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- Tagade, A., Sawarkar, A.N. A comprehensive evaluation on the synthesis and characterization of biochar derived from slow pyrolysis of sorghum millet straw for their prospective applications. National Conference on *Sustainable Technologies in Chemical-Biological Systems* (STCBS 2023) organized by Arunai Engineering College, Tiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu, India in association with Biotech Research Society of India, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, and Indian Society for Technical Education during April 5-6, 2023.
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Awards/Honors to my Students:

Ms. Ankita Tagade, PhD scholar (Reg. No. 2020RCL05) bagged Best Paper Award for the paper titled "An in-depth analysis of biochar synthesis via slow pyrolysis of banana agro-residue: characterization and emerging applications" authored by Ankita Tagade, Saurav Kandpal, and Ashish N. Sawarkar, in one of the technical sessions of the National Conference on Recent Trends in Biotechnology Research – HAPTEN2024 organized by Department of Biotechnology, Arunai Engineering College, Affiliated to Anna University, Tiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu, India in association with BRSI held on March 22, 2024.

Mr. Saurav Kandpal, M.Tech. (II year) (2023-24) (Reg. No. 2022CL02) bagged Best Paper Award for the paper titled "Novel rotary kiln reactor for biochar production through biomass pyrolysis and its application in microbial fuel cells" authored by Saurav Kandpal, Ankita Tagade, and Ashish N. Sawarkar, in one of the technical sessions of 1st International

Conference on Advancement in Energy (ক্রর্जাSangam-2023) organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, MNNIT Allahabad during December 18-20, 2023.

- Ms. Ankita Tagade, PhD scholar (Reg. No. 2020RCL05) bagged Best Paper Award for the paper titled "A comprehensive evaluation on the synthesis and characterization of biochar derived from slow pyrolysis of sorghum millet straw for its prospective applications" authored by Ankita Tagade and Ashish N. Sawarkar, in the National Conference on "Sustainable Technologies in Chemical-Biological Systems" (STCBS-2023) held at Arunai Engineering College, Affiliated to Anna University, Tiruvannamalai, Tamilnadu, India in association with BRSI, IIChE and ISTE during April 5-6, 2023.
- Ms. Lakshmi Rajpoot [M.Tech. (2021-22)] (Reg. No. 2020CL06) was adjudged with Ambuja's Young Researcher's Award [2022] for doing Post-Graduate studies in India after GATE Examination for the thesis titled "Pyrolysis of Flaxseed De-oiled Cake: Physico-chemical Characterization, Kinetics, and Thermodynamic analysis" by Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IIChE), Kolkata.
- Ms. Ankita Tagade, PhD scholar (Reg. No. 2020RCL05), bagged First Prize in Poster presentation for the poster titled "Millets: a "wonder crop" for food security, health and a plausible solution for sustainable future" in the workshop on "Introduction of millets in day-

to-day life for a healthy well being" organized by **Central Library, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad, Prayagraj** on November 30, 2022.

- Mr. Nikhil Kirti [M.Tech. (2020-21)] secured admission for Ph.D. programme in the University of Adelaide, Australia with graduate research scholarship as well as complete tuition fees waiver based on his research credentials.
- Mr. Zavin Gajera [M.Tech. Chemical Engineering (2019-20)] received ISTE-IPCL National Award for Best M.Tech. Thesis in Chemical Engineering (First Prize) for the thesis titled "Studies on Co-gasification of Petcoke and Biomass".
- Mr. Nikhil Kirti [M.Tech. Chemical Engineering (2020-21)] received ISTE-IPCL National Award for Best M.Tech. Thesis in Chemical Engineering (Second Prize) for the thesis titled "Kinetic and Thermodynamic Analysis of Pyrolysis of Pigeon Pea (Cajanus cajan) Stalk".
- Mr. Ramprakash Nagar (Final year B.Tech. Chemical Engineering (2021-22)) was adjudged with the First Runner-up Presenter award for the paper titled "Bioenergy potential of sugarcane leaves via pyrolysis: Characterization, kinetics, and reaction mechanism" authored by Ramprakash Nagar, Avadhesh Sehra, and Ashish N. Sawarkar, in one of the technical sessions (Biomass Utilization and Bioenergy (Part-1)) of the International Conference on Technological Interventions for Sustainability (CHEM-CONFLUX²²) jointly organized by MNNIT Allahabad and USM Malaysia during April 14-16, 2022.
- Mr. Gunavant Deshpande (Ph.D. scholar) was adjudged with the Best Oral Presenter award for the paper titled "Multiobjective optimization with minimization of eco-indicator and damage index for ultrasound intensified in situ biodiesel production from microalgae" authored by Gunavant Deshpande, Dipesh S. Patle, and Ashish N. Sawarkar, in one of the technical sessions (Biomass Utilization and Bioenergy (Part-2)) of the International Conference on Technological Interventions for Sustainability (CHEM-CONFLUX²²) jointly organized by MNNIT Allahabad and USM Malaysia during April 14-16, 2022.
- Ms. Ankita Tagade (Ph.D. scholar) was adjudged with the Best Oral Talk for the paper titled "Valorization of finger millet straw as a precursor for biochar production: production, characterization, and applications" authored by Ankita Tagade and Ashish N. Sawarkar, in one of the technical sessions (Renewable and Sustainable Energy) of the National Conference on "Advances in Chemical Engineering and Science" (ACES-2022) held at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal during 25-26 March, 2022.
- Mr. Trilok Patil (Final year B.Tech. Chemical Engineering (2019-20), Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh) received financial award by MNNIT Alumni Association (MAA) for publishing paper in SCI Journal (*Bioresource Technology; Impact Factor (2021): 11.889*)
- Mr. Sagar Hatwar (Final year B.Tech. Chemical Engineering (2012-13), Anuradha Engineering College, Chikhli, Maharashtra) won First Prize for the paper titled "Ionic liquids: Novel versatile lubricants/lubricant additives" in National Level Technical Paper Presentation Competition, THRESHOLD-2012 held at Babasaheb Naik College of Engineering, Pusad, Maharashtra.