr. Veergangadhara Swamy T M	ISE	Data Mining	Prakasha N

safeguard IoT ecosystems from potential vulnerabilities.	Dr. Shankarayya Shastri	CSE	Text Mining, Data Mining, Natural Language Processing	--
	Dr. Nasreen Taj M B	ISE	Data Mining, NLP, Sentimental Analysis	Ashwini G T
	Dr. Neelambike S	ISE	Data Mining, IOT & Communication Network	Ashwini A M Thippeswamy G N

Research Topics - Applied Mathematics

1. Mathematical Modelling of Epidemic Spreads

Abstract: This research aims to develop and analyse mathematical models for the spread of infectious diseases, incorporating various factors such as transmission rates, population dynamics, and intervention strategies. By simulating different scenarios, the study seeks to provide insights into effective disease control and prevention measures, contributing to public health planning and response efforts.

2. Optimization Techniques for Renewable Energy Systems

Abstract: The project focuses on the application of optimization techniques to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of renewable energy systems. By modelling and solving optimization problems related to energy production, storage, and distribution, the research aims to enhance the reliability and sustainability of renewable energy sources, supporting the transition to cleaner energy solutions.

3. Data Analytics for Financial Market Prediction

Abstract: This research explores the use of advanced data analytics and machine learning algorithms to predict financial market trends. By analysing historical data and identifying patterns, the study seeks to develop predictive models that can inform investment strategies, risk management, and financial decision-making, contributing to the stability and efficiency of financial markets.

4. Graph Theory in Social Network Analysis

Abstract: The project aims to apply principles of graph theory to analyse the structure and dynamics of social networks. By studying properties such as connectivity, centrality, and community structure, the research seeks to uncover insights into social behaviours, information dissemination, and network resilience, offering implications for marketing, cybersecurity, and social policy.

5. Numerical Methods for Environmental Modelling

Abstract: This research investigates the application of numerical methods in modelling environmental systems, such as climate change, pollution dispersion, and natural resource management. By developing and implementing algorithms to solve complex differential equations, the study aims to enhance our understanding of environmental processes and support the development of sustainable management practices.

6. Mathematical Approaches to Image Processing and Analysis

Abstract: The project focuses on the development of mathematical techniques for image processing and analysis, with applications in medical imaging, remote sensing, and computer vision. By exploring algorithms for image enhancement, segmentation, and feature

extraction, the research seeks to improve the accuracy and efficiency of image-based diagnostics and analysis, impacting healthcare, environmental monitoring, and automation technologies.

7. Optimal Control Theory in Autonomous Systems

Abstract: This research aims to apply optimal control theory to the design and operation of autonomous systems, such as robots and drones. By modelling control problems and solving for optimal strategies, the study seeks to enhance the performance, safety, and efficiency of autonomous operations, contributing to advancements in robotics, transportation, and logistics.

8. Machine Learning Algorithms for Predictive Maintenance

Abstract: The project investigates the use of machine learning algorithms to predict equipment failures and optimize maintenance schedules in industrial settings. By analysing sensor data and identifying patterns indicative of potential failures, the research aims to develop predictive maintenance models that can reduce downtime, extend equipment lifespan, and lower maintenance costs, supporting the reliability and efficiency of manufacturing and industrial processes.

Research Areas in Applied Mathematics

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Mathematical Modelling and its applications: This study delves into the versatile realm of mathematical modelling and its wide-ranging applications across various disciplines. Exploring diverse mathematical approaches, the research highlights the significance of modelling in understanding complex phenomena and making informed predictions.	Dr. Onkarappa K S	Mathematics	Mathematical Modelling	Meghana S
	Dr. Madhukesh J K	Mathematics	Fluid mechanics, Heat and Mass transfer, nanofluid flow, Newtonian and Non Newtonian fluids, Artificial Neural Networks, Optimization techniques.	

Research Topics - Biomedical Engineering

1. Wearable Health Monitoring Devices: Design and Application

Abstract: This research aims to design and develop wearable health monitoring devices that can track vital signs and physical activity in real-time. By leveraging advanced sensors and IoT technology, the study seeks to create user-friendly, non-invasive devices that facilitate early detection of health issues, promote healthy lifestyles, and support remote patient monitoring. The outcomes could significantly contribute to personalized healthcare and disease prevention.

2. Biodegradable Implants for Bone Regeneration

Abstract: The project focuses on the development of biodegradable implants for bone regeneration, using innovative materials that safely dissolve in the body after serving their purpose. By investigating the mechanical properties and biocompatibility of these materials, the research aims to provide solutions for patients requiring bone grafts, reducing the need for secondary surgeries and enhancing the recovery process.

3. Nanotechnology in Targeted Drug Delivery Systems

Abstract: This research explores the application of nanotechnology in developing targeted drug delivery systems. By engineering nanoparticles that can selectively deliver drugs to specific types of cells, such as cancer cells, the study seeks to minimize the side effects and improve the efficacy of treatments. This approach promises to revolutionize chemotherapy and other drug therapies, making them safer and more effective.

4. Artificial Intelligence in Diagnostic Imaging

Abstract: The project aims to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) with diagnostic imaging techniques to improve the accuracy and efficiency of disease diagnosis. By training AI algorithms on large datasets of medical images, the research seeks to enable the early detection of diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disorders, and neurological conditions, thereby enhancing patient outcomes and healthcare delivery.

5. 3D Bioprinting of Tissues and Organs

Abstract: This research investigates the potential of 3D bioprinting technology to fabricate tissues and organs for transplantation. By developing bioinks and printing techniques that mimic the complex structures of biological tissues, the study aims to address the shortage of donor organs and advance regenerative medicine, offering new hope to patients with organ failure.

6. Biosensors for Early Disease Detection

Abstract: The project focuses on the development of advanced biosensors capable of detecting biomarkers for early-stage diseases. By leveraging cutting-edge materials and

detection methods, the research aims to create sensitive, specific, and non-invasive diagnostic tools that can be used in clinical settings or at home, facilitating prompt intervention and improving health outcomes.

7. Robotic Systems for Surgical Assistance

Abstract: This research aims to design and evaluate robotic systems that can assist surgeons in performing precise and minimally invasive procedures. By enhancing the capabilities of surgical robots with improved dexterity, feedback mechanisms, and AI-driven decision support, the study seeks to improve surgical outcomes, reduce patient recovery times, and advance the field of robotic surgery.

8. Smart Prosthetics: Integrating Sensation and Motor Control

Abstract: The project explores the development of smart prosthetic limbs that mimic the functionality of natural limbs, including sensation and motor control. By incorporating sensory feedback mechanisms and machine learning algorithms into prosthetic design, the research aims to improve the usability and lifelikeness of prosthetics, enhancing the quality of life for amputees.

Research Areas in Biomedical Engineering

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise
Artificial Intelligence in Diagnostic Imaging: This research investigates the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in diagnostic imaging, aiming to enhance accuracy and efficiency in medical diagnostics. Through advanced machine learning algorithms, the study explores AI's potential for rapid and precise image analysis. Findings contribute insights into optimizing diagnostic workflows and improving the overall quality of medical imaging interpretations.	Dr. Sanjay Pande M B	CSE	Image Processing & Medical Imaging, Application Software to understand Neurological Disorders
	Dr. Rachana P G	CSE	Image Processing & Machine Learning
Smart Prosthetics: This research delves into the realm of smart prosthetics, exploring advanced technologies that enhance functionality and user experience. Investigating sensor integration and responsive control.	Dr. Srinivasa C V	Mechanical Engineering	Solid Mechanics- Vibration, Acoustics, FEM & Natural Fiber Composites
	Dr. Bharath K N	Mechanical Engineering	Bio-Composite Materials, Automotive Composites & Advanced Material Characterization

Research Topics - Botany

1. Epigenetic Regulation of Plant Stress Responses

Abstract: This research explores how epigenetic modifications—such as DNA methylation and histone tail modifications—regulate plant responses to drought, salinity, and temperature stress. By profiling stress-sensitive epialleles and editing chromatin regulators, the study aims to uncover mechanisms that stabilize stress tolerance across generations. These discoveries could help breed stress-resilient crops without genetic modification.

2. Acoustic Communication and Volatile Signaling in Plants

Abstract: Investigating plant-emitted ultrasonic sounds and volatile organic compounds under stress conditions, this study examines how insects and neighboring plants perceive these signals. Field and lab assays will test insect behavior in response to acoustic emissions, aiming to develop novel pest management strategies that disrupt harmful host-selection cues.

3. De Novo Domestication of Perennial Crops via Genome Editing

Abstract: This research targets the genome editing of wild perennial relatives of cereals to rapidly domesticate them for agricultural use. By editing key regulatory genes related to seed shattering, perennial growth, and nutrient remobilization, the study aims to produce self-sustaining perennial grains. These can reduce soil disturbance and improve sustainability in agronomy.

4. Synthetic Microbial Communities for Plant Growth Promotion

Abstract: This project develops engineered microbial consortia to support non-leguminous crop growth via nitrogen fixation, phosphate solubilization, and hormone production. Using synthetic biology to construct defined communities, the work will test their impact on yields under abiotic stress in greenhouse trials—and potential field applications follow. Wikipedia

5. 3D Reconstruction and AI-Driven Phenotyping in the Field

Abstract: Combining robotics, AI, and advanced imaging, this study deploys autonomous phenotyping robots using Neural Radiance Fields (NeRF) and 3D Gaussian Splatting for high-resolution plant shape reconstruction. The goal is efficient trait monitoring in real-world field conditions to accelerate selection in breeding programs.

6. Nanotechnology-Based Sensors for Precision Plant Diagnostics

Abstract: This research develops nanosensors capable of detecting nutrient levels, pathogen presence, and water stress in real time. These graphene-based or zinc-oxide sensors will be deployed in soil and leaf microenvironments to inform irrigation, fertilization, and disease interventions with sub-hour responsiveness.

7. Big-Data and AI in Modeling Plant Stress Networks

Abstract: Leveraging transcriptomics, metabolomics, and environmental datasets, this study applies machine learning models to predict plant stress responses. It seeks to identify key

gene regulatory networks and biomarkers of resilience, facilitating accelerated breeding of climate-adapted crops across species.

8. Conservation of Mycorrhizal Fungal Networks for Ecosystem Stability

Abstract: This topic examines global distribution and ecological roles of mycorrhizal fungi using machine-learning maps derived from billions of fungal sequences. The study evaluates how protecting fungal hotspots can support carbon sequestration, plant health, and biodiversity in agroecosystems and natural forests.

Research Areas in Botany

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Conservation of Mycorrhizal Fungal Networks for Ecosystem Stability: This topic examines global distribution and ecological roles of mycorrhizal fungi using machine learning maps derived from billions of fungal sequences. The study evaluates how protecting fungal hotspots can support carbon sequestration, plant health, and biodiversity in agroecosystems and natural forests.	Dr. Aruna Charantimath	Botany	Botany (Microbiology)	Manjunath Swamy K S

Research Topics - Biotechnology

1. CRISPR-Cas9 for Targeted Gene Editing in Rare Genetic Disorders

Abstract: This research aims to explore the potential of CRISPR-Cas9 technology for the precise editing of genes responsible for rare genetic disorders. By developing targeted gene-editing strategies, the study seeks to correct genetic mutations at the DNA level, offering a revolutionary approach to treating diseases that currently lack effective therapies. The outcomes could pave the way for personalized medicine and provide hope for patients with previously untreatable conditions.

2. Development of Biodegradable Plastics from Agricultural Waste

Abstract: Addressing the global challenge of plastic pollution, this research focuses on the development of biodegradable plastics using cellulose-rich agricultural waste. By employing microbial fermentation processes and biopolymer extraction techniques, the study aims to create sustainable and eco-friendly plastic alternatives. This research could significantly reduce reliance on fossil fuels, lower carbon emissions, and provide an innovative solution to waste management.

3. Bioinformatics Approaches for Understanding Microbial Community Dynamics

Abstract: This research explores the use of bioinformatics tools to analyze and understand the dynamics of microbial communities in various environments. By sequencing and analyzing microbial genomes, the study aims to uncover interactions within microbial ecosystems and their impacts on human health, agriculture, and environmental sustainability. The outcomes could lead to the development of novel biotechnological applications, including disease control, enhanced crop production, and bioremediation strategies.

4. Synthetic Biology for the Production of Biofuels from Algae

Abstract: Leveraging synthetic biology, this research aims to optimize the metabolic pathways of algae for enhanced biofuel production. By genetically engineering algae to increase lipid accumulation and growth rates, the study seeks to develop a cost-effective and sustainable source of biofuels. This research could contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on non-renewable energy sources, offering a green alternative to traditional fuels.

5. Nanotechnology in Drug Delivery Systems

Abstract: This research focuses on the application of nanotechnology to develop innovative drug delivery systems. By designing nanocarriers that can precisely target diseased cells and release therapeutic agents in a controlled manner, the study aims to improve the efficacy and reduce the side effects of treatments. This research could revolutionize the field of medicine, particularly for cancer therapy, by enabling more efficient and patient-friendly treatment modalities.

6. Tissue Engineering for Regenerative Medicine

Abstract: The project aims to advance tissue engineering techniques for regenerative medicine applications. By developing scaffold materials that support cell growth and differentiation, along with bioreactors that mimic physiological conditions, the study seeks to engineer functional tissues for transplantation. This research could address the shortage of donor organs and offer new treatments for patients with tissue damage or degenerative diseases.

7. Environmental Biotechnology for Water and Air Purification

Abstract: This research explores the use of biotechnological solutions for the purification of water and air. By harnessing the capabilities of microorganisms to degrade pollutants, the study aims to develop effective and sustainable purification systems. The outcomes could provide innovative solutions to global environmental challenges, including water scarcity and air pollution, contributing to the health and well-being of communities worldwide.

8. Genome Editing for Enhanced Crop Resistance to Pests and Diseases

Abstract: Focusing on food security, this research aims to utilize genome editing techniques, such as CRISPR-Cas9, to develop crop varieties with improved resistance to pests and diseases. By targeting specific genes responsible for plant immunity, the study seeks to enhance crop yields and reduce the reliance on chemical pesticides. This research could contribute to sustainable agriculture practices, ensuring food security and environmental protection.

Research Areas in Biotechnology

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Biodegradable Plastics from Agricultural Waste: This research investigates the development of biodegradable plastics derived from agricultural waste, offering an eco-friendly alternative to conventional plastics. Exploring innovative processes, the study focuses on transforming agricultural by-products into sustainable and biocompatible materials.	Dr. Gurumurthy H	Biotechnology	Bio-Informatics & Plant Biotechnology	Kavya P Poojar
	Dr. Pavan K J	Biotechnology	Plant & Agricultural Bio-Technology	
Synthetic Biology for the Production of Biofuels from Algae: This research explores the application of synthetic biology in harnessing algae for biofuel production. The findings contribute to the advancement of sustainable energy solutions, offering insights into the potential of synthetic biology for enhancing biofuel production efficiency from algae.	Dr. Pavan K J	Biotechnology	Plant & Agricultural Bio-Technology	
	Dr. Pradeep M J	Biotechnology	Bio-Chemical Engineering	
Bioinformatics Approaches for Understanding Microbial Community Dynamics: This study employs bioinformatics tools to unravel the complexities of microbial community dynamics. By analyzing genetic and molecular data, the research explores intricate relationships and ecological patterns within microbial communities.	Dr. Prakash K K	Biotechnology	Microbial Bio-Technology	
	Dr. Poojitha B S	Biotechnology	Cancer Biology	

Research Topics - Commerce

1. Digital Currency and Its Impact on Traditional Banking

Abstract: This research aims to explore the burgeoning domain of digital currencies, including cryptocurrencies and central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), and their potential impacts on traditional banking systems. By examining the operational mechanisms, benefits, and risks associated with digital currencies, the study seeks to provide insights into how these innovations could reshape financial transactions, banking operations, and the global economy.

2. E-commerce Growth Strategies in Emerging Markets

Abstract: The project focuses on identifying successful e-commerce growth strategies within emerging markets. By analysing market trends, consumer behaviour, and business models that have shown resilience and scalability in these regions, the research aims to offer actionable insights for businesses looking to expand their e-commerce presence in less developed economies, contributing to economic development and digital inclusivity.

3. Sustainability Reporting and Corporate Social Responsibility

Abstract: This research investigates the evolving landscape of sustainability reporting and its implications for corporate social responsibility (CSR) in business operations. By examining the standards, practices, and impacts of sustainability reporting, the study seeks to understand how companies can better integrate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria into their strategic planning, thereby enhancing their social license to operate and contributing to sustainable development goals.

4. Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Customer Service Management

Abstract: The project aims to explore the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies on customer service management across various industries. By studying AI applications in customer service, such as chatbots and personalized recommendations, the research seeks to assess the implications for customer satisfaction, operational efficiency, and competitive advantage, offering insights into best practices for integrating AI into customer service strategies.

5. Behavioural Finance and Investment Decision Making

Abstract: This research delves into the field of behavioural finance to understand how psychological factors influence investment decisions and market outcomes. By examining biases, heuristics, and emotional aspects that affect investor behaviour, the study aims to provide a deeper understanding of market anomalies and suggest strategies for investors and financial advisors to mitigate the impact of irrational decision-making.

6. Supply Chain Resilience in the Face of Global Disruptions

Abstract: The project investigates strategies for building resilience in supply chains against global disruptions such as pandemics, natural disasters, and geopolitical conflicts. By analysing case studies of successful supply chain adaptations and employing theoretical frameworks, the research seeks to identify best practices for companies to enhance their supply chain agility, robustness, and responsiveness, ensuring business continuity in uncertain times.

7. The Role of FinTech in Enhancing Financial Inclusion

Abstract: This research explores the role of financial technology (FinTech) startups and platforms in enhancing financial inclusion among underserved populations. By examining the services offered by FinTech companies, such as mobile payments, microfinance, and peer-to-peer lending, the study aims to assess their impact on reducing barriers to financial services and contributing to economic empowerment.

8. Consumer Perceptions of Privacy and Security in Online Transactions

Abstract: The project aims to investigate consumer perceptions of privacy and security in online transactions and their impact on e-commerce behaviour. By surveying consumer attitudes towards data privacy, cybersecurity measures, and trust in online platforms, the research seeks to offer insights into how businesses can better protect customer data and build trust in their online services, enhancing the overall security and reliability of e-commerce ecosystems.

Research Areas in Commerce

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
E-commerce Growth Strategies: This study investigates e-commerce growth strategies tailored for emerging markets, analyzing innovative approaches to navigate unique challenges and capitalize on opportunities. The research provides insights into adapting business models and marketing strategies to foster successful and sustainable e-commerce expansion in dynamic emerging market environments.	Dr. Shweta H S	Commerce	Finance, HRM, Entrepreneurship	Anusha S H Kiran Kumar G K Raveesh C
	Dr. Gangadhara G Hugar	Commerce	Marketing, HR	
	Dr. Basavaraju P S	Management	Finance, Derivatives, Investment, International Insurance, Information Technology, Data Analysis, Econometrics	

Research Topics - Electrical Engineering

1. Smart Grid Technologies for Sustainable Energy Management

Abstract: This research focuses on the development of smart grid technologies to optimize the generation, distribution, and consumption of electrical energy. By integrating renewable energy sources, advanced metering infrastructure, and energy storage solutions, the study aims to enhance the efficiency and reliability of the electrical grid. This research could contribute to the transition towards sustainable energy systems, reducing dependence on fossil fuels and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

2. Wireless Power Transfer for Electric Vehicles: Enhancing Efficiency and Convenience

Abstract: With the rise of electric vehicles (EVs), efficient wireless power transfer (WPT) technologies become crucial. This research aims to improve the efficiency and convenience of WPT systems for charging EVs. By optimizing coil designs, resonance technologies, and control algorithms, the project seeks to enhance the transfer efficiency and user experience, contributing to the widespread adoption of electric vehicles and reducing reliance on traditional fuel sources.

3. Internet of Things (IoT) Integration in Power Systems: Enhancing Monitoring and Control

Abstract: This research explores the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies in power systems for real-time monitoring and control. By deploying smart sensors and communication networks, the study aims to create a responsive and interconnected power grid. The outcomes could lead to improved fault detection, energy efficiency, and overall reliability, benefiting both the electrical infrastructure and end-users.

4. Energy-Efficient Lighting Systems Using Advanced LED Technologies

Abstract: This research focuses on advancing energy-efficient lighting systems through the development of innovative Light Emitting Diode (LED) technologies. By exploring novel materials, designs, and control strategies, the project aims to enhance the efficiency, lifespan, and color rendering of LED lighting. This research could contribute to reducing energy consumption in lighting applications, leading to both economic and environmental benefits.

5. High-Frequency Wireless Power Transfer for Biomedical Implants

Abstract: This research aims to develop high-frequency wireless power transfer systems for biomedical implants, such as pacemakers and neurostimulators. By optimizing the resonance and coupling between the transmitter and receiver, the study seeks to improve power transfer efficiency and minimize the size of the implantable devices. The outcomes could lead to longer-lasting, more compact biomedical implants, improving patient comfort and reducing the need for frequent replacements.

6. Energy Harvesting from Ambient Sources for Low-Power Electronics

Abstract: This research explores the potential of energy harvesting from ambient sources, such as vibrations, sunlight, and radiofrequency signals, to power low-energy electronic devices. By developing efficient energy harvesting systems and storage solutions, the study aims to extend the operational lifespan of battery-powered devices or eliminate the need for batteries altogether. This research could have applications in remote sensing, IoT devices, and wearable electronics.

7. Advanced Control Strategies for Microgrid Systems

Abstract: Microgrid systems are gaining prominence for their ability to operate autonomously or in conjunction with the main power grid. This research focuses on developing advanced control strategies for microgrids, optimizing energy generation, storage, and distribution. By incorporating predictive algorithms and real-time data analytics, the study aims to enhance the stability, reliability, and efficiency of microgrid systems, contributing to the resilience of distributed energy networks.

8. Robotics in Power Line Inspection and Maintenance

Abstract: This research explores the integration of robotics in power line inspection and maintenance tasks. By developing autonomous or remotely controlled robots equipped with sensors and tools, the study aims to improve the efficiency and safety of power line operations. This research could lead to advancements in predictive maintenance, reducing downtime and enhancing the reliability of electrical infrastructure.

Research Areas in Electrical Engineering

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Advanced Electronic Systems: VLSI (Very-Large-Scale Integration) in Electrical Engineering involves designing and integrating thousands of transistors into a single chip for advanced electronic circuits. Low Power VLSI focuses on optimizing power consumption, making it essential for energy-efficient devices like portable electronics and embedded systems.	Dr. Praveen J	EEE	VLSI/Low Power VLSI	
Fuel Cell Technologies: This research explores fuel cell technologies, investigating advancements in design, efficiency, and applications, with a focus on sustainable energy solutions. The study aims to contribute insights into the evolving landscape of fuel cells, emphasizing their potential in addressing clean energy challenges and fostering a greener future.	Dr. U M Netravati	EEE	PEM Fuel Cells	Shilpa S K
	Dr. Rajkumar D G	Robotics and Automation	Renewable energy	

Research Topics - Electronics and Communication Engineering

1. Energy-Efficient 5G Wireless Networks

Abstract: This research aims to address the energy consumption challenges of 5G wireless networks, focusing on the development of energy-efficient protocols and architectures. By leveraging advanced network management techniques, such as network slicing and beamforming, the study seeks to optimize energy usage in 5G networks without compromising performance. The outcomes could significantly reduce the carbon footprint of telecommunication networks and pave the way for sustainable growth in mobile communications.

2. Wearable Health Monitoring Systems

Abstract: The project focuses on designing and developing low-power, non-invasive wearable devices for continuous health monitoring. By integrating sensors, IoT technology, and data analytics, these devices will monitor vital signs and detect anomalies in real-time, offering early warnings for potential health issues. This research aims to enhance individual health management and could have profound implications for preventive medicine and remote healthcare services.

3. Enhanced Security Protocols for IoT Devices

Abstract: With the exponential growth of IoT devices, security vulnerabilities have become a significant concern. This research proposes the development of robust security protocols specifically designed for IoT ecosystems. By addressing challenges such as authentication, encryption, and data integrity, the project aims to safeguard IoT devices against cyber threats, ensuring user privacy and the secure deployment of IoT solutions across various sectors.

4. Next-Generation LiDAR Systems for Autonomous Vehicles

Abstract: This research aims to advance LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) technology for use in autonomous vehicles, focusing on improving range, resolution, and reliability while reducing cost. By developing innovative scanning methods and signal processing algorithms, the project seeks to enhance the vehicle's environmental perception, enabling safer and more efficient navigation. The successful development of next-generation LiDAR systems could accelerate the adoption of autonomous vehicles, with significant benefits for traffic efficiency and road safety.

5. Smart Grid Technologies for Sustainable Energy Management

Abstract: The project explores the development of smart grid technologies to optimize the distribution and consumption of electrical energy. By integrating renewable energy sources, advanced metering infrastructure, and energy storage solutions, the study aims to enhance the efficiency and reliability of the electrical grid. This research could contribute to the

transition towards sustainable energy systems, reducing dependence on fossil fuels and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

6. Quantum Computing and Its Applications in Cryptography

Abstract: This research investigates the potential of quantum computing in revolutionizing cryptography. By exploring quantum algorithms, such as Shor's algorithm for integer factorization, the study aims to develop quantum-resistant cryptographic protocols. This is critical for ensuring the security of digital communications in the post-quantum era. The outcomes could redefine the standards of data security and have wide-ranging implications for industries reliant on cryptography.

7. Advanced Algorithms for Deep Learning in Image Processing

Abstract: The project focuses on developing advanced deep learning algorithms for image processing applications, such as object recognition, image segmentation, and enhancement. By leveraging neural networks and machine learning techniques, the research aims to improve the accuracy and efficiency of image processing tasks. This could have significant applications in medical imaging, surveillance, and multimedia, enhancing the capabilities of AI-driven analysis and decision-making.

8. High-Efficiency Solar Cells Using Nanotechnology

Abstract: This research aims to increase the efficiency of solar cells through the integration of nanomaterials. By designing nanostructures that enhance light absorption and minimize energy loss, the project seeks to develop solar cells with significantly improved performance. This could lead to more cost-effective and sustainable solar energy solutions, contributing to the global effort to combat climate change by reducing reliance on non-renewable energy sources.

Research Areas in Electronics and Communication Engineering

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Advanced Electronic Systems: This study delves into advanced electronic systems, exploring cutting-edge technologies and methodologies to enhance efficiency, reliability, and functionality in electronic devices. The research aims to contribute to the evolution of electronic systems, fostering innovation and addressing the demands of a rapidly advancing technological landscape.	Dr. Praveen J	ECE	VLSI/Low Power VLSI	Deepika V B Manjya Naik R
	Dr. Rajashekar Somasagar	ECE	Signal Processing & Embedded Systems	Basavaraja A S
Energy-Efficient 5G Wireless Networks: This research focuses on energy- efficient 5G wireless networks, investigating strategies to optimize power consumption without compromising network performance.	Dr. Vishwaraj	ECE	Signal Processing & Wireless Communication	--
	Dr. Suprith P G	ECE	Signal Processing & Wireless Communication	--
Wearable Health Monitoring Systems: This study explores wearable health monitoring systems, investigating their impact on remote patient care and health data analysis. The research aims to contribute insights into the design and effectiveness of wearable devices for real-time health monitoring, emphasizing their role in advancing personalized and accessible healthcare solutions.	Dr. Rajashekar Somasagar	ECE	Signal Processing & Embedded Systems	Akshatha Chavan H J Jambukesh
	Dr. Kavitha K J	ECE	Signal Processing & Medical Image Processing	Gnanika I V Abhilash L N Tanuja T
	Dr. Vishwaraj	ECE	Signal Processing & Wireless Communication	--

	Dr. Suprith P G	ECE	Signal Processing & Wireless Communication	--
Advanced Algorithms for Deep Learning in Image Processing: This research delves into advanced algorithms for deep learning in image processing, exploring innovative techniques to enhance accuracy and efficiency in visual data analysis.	Dr. Somashekar G C	ECE	Image Processing	--
Radiation Effects on Semiconductor Devices, Materials and Characterization: Radiation affects semiconductor devices by causing ionizing and displacement damage, leading to performance degradation and failures. Radiation-hardened materials like SOI, Si, Ga ₂ O ₃ and GaN, along with techniques like DLTS and TEM, are used for damage assessment and mitigation.	Dr. Pradeep T M	ECE	Semiconductor Devices, Materials and Characterization	--
Networking, IoT and Cryptography: Networking, IoT, and Cryptography together enable secure and efficient communication between interconnected devices in smart systems. While networking and IoT handle data exchange and device integration, cryptography ensures data confidentiality and integrity.	Dr. Chaitra S N	ECE	Networking, IoT and Cryptography	--

Research Topics - Food Science and Technology

1. Enhancing Nutritional Value through Food Fortification

Abstract: This research aims to address micronutrient deficiencies by developing methods for the fortification of staple foods with essential vitamins and minerals. By identifying nutrient deficiencies prevalent in various populations and exploring cost-effective fortification techniques, the study seeks to improve public health outcomes and reduce the incidence of malnutrition-related diseases.

2. Development of Plant-based Meat Alternatives

Abstract: The project focuses on creating sustainable and nutritious plant-based meat alternatives that mimic the taste, texture, and nutritional profile of animal meat. By experimenting with various plant proteins, binding agents, and flavorings, the research aims to contribute to the reduction of environmental impact associated with livestock farming, while catering to the dietary preferences of vegetarians, vegans, and meat-eaters looking for alternative protein sources.

3. Food Waste Reduction through Innovative Packaging Solutions

Abstract: This research explores the development of innovative food packaging solutions that extend the shelf life of perishable goods. By incorporating biodegradable materials and active packaging technologies that can interact with food to maintain freshness, the study seeks to reduce food waste and improve food security while minimizing environmental impact.

4. Application of Nanotechnology in Food Safety and Quality

Abstract: The project aims to utilize nanotechnology for the detection of pathogens and contaminants in food, as well as for enhancing food preservation and packaging. By developing nanosensors and nanomaterial-based packaging, the research seeks to ensure food safety and quality, reducing the risk of foodborne illnesses and extending the shelf life of food products.

5. Functional Foods for Chronic Disease Management

Abstract: This research investigates the development of functional foods enriched with bioactive compounds that can contribute to the management and prevention of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. By identifying and quantifying health-promoting ingredients and studying their effects on human health, the study aims to provide dietary solutions that support disease management alongside conventional medical treatments.

6. Improving the Sensory Attributes of Gluten-Free Products

Abstract: The project focuses on improving the taste, texture, and overall sensory attributes of gluten-free products to match those of their gluten-containing counterparts. By exploring alternative flours and natural additives, the research seeks to enhance the quality of gluten-free foods, making them more appealing to consumers with celiac disease or gluten sensitivity.

7. Sustainable Aquaculture Practices for Seafood Production

Abstract: This research aims to develop sustainable aquaculture practices that minimize environmental impact while ensuring the production of safe and nutritious seafood. By investigating eco-friendly feed options, disease management strategies, and waste reduction techniques, the study seeks to contribute to the sustainability of the aquaculture industry and promote the consumption of seafood as a healthy protein source.

8. Extraction and Application of Natural Food Colorants

Abstract: The project explores the extraction of natural colorants from fruits, vegetables, and other plant sources, and their application in food products. By developing methods for the stable and efficient extraction of pigments and assessing their safety and efficacy as food colorants, the research aims to replace synthetic colorants with natural alternatives, catering to consumer demand for clean-label ingredients.

Research Areas in Food Science and Technology

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Extraction and Application of Natural Food Colorants: This study investigates the extraction and application of natural food colorants, exploring sustainable alternatives for the food industry. The research aims to contribute insights into utilizing natural sources for vibrant food colors, addressing consumer preferences for healthier and environmentally friendly food products.	Dr. Aruna Charantimath	Botany	Botany (Microbiology)	Manjunath Swamy K S
Food Waste Reduction through Innovative Packaging Solutions: This research explores innovative packaging solutions to reduce food waste, focusing on sustainable and effective methods for extending shelf life and preserving food freshness. The study contributes to addressing the global challenge of food waste, emphasizing the role of packaging innovations in promoting a more efficient and environmentally friendly food supply chain	Dr. Swaroop K	Physics	Material Science, Polymer Nano-composites, Hydrogel Nanocomposites, Biomedical Applications	
	Dr. Gurumurthy H	Biotechnology	Bio-Informatics & Plant Biotechnology	

Research Topics - Management

1. Remote Work and Employee Productivity: A Holistic Examination

Abstract: This research aims to investigate the dynamics of remote work in the modern workplace, considering its impact on employee productivity, job satisfaction, and work-life balance. By employing surveys, interviews, and performance metrics analysis, the study seeks to provide insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with remote work and propose strategies for optimizing virtual work arrangements for both employees and organizations.

2. Ethical Leadership in the Age of Technology: Navigating Moral Dilemmas

Abstract: This project explores the role of ethical leadership in addressing moral dilemmas arising from technological advancements. By examining case studies and conducting interviews with organizational leaders, the research seeks to identify effective ethical leadership practices in managing issues such as data privacy, artificial intelligence ethics, and corporate social responsibility in the digital era.

3. Diversity and Inclusion in Organizational Culture: Assessing Impact and Best Practices

Abstract: This research investigates the impact of diversity and inclusion initiatives on organizational culture, employee engagement, and innovation. By analysing case studies and organizational practices, the study aims to provide evidence-based recommendations for fostering diversity and inclusion in the workplace, contributing to the development of inclusive organizational cultures.

4. Agile Project Management: Success Factors and Implementation Challenges

Abstract: The project focuses on agile project management methodologies and their application in various industries. Through case studies and interviews with project managers, the research aims to identify success factors and challenges associated with agile project management, providing practical insights for organizations seeking to adopt more flexible and responsive project management approaches.

5. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Stakeholder Engagement: A Strategic Perspective

Abstract: This research explores the strategic aspects of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and its impact on stakeholder engagement. By analysing CSR initiatives and their alignment with organizational strategies, the study aims to assess the effectiveness of CSR in building positive stakeholder relationships and contributing to sustainable business practices.

6. Innovative Talent Management Strategies for the Gig Economy

Abstract: The project examines talent management strategies tailored for the gig economy, where temporary and flexible employment arrangements are prevalent. Through interviews

with HR professionals and gig workers, the research seeks to identify innovative approaches to attract, retain, and develop talent in a gig-oriented workforce, contributing to HR practices that align with the changing nature of work.

7. Resilient Supply Chain Management: Strategies for Global Uncertainties

Abstract: This research investigates strategies for building resilience in global supply chains to mitigate uncertainties such as geopolitical tensions, natural disasters, and pandemics. By analysing case studies and employing supply chain models, the study aims to identify best practices for organizations to enhance the resilience and agility of their supply chain networks, ensuring business continuity in turbulent times.

8. Leadership Development for the Digital Age: Navigating Technological Disruption

Abstract: The project explores leadership development programs tailored for the digital age, focusing on the skills and competencies required to lead in a technologically disruptive environment. Through surveys and interviews with current leaders, the research aims to identify key leadership attributes and learning strategies that prepare leaders to navigate digital transformations and lead their organizations towards sustainable success.

Research Areas in Management

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Leadership Development for the Digital Age: This study examines leadership development tailored for the digital age, exploring strategies to cultivate adaptive and tech-savvy leaders. The research contributes insights into navigating the evolving business landscape, emphasizing the importance of digital literacy and agility in effective leadership practices	Dr. Keerthi S	Management	Strategic HR, Talent Management Leadership and Career Management	Rashmi J
Remote Finance Work and Digital Transformation: The research contributes insights into the evolving landscape of finance, emphasizing the crucial role of digital transformation in fostering innovation and adaptability within the financial sector.	Dr. Basavaraju P S	Management	Finance, Derivatives, Investment, International Insurance, Information Technology, Data Analysis, Econometrics	Nischitha K B Darshan B N
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Stakeholder Engagement: A Strategic Perspective By analyzing CSR initiatives and their alignment with organizational strategies, the study aims to assess the effectiveness of CSR in building positive stakeholder relationships and contributing to sustainable business practices.	Dr. Shreeshaile P Vijayapur	Management	Marketing, General Management, Services marketing	Lohit R Patil
Remote Work and Employee Productivity: This research investigates the relationship between remote work and employee productivity, exploring factors influencing	Dr. Shiva Kumar S	Management	Production operation Management, Manufacturing	--

performance in decentralized work environments.	Dr. K. Jagadeswari	Management	Human Resource Management, Recruitment and Selection, Training and development, Entrepreneurship Formation of Business plans, Economics Investment avenues in finance, Insurance, International Finance	Varsha H
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Research Topics - Physics

1. Graphene-Based Energy Storage Systems

Abstract: This research explores the potential of graphene, a two-dimensional form of carbon, in creating high-capacity, fast-charging energy storage systems. By investigating the electrochemical properties of graphene and its composites, the study aims to develop more efficient batteries and supercapacitors. These advancements could revolutionize energy storage in electronics, electric vehicles, and grid storage, contributing to the adoption of renewable energy sources.

2. Photonic Crystals for Next-Generation Optical Devices

Abstract: This research investigates the design and fabrication of photonic crystals to control the flow of light. By manipulating the photonic band gap, the study aims to create materials that can guide, reflect, or completely block certain wavelengths of light, leading to the development of more efficient lasers, solar cells, and optical fibers. This could significantly impact telecommunications, medical devices, and energy harvesting technologies.

3. Materials Science: Superconductors at Higher Temperatures

Abstract: This research explores the development of materials that exhibit superconductivity at higher temperatures. By studying the properties of unconventional superconductors, the project aims to discover new compounds that can operate at or near room temperature, reducing the reliance on expensive cooling systems. This could revolutionize energy transmission, magnetic levitation transportation, and quantum computing.

4. Advanced Materials for Efficient Solar Energy Conversion

Abstract: The project focuses on the development and characterization of advanced materials for efficient solar energy conversion. By exploring novel materials, such as perovskite solar cells and next-generation photovoltaic technologies, the research aims to contribute to the advancement of renewable energy sources, addressing the growing demand for sustainable and efficient energy solutions.

5. Nanotechnology in Medicine: Targeted Drug Delivery and Imaging

Abstract: This project explores the application of nanotechnology in medicine, focusing on targeted drug delivery systems and imaging technologies. By designing and characterizing nanomaterials for specific medical applications, the research aims to enhance the efficiency and precision of drug delivery, as well as improve diagnostic imaging modalities for early disease detection and treatment monitoring.

6. Wearable Sensors for Health Monitoring

Abstract: The project aims to develop wearable sensors that utilize principles of physics to monitor health indicators such as heart rate, blood pressure, and body temperature in real-

time. By integrating flexible materials and low-power electronics, the research seeks to create non-invasive, continuous monitoring devices that can predict and prevent health issues. This could significantly impact personal healthcare, sports science, and remote patient monitoring.

7. Quantum Sensors for Precision Measurements

Abstract: The project explores the development of quantum sensors for high-precision measurements in various fields, including metrology, navigation, and medical imaging. By leveraging quantum properties such as superposition and entanglement, the research aims to enhance the sensitivity and accuracy of sensors, paving the way for advancements in measurement technologies with broad societal applications.

8. Physics of Climate Change: Modelling and Mitigation Strategies

Abstract: This research investigates the physical principles underlying climate change, including the greenhouse effect and energy transfer in the Earth's atmosphere. By developing and using detailed climate models, the study aims to predict future climate scenarios and assess the effectiveness of various mitigation and adaptation strategies. This is crucial for informing policy decisions and promoting sustainable practices worldwide.

Research Areas in Physics

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Advanced Materials: This research explores advanced materials, investigating innovative compositions and structures to enhance properties and applications in diverse industries. The study aims to contribute insights into the development of cutting-edge materials, emphasizing their potential impact on technological advancements and sustainable practices.	Dr. Swaroop K	Physics	Material Science, Polymer Nano-composites, Hydrogel Nanocomposites, Biomedical Applications	Kumaraswamy M E Manjunatha D Megha A H Sahil R
	Dr. Rakesh Vishwarup	Physics	Ferrites	
Nanotechnology in Medicine: This study examines the application of nanotechnology in medicine, exploring nanoscale materials and devices for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. The research contributes insights into the potential of nanotechnology to revolutionize medical treatments.	Dr. Swaroop K	Physics	Material Science, Polymer Nano-composites, Hydrogel Nanocomposites, Biomedical Applications	
	Dr. Vismitha S Patil	Physics	Polymer Nanocomposites, Semiconductor Alloy Quantum Dots, Humidity Sensing	
	Dr. Vijaykumar D J	Physics	Sensing technology, Nanomaterials, Material Science	

Physics of Climate Change: The study contributes insights into the scientific understanding of climate change, emphasizing the importance of physics-based models for formulating effective strategies to address and alleviate its impacts.	Dr. Anand B C	Physics	Condensed Matter Physics	
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Research Topics - Mechanical Engineering

1. Development of Energy-Efficient HVAC Systems Using Phase Change Materials

Abstract: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems are pivotal in maintaining indoor comfort in buildings but are also significant energy consumers. This research aims to innovate in the design and implementation of HVAC systems using Phase Change Materials (PCMs) to enhance energy efficiency. PCMs have the ability to store and release large amounts of energy during phase transitions, potentially reducing the energy consumption of HVAC systems. This study will explore material selection, system integration, and thermal performance analysis of PCM-enhanced HVAC systems. The outcome could significantly reduce electricity consumption in buildings, contributing to energy conservation efforts and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, thus aligning with global sustainability goals.

2. Advanced Composite Materials for Lightweight and Durable Automotive Components

Abstract: The automotive industry constantly seeks ways to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions without compromising vehicle safety or performance. This research proposes the development and characterization of advanced composite materials tailored for automotive components, focusing on enhancing material strength-to-weight ratios. By leveraging novel fiber reinforcements and matrix materials, the project aims to produce components that are significantly lighter yet more durable than their conventional counterparts. The implications of this research could revolutionize automotive design, leading to vehicles that consume less fuel, emit fewer pollutants, and offer improved safety features, ultimately benefiting society at large.

3. Robotics in Agriculture: Developing Autonomous Systems for Precision Farming

Abstract: With the global population projected to reach 9 billion by 2050, increasing agricultural productivity sustainably is more critical than ever. This research focuses on developing autonomous robotic systems for precision farming, aiming to optimize resource use, increase crop yields, and reduce environmental impact. By integrating advanced sensors, artificial intelligence, and machine learning algorithms, these robotic systems will be designed to perform tasks such as planting, weeding, harvesting, and data collection for crop health monitoring. This project has the potential to transform agricultural practices by making them more efficient, sustainable, and less labour-intensive, addressing food security challenges while reducing the environmental footprint of farming.

4. Harnessing Wave Energy: Design and Optimization of Wave Energy Converters

Abstract: Renewable energy sources are vital in transitioning towards a sustainable energy future. This research focuses on harnessing wave energy, a largely untapped, abundant, and consistent energy source. The project aims to design and optimize wave energy converters (WECs) that are efficient, durable, and cost-effective. By exploring innovative designs and control strategies, this study seeks to improve the energy capture efficiency of WECs and

assess their feasibility for large-scale energy production. Successful implementation of this research could significantly contribute to diversifying the renewable energy mix, reducing dependency on fossil fuels, and mitigating climate change impacts.

5. Additive Manufacturing of Bioresorbable Medical Implants

Abstract: Additive manufacturing, or 3D printing, offers unprecedented opportunities in the design and fabrication of medical implants. This research aims to develop bioresorbable implants using additive manufacturing techniques, focusing on materials that safely degrade in the body over time, eliminating the need for surgical removal. The study will explore material properties, degradation rates, and mechanical integrity of implants in physiological conditions. By customizing implants for individual patients, this approach could greatly improve postoperative outcomes, reduce healthcare costs, and advance the field of regenerative medicine. This research stands at the intersection of mechanical engineering, materials science, and biomedical engineering, poised to make significant contributions to patient care and medical technology.

6. Integration of IoT in Predictive Maintenance for Industrial Machinery

Abstract: The advent of the Internet of Things (IoT) offers unprecedented opportunities for improving the reliability and efficiency of industrial machinery. This research aims to develop a predictive maintenance framework by integrating IoT sensors and advanced data analytics into industrial systems. By continuously monitoring machine conditions in real-time, the proposed system will predict failures before they occur, thereby reducing downtime and maintenance costs. The study will focus on sensor selection, data collection strategies, and the development of machine learning models for failure prediction. Implementing this research could lead to significant improvements in manufacturing efficiency, equipment lifespan, and safety, making a substantial impact on the industry's sustainability and profitability.

7. Sustainable Manufacturing Processes through Circular Economy Principles

Abstract: As global environmental concerns escalate, there is an urgent need to rethink manufacturing practices. This research explores the application of circular economy principles in manufacturing processes to enhance sustainability. The project aims to develop methodologies for reducing waste, recycling materials, and remanufacturing parts at the end of their lifecycle. By analysing current manufacturing systems and identifying areas for improvement, the study will propose innovative strategies to minimize environmental impact while maintaining economic viability. The outcomes of this research could lead to more sustainable manufacturing practices that reduce resource consumption and waste generation, contributing to a healthier planet and a more sustainable economy.

8. Thermal Management in Electric Vehicles (EVs) Using Advanced Cooling Technologies

Abstract: As electric vehicles (EVs) become more prevalent, efficient thermal management systems become crucial for their performance, safety, and longevity. This research aims to enhance EV thermal management through the development of advanced cooling technologies. The focus will be on innovative materials and cooling methods, such as phase change materials, liquid cooling solutions, and heat pipes, to efficiently manage the heat generated by batteries, motors, and power electronics. By improving thermal management, this research seeks to extend battery life, increase vehicle range, and reduce charging times, thus addressing some of the main barriers to EV adoption. The successful implementation of these cooling technologies could accelerate the transition to electric mobility, with significant benefits for the environment and society.

Research Areas in Mechanical Engineering

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Advanced Composite Materials for Lightweight and Durable Components: This research investigates advanced composite materials for automotive components, exploring their potential to offer lightweight solutions without compromising durability. The study aims to contribute insights into materials innovation, emphasizing the role of composites in enhancing fuel efficiency and sustainability in the automotive industry.	Dr B R Sreedhar	Mechanical Engineering	Materials Science-Composites	
	Dr. Srinivasa C V	Mechanical Engineering	Solid Mechanics-Vibration, Acoustics, FEM & Natural Fiber Composites	
	Dr. Bharath K N	Mechanical Engineering	Bio-Composite Materials, Automotive Composites & Advanced Material Characterization	Yasmin Begum
	Dr. Harsha H M	Mechanical Engineering	Natural Fiber Hybrid Composites, Fracture Mechanics	
	Dr. Mudasar Pasha B A	Robotics and Automation	Corrosion & Wear	
Thermal Management in Electric Vehicles: This study explores thermal management strategies for electric vehicles, investigating innovative techniques to optimize temperature control in batteries and components. The research aims to contribute insights into enhancing the efficiency and performance of electric vehicles.	Dr. Rajkumar D G	Robotics and Automation	Renewable energy	
	Dr. Basavarajappa S	Mechanical Engineering	Heat Exchanger, Bio Mass Energy & Electronic Cooling	

Research Topics - Chemistry

1. Development of Biodegradable Plastics from Natural Polymers

Abstract: This research aims to address the environmental issues associated with conventional plastics by developing biodegradable plastics from natural polymers. By exploring sources like cellulose, starch, and chitin, the study seeks to create sustainable materials that can decompose in natural environments, reducing plastic pollution and promoting eco-friendly packaging solutions.

2. Advanced Catalysts for Efficient Hydrogen Production

Abstract: The project focuses on the synthesis and application of advanced catalysts to enhance the efficiency of hydrogen production through water electrolysis. By investigating novel materials and nanostructures, the research aims to lower the energy input required for hydrogen generation, paving the way for clean and sustainable energy sources as alternatives to fossil fuels.

3. Carbon Capture and Sequestration Technologies

Abstract: This research explores innovative chemical processes for carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) to mitigate climate change. By developing new absorbents and catalysts that can efficiently capture CO₂ from industrial emissions and store it safely, the project seeks to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere, addressing a critical environmental challenge.

4. Photocatalytic Materials for Pollution Remediation

Abstract: The project aims to develop photocatalytic materials capable of degrading pollutants under sunlight. By harnessing the power of photocatalysis, the research seeks to offer a green and sustainable method for water and air purification, breaking down hazardous substances into harmless products, thus addressing global pollution issues.

5. Smart Drug Delivery Systems Using Nanotechnology

Abstract: This research investigates the use of nanotechnology to design smart drug delivery systems that can precisely target diseased cells without affecting healthy ones. By developing nanoparticles that respond to specific physiological conditions, the study aims to improve the efficacy and reduce the side effects of treatments for cancer and other serious diseases.

6. Synthesis of Organic Light-Emitting Diodes (OLEDs) for Energy-Efficient Lighting

Abstract: The project focuses on the synthesis of novel organic compounds suitable for use in OLEDs. By exploring materials that offer high luminous efficiency and stability, the research aims to contribute to the development of energy-efficient and durable lighting solutions, reducing global energy consumption and CO₂ emissions.

7. Chemical Sensors for Environmental Monitoring

Abstract: This research aims to develop highly sensitive and selective chemical sensors for the detection of environmental pollutants. By employing advanced materials and detection techniques, the study seeks to create portable and reliable sensors that can monitor air and water quality in real-time, facilitating the early detection of pollution and preventing environmental degradation.

8. Green Synthesis of Nanomaterials

Abstract: The project explores green synthesis methods for nanomaterials, using biological agents such as plant extracts and microorganisms. By developing environmentally friendly and sustainable synthesis approaches, the research aims to reduce the use of toxic chemicals and energy-intensive processes in nanomaterial production, promoting the application of nanotechnology in a manner that is safe for both people and the planet.

Research Areas in Chemistry

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Smart Drug Delivery Systems Using Nanotechnology: This research explores smart drug delivery systems employing nanotechnology, investigating precision-controlled mechanisms for targeted and efficient drug release.	Dr. V S Betageri	Chemistry	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	Shreeroopa
	Dr. Shivarudrappa H P	Chemistry	Medicinal Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Material Chemistry	
Nanomaterial, Nanotechnology and its Applications: This study delves into nanomaterials and nanotechnology, exploring their diverse applications across various fields, including medicine, electronics, and energy. The research contributes insights into the wide-ranging impact of nanotechnology, emphasizing its role in fostering innovations and addressing complex challenges through nanoscale advancements.	Dr. Santhosh B M	Chemistry	Electrochemistry, Nanotechnology Material Chemistry, Sensors, Biosensor	Jayashree N Aishwarya M G Nisha S P
	Dr. Veerabhadraswamy B N	Chemistry	Synthesis and Characterization of Organic, Liquid Crystals, Nanomaterials, Sensors	Shamala H M
	Dr. Kiran M S	Chemistry	Nano-Chemistry, Material Synthesis	
Synthesis of Organic Light-Emitting Diodes (OLEDs): This research focuses on the synthesis of Organic Light-Emitting Diodes (OLEDs), exploring methods to enhance efficiency and performance in organic electronic devices. The study contributes insights into the fabrication processes of OLEDs, emphasizing advancements in organic materials for achieving brighter and more energy-efficient displays.	Dr. Veerabhadraswamy B N	Chemistry	Synthesis and Characterization of Organic, Liquid Crystals, Nanomaterials, Sensors	

Research Topics – Zoology

1. CRISPR-mediated Gene Editing for Genetic Disease Resistance in Endangered Wildlife

Abstract: This research explores the use of CRISPR-Cas9 to introduce disease-resistance alleles into populations of endangered species (e.g., white-rhino, amphibians), correcting deleterious variants to enhance survival. Leveraging non-invasive genetic sampling and somatic cell nuclear transfer or IVF, the study aims to support genetic rescue efforts and reduce inbreeding risk. Outcomes could bolster conservation genomics and safeguard vulnerable species.

2. Biodegradation of Microplastics by Marine Invertebrate Microbiomes

Abstract: This study investigates microbial communities in marine invertebrates (e.g., oysters, worms) capable of degrading microplastics. Through metagenomic sequencing and isolation of plastic-degrading enzymes, the research aims to develop bioreactors using microbiomes to break down pollutants. Success could lead to eco-friendly mitigation strategies for ocean microplastic pollution.

3. Bioinformatics-driven Study of Gut Microbiota Dynamics in Migratory Birds

Abstract: Utilizing high-throughput sequencing and microbial ecological modelling, this project characterizes the gut microbiota shifts of migratory bird species during travel and overwintering periods. By correlating microbial changes with immunity, metabolism, and health, the research seeks to inform avian disease dynamics, adaptation to environmental change, and conservation of migratory populations.

4. Synthetic Biology for Insect Bioconversion of Agricultural Waste into Protein Feed

Abstract: This research applies synthetic biology to engineer insect larvae (such as black soldier fly) gut microbes for enhanced breakdown of agricultural by-products and production of high-quality protein-rich biomass. Through metabolic pathway optimization via gene editing, the study aims to develop scalable insect-based bioconversion systems benefiting both waste management and sustainable animal feed industries.

5. Nanoparticle-based Drug Delivery for Wildlife Disease Treatments

Abstract: The study designs biodegradable nanoparticle carriers for targeted delivery of antiparasitic or antibiotic agents in wild animal populations (e.g., anti-helminthic treatments in elephants). By creating long-lasting implants or oral pellets that release drugs in a controlled way, this approach aims to improve disease control in wildlife with minimal handling stress and environmental impact.

6. Tissue Engineering of Avian Feather Follicles for Regenerative Studies

Abstract: Using scaffold-based organoid systems and avian stem cells, the research aims to engineer functional feather follicles in vitro. These models will allow studies on feather development, molting cycles, and the effects of environmental toxins on integumentary

systems. This bioengineered platform could advance understanding of avian biology and support conservation physiology.

7. Environmental Biotechnology: Microbial Biofilters for Aquarium and Aquaculture Water Purification

Abstract: Focusing on aquaculture systems, this research develops microbial consortium-based biofilters tailored to degrade ammonia, nitrates, and organic pollutants. Combining microbial ecology, functional metagenomics, and pilot-scale validation, the study seeks to offer sustainable water purification technology that supports aquatic animal health and reduces environmental load.

8. Genome Editing for Pest Resistance and Enhanced Immunity in Pollinator Insects

Abstract: This project applies CRISPR-Cas9 and gene drive techniques to enhance immune genes in bee or other pollinator genomes, boosting resistance to pathogens like viruses or mites. Through laboratory validation and careful ecological risk assessment, the research aims to support pollinator health and agricultural sustainability, addressing global declines in insect pollinators.

Research Areas in Zoology

Research Area	Research Supervisors	Department	Research Expertise	Research Students
Synthetic Biology for Insect Bioconversion of Agricultural Waste into Protein Feed: This research applies synthetic biology to engineer insect larvae (such as black soldier fly) gut microbes for enhanced breakdown of agricultural by-products and production of high-quality protein-rich biomass.	Dr. Prakash K K	Biotechnology	Microbial Bio-Technology	Pallavi Bolakatti Ashwini H V
	Dr. Pavan K J	Biotechnology	Plant & Agricultural Bio-Technology	Rekha C N