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### Awards/Honors to my Students:

- 1) **Mr. Saurav Kandpal, PhD scholar (Reg. No. 2024RCL02)** was adjudged with the **HABIT-2025 Young Researcher Award** for the paper titled "*Hydrogen-rich syngas production through co-gasification of biomass and petcoke in a horizontal tubular furnace and modeling the intricate process through machine learning*" authored by Saurav Kandpal, Mohammad Anas, Suantak Kamsonlian, and Ashish N. Sawarkar, in the session "Interdisciplinary approaches in Health, Food, Agriculture, and Environment" of **International Conference on Health and Agricultural Biotechnology: Interdisciplinary Trends (HABIT-2025)**, organized by Department of Biotechnology, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad, Prayagraj, India during February 28-March 2, 2025.
- 2) **Mr. Saurav Kandpal [M.Tech. (2023-24)] (Reg. No. 2022CL02)** was awarded with the **Ambuja's Young Researcher's Award [2024]** for doing post-graduate studies in India after GATE Examination for the thesis titled "**Prediction of Biochar Yield and Higher Heating Value from Biomass Pyrolysis through Machine Learning**" by the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IChE) during inaugural function of the **77<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of IChE, Indian Chemical Engineering Congress (CHEMCON-2024)** held at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology Jalandhar, Punjab, India during December 27-30, 2024.
- 3) **Mr. Saurav Kandpal [M.Tech. (2023-24)] (Reg. No. 2022CL02)** was adjudged with the **Best M.Tech. Thesis Award** for the thesis titled "**Prediction of Biochar Yield and Higher Heating Value from Biomass Pyrolysis through Machine Learning**" during the **4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis (PYROASIA 2024)**, a flagship annual event of **Pyro Asia Forum**, organized by **IIT Guwahati, India** and **Frontier Laboratories, Japan**, held during November 28-29, 2024 at IIT Guwahati.
- 4) **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.
- 5) **Mr. Saurav Kandpal, [M.Tech. (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 **1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Advancement in Energy (ऊर्जाSangam-2023)** organized by the **Department of Mechanical Engineering, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad, Prayagraj, India** during December 18-20, 2023.
- 6) **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, IChE and ISTE** during April 5-6, 2023.

- 7) **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 (IChE), Kolkata**.
- 8) **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.
- 9) **Mr. Nikhil Kirti [M.Tech. (2020-21)] (Reg. No. 2019CL05)** 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.
- 10) **Mr. Zavin Gajera (Reg. No. 2018CL06)** [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*".
- 11) **Mr. Nikhil Kirti (Reg. No. 2019CL05)** [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*".
- 12) **Mr. Ramprakash Nagar (Reg. No. 20189042)** (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-CONFLUX<sup>22</sup>)** jointly organized by **MNNIT Allahabad and USM Malaysia** during April 14-16, 2022.
- 13) **Mr. Gunavant Deshpande, Ph.D. scholar (Reg. No. 2019RCL51)** 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-CONFLUX<sup>22</sup>)** jointly organized by **MNNIT Allahabad and USM Malaysia** during April 14-16, 2022.
- 14) **Ms. Ankita Tagade, PhD scholar (Reg. No. 2020RCL05)** 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.
- 15) **Mr. Trilok Patil (Reg. No. 20169024)** (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**)

- 16) **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**.

**Details of Papers Published in Peer-reviewed Journals:**

1. Bharti, B., Kandpal, S., **Sawarkar, A. N.**, Patle, D., **2024**. Holistic approach for sequential transesterification and pyrolysis of microalgal biomass: Kinetic and thermodynamic analysis of pyrolysis using model-free and model-based approaches. **Renewable Energy**, 235, 121319. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.renene.2024.121319>
2. Kandpal, S., Tagade, A., **Sawarkar, A. N.**, **2024**. Critical insights into ensemble learning with decision trees for the prediction of biochar yield and higher heating value from pyrolysis of biomass. **Bioresource Technology**, 411, 131321. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biortech.2024.131321>
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4. Tagade, A., Kandpal, S., **Sawarkar, A. N.**, **2024**. Insights into pyrolysis of pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum*) straw through thermogravimetric analysis: Physico-chemical characterization, kinetics, and reaction mechanism. **Bioresource Technology**, 391, 129930. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biortech.2023.129930>
5. Tagade, A., **Sawarkar, A. N.**, **2023**. Valorization of millet agro-residues for bioenergy production through pyrolysis: Recent inroads, technological bottlenecks, possible remedies, and future directions. **Bioresource Technology**, 384, 129335. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biortech.2023.129335>
6. Sharma, A., Aravind Kumar, A., Mohanty, B., **Sawarkar, A.N.**, **2023**. Critical insights into pyrolysis and co-pyrolysis of poplar and eucalyptus wood sawdust: Physico-chemical characterization, kinetic triplets, reaction mechanism, and thermodynamic analysis. **Renewable Energy**, 210, 321-334. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.renene.2023.04.066>
7. Sharma, A., Suryawanshi, B., Mohanty, B., **Sawarkar, A.N.**, **2023**. Comparison of artificial neural network and response surface methodology for evaluation of the predictive capability of bio-oil yield from pyrolysis of *Mangifera indica* wood sawdust. **Fuel**, 338, 127251. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fuel.2022.127251>
8. Kumar, P., Singh, V.P., Tagade, A., **Sawarkar, A.N.**, **2023**. Thermochemical characterization of post-phytoremediated vetiver (*Vetiveria zizanioides* (L.) Nash) root and shoot for their prospective bioenergy potential. **Industrial Crops and Products**, 191, 115964. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.indcrop.2022.115964>
9. Rajpoot, L., Tagade, A., Deshpande, G., Verma, K., Geed, S.R., Patle, D.S., **Sawarkar, A.N.**, **2022**. An overview of pyrolysis of de-oiled cakes for the production of biochar, bio-oil, and pyro-gas: Current status, challenges, and future perspective. **Bioresource Technology Reports**, 19, 101205. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biteb.2022.101205>
10. Deshpande, G., Shrikhande, S., Patle, D.S., **Sawarkar, A.N.**, **2022**. Simultaneous optimization of economic, environmental, and safety criteria for algal biodiesel process retrofitted using dividing wall column and multistage vapor recompression. **Process Safety and Environmental Protection**, 164, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psep.2022.05.059>
11. Geed, S.R., **Sawarkar, A. N.**, Singh, R. S., Rai, B. N., **2022**. New approach for biodegradation of Malathion pesticide by *Bacillus* sp. isolated from agricultural field: Bioreactor and kinetics. **Journal**

- of Environmental Chemical Engineering*, 10, 107936.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jece.2022.107936>
12. Sawarkar, A. N., Kirti, N., Tagade, A., Tekade, S. P., 2022. Bioethanol from various types of banana waste: A review. *Bioresource Technology Reports*, 18, 101092.  
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  14. Deshpande, G., Shrikhande, S., Sawarkar, A.N., Patle, D.S., 2022. Multiobjective optimization of ultrasound intensified and ionic liquid catalyzed in situ algal biodiesel production considering economic, environmental and safety indicators. *Chemical Engineering Research and Design*, 180, 134-152. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cherd.2022.02.011>
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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2021.113854>
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  20. Singh, R.K., Patil, T., Pandey, D., Sawarkar, A. N., 2021. Pyrolysis of mustard oil residue: A kinetic and thermodynamic study. *Bioresource Technology*, 339, 125631.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biortech.2021.125631>
  21. Tagade, A., Kirti, N., Sawarkar, A. N., 2021. Pyrolysis of agricultural crop residues: An overview of researches by Indian scientific community. *Bioresource Technology Reports*, 15, 100761.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biteb.2021.100761>
  22. Shrikhande, S., Deshpande, G., Sawarkar, A.N., Ahmad, Z., Patle, D.S., 2021. Design and retrofitting of ultrasound intensified and ionic liquid catalyzed in situ algal biodiesel production. *Chemical Engineering Research and Design*, 171, 168-185.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cherd.2021.05.010>
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#### Book Chapter:

- Deshpande, G., **Sawarkar, A.N.**, Patle, D.S., 2024. Analysis of safety and economic objectives for intensified algal biodiesel process. In 'Control and Safety Analysis of Intensified Chemical Processes', (Eds.) Patle, D.S. and Rangaiah, G.P., Wiley. ISBN: 978-3-527-35262-3. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9783527843657.ch12>

#### Book / Conference Proceedings /Special Issue:

- Pandey, A., Pandey, A., Tiwari, A., Kumar, A., **Sawarkar, A.N.**, Kumar, D., Nath, G., Gangwar, J.N., Yadav, M., Kumar, R., Joseph, S., Srivastava, S., Kumar, S. (Eds.). Abstract Proceedings of International Conference on "Technology and Innovations for Sustainable Development" (TISD-2023) held during October 27-30, 2023 at Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad, Prayagraj.
- Kumar, S., Patle, D., Katiyar, P., **Sawarkar, A. N.** (Eds). Proceedings of International Conference on "Technological Interventions for Sustainability" (CHEM-CONFLUX<sup>22</sup>) held during April 14-16, 2022 at Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad, Prayagraj.
- Chaudhari, P.K., Keshav, A., **Sawarkar, A. N.** (Eds). Proceedings of *National Symposium on Reaction Engineering* (NSRE-2010), held during January 22-23, 2010 at National Institute of Technology, Raipur.

#### Patent Granted:

Patent Title	Semi-Continuous Biochemical Reactor for Biodiesel Production
Registration Number	6310987
Inventors	Saurabh Yadav, Suantak Kamsonlian, Ashish N. Sawarkar, Shailendra Kumar Pandey, and Arvind Kumar Gautam
Country	UK
Status	Granted
Date of Grant	25/09/2023

### Papers Presented by me in National/International Conference:

1. **Sawarkar, A. N.** Bioenergy potential of waste sugarcane leaves via pyrolysis. Paper presented at the *International Conference on Advances in Chemical and Materials Sciences (ACMS-2022)* organized by Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IChE), Kolkata in association with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, and Osmania University College of Technology, Hyderabad during April 14 - 16, **2022**.
2. **Sawarkar, A. N.** Petroleum coke gasification: Status and future perspective in Indian context. Paper presented at the *74<sup>th</sup> Annual session of IChE (CHEMCON-2021)* organized by Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers Bhubaneswar Regional Centre & CSIR- Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology, Bhubaneswar in association with Institute of Chemical Technology-IndianOil Odisha Campus, Bhubaneswar during December 27-30, **2021**.
3. **Sawarkar, A. N.** Pyrolysis of waste tyres in the presence of rice husk ash. Paper presented at the *72<sup>nd</sup> Annual session of IChE (CHEMCON-2019)* held at IIT Delhi during December 16-19, **2019**.
4. **Sawarkar, A. N.** Heavy crude oil upgrading: Recent advances and possible way forward. Paper presented at the *71<sup>st</sup> Annual session of IChE (CHEMCON-2018)* held at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar during December 27-30, **2018**.
5. Verma, A., Singh, H., **Sawarkar, A. N.** Kinetics of pyrolysis of rice straw. Paper presented at the *70<sup>th</sup> Annual session of IChE (CHEMCON-2017)* held at Haldia Institute of Technology, Haldia during December 27-30, **2017**, pp.35-36.
6. Gokul, P.V., Singh, P., Hasan, S., **Sawarkar, A. N.** Bio-oil and bio-char potential of arecanut husk. Paper presented at the *International Conference on Emerging Materials & Applications" (ICEMA-2017)* held at Allahabad University, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh during February 20-22, **2017**.
7. Gokul, P.V., **Sawarkar, A. N.** Utilization of rice husk through pyrolysis. *69<sup>th</sup> Annual session of IChE (CHEMCON-2016)* held at Anna University, Chennai during December 27-30, **2016**.
8. **Sawarkar, A. N.**, Singh, V.P. Disparities in the kinetic results of pyrolysis of biomass: Recent advances and the possible way forward. Paper presented at the *1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Recent Advances in Bio-Energy Research (ICRABR-2015)* held at Sardar Swaran Singh National Institute of Renewable Energy, Kapurthala during March 14-17, **2015**.
9. **Sawarkar, A. N.** Processing of heavy crude oils: A challenge as well as an opportunity for petroleum refiners. Paper presented at the *67<sup>th</sup> Annual session of IChE (CHEMCON-2014)* held at Punjab University, Chandigarh during December 27-30, **2014**.
10. **Sawarkar, A. N.** Novel batch reactor for pyrolysis of waste tyres into useful products. Paper presented at the *International Conference on Environment and Energy (ICEE)* held at Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad on during December 15-17, **2014**.
11. **Sawarkar, A. N.**, Kashyap R., Pandey A., Sawhney S., Ritendra Kumar, Sharma R., Numerical investigation of cavitation for simple geometries and study of effect of geometry on cavitation number. Paper presented at the National conference on *Applications of Mathematics in Engineering and Sciences (AMES-2014)* held at MNNIT, Allahabad during November 29-30, **2014**.
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