

### HOME

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#### **Research gate:**

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### **RESEARCH AREA**

Our lab investigates the cellular and molecular basis for human neurological disorders, including **Alzheimer's disease**, **Parkinson's disease**, **Depression**, **Type-II Diabetes**, **and Neuropathic pain** to understand their pathophysiology, molecular mechanisms, and therapeutic strategies. We are especially interested in the identification and therapeutic investigation of novel synthetic and natural therapeutic agents (phytochemicals, polyphenols), small molecule inhibitors against these devastating conditions using cellular and rodent model systems. We venture into understanding how modulating cellular signaling pathways leads to changes in cellular oxidative stress, mitochondrial dysfunction, neuroinflammation, synaptic dysfunction, neuronal death, and eventually degeneration of physiological functions in an attempt to find a solution against these diseases. To achieve this, we employ a multi-disciplinary approach combining 1) advanced imaging in differentiated neuronal models, 2) cell-based assays, 3) rodent behavior assays, 4) biochemical estimations, 5) histopathological studies, 6) molecular studies, and beyond. We are also currently investigating therapeutic potential of iPSC derived neural progenitor cells in 6-OHDA induced rat model of Parkinson's diseases.



### **TEACHING**

M.Sc. Courses	LS-104- Animal Biology LS 427A- Animal Physiology LS 431A- Life Sciences Practical-II-Animal Physiology LS 452A- Research Design, Ethics and Scientific publishing LS 475A- Research Project LS 492 - Seminar LS 569- Neural and Behavioural Biology LS 580- Research Design, Ethics and Scientific publishing
Ph.D. Courses	LS 611A- Research Methodology-II LS 642A- Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology

### **AWARDS & HONOURS**

- 1. Elected Fellow, West Bengal Academy of Science & Technology (FAScT) 2022
- 2. Awarded NESA Eminent Scientist of the Year 2022
- 3. Awarded Prof. A. K. Mukherjee Memorial Oration from The Physiological Society of India, 2021.
- 4. Received Dr. A. Namasivayam Award by IABMS-2016
- 5. Awarded ITG by UGC to attend XXI World Congress of Neurology in Vienna, Austria-2013.
- 6. Awarded ITG by UGC to attend XIX World Congress on Parkinson's disease and related disorders in Shanghai, China- 2011.
- 7. Awarded Dr. K. Anji Reddy Prize, a certificate & cash award from PSI- PHYSICON-2011
- 8. Young Scientist Award-2000 by ISCA & Pune University.

## **GROUP MEMBERS**

## **Current Members**



#### **Dr. Mir Hilal Ahmad**

Post-Doctoral Fellow

**Project title:** Exploring the therapeutic potential of neural stems cells in Parkinson's Disease



#### Manas Ranjan Sahu

**Ph.D. (Pursuing) (2018 - )** *Thesis title:* Investigating the Role of Hippo Pathway in Alzheimer's Disease pathogenesis



#### Punit Prasanna Kujur

#### Ph.D. (Pursuing) (2023 - )

*Thesis title:* Studying the potential therapeutic effects of Biochanin A in a rat model of chronic constriction injury (CCI)-induced neuropathic pain



#### Sehar Siddiqui Ph.D. (Pursuing) (2024 - )

Course-work



### Sunidhi Bisht

M.Sc. Dissertation (Pursuing) (2024 - )



#### **Rhea Subba**

Ph.D. (Pursuing) (2018 - )

**Thesis title:** Studying the role of NRF2/KEAP1 system in concurrent hyperglycemia and chronic stress model in Zebrafish



#### Surendar E

Ph.D. (Pursuing) (2024 - )

Course-work

## Lab Alumni



#### **Dr. Ritabrata Banerjee**

Asst. Professor in Zoology, Parimal Mitra Smriti Mahavidyalaya, West Bengal



**Dr. Sourav Kumar** 





#### **Dr. Sourav Srivastav**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Duncan Neurological Research Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, USA



#### Dr. Surendra Kumar Anand

Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of South Florida, USA



#### Dr. Linchi Rani

Ph.D. Viva-voce defended: Explored the role of Vanillin in intervening pathophysiology related to Parkinson's disease



Dr. Somoday Hazra

Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Haifa, Israel



#### Dr. Dibyendu Ray

Asst. Professor in Physiology, Serampore College, West Bengal



Dr. Mahino Fatima SERB Post-Doctoral Fellow



Dr. Deshdeepak Ratna

Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of South Carolina, USA

#### Dr. Sushma

Ph.D. Viva-voce defended: Explored the therapeutic role of Bacopa monnieri in amyloid-6 induced Alzheimer's disease

### LAB TRAINEES

## Dissertation

# Internship

- Ms. Anamika Singh (2017)
- Ms. Rhea Subba (2018)
- Mr. Sandeep (2019)
- Mr. Manuvendra Nandan (2020)
- Ms. Roshni Sherpa (2021)
- Ms. Payyavula Ragini (2022)
- Ms. Priyanka Biswal (2023)
- Ms. Palak Gupta (2024)
- Ms. Rubi (2024)
- Ms. Sunidhi Bisht (Persuing)

- Ms. Aditi Thakur (2017)
- Mr. Divyam Singh (2017)
- Md. Abu Nasar (2018)
- Ms. Anjali (2019)
- Ms. Surbhi Mishra (2020)
- Ms. Surbhi Bihani (2021)
- Mr. Aman (2022)
- Ms. Kirti (2023)
- Mr. Vivekanand Choudhury (2023)
- Ms. Anuskha Garg (2024)

## **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)**

1. Sahu MR, Ahmad MH, & **Mondal AC\*** MST1 selective inhibitor Xmu-mp-1 ameliorates neuropathological changes in a rat model of sporadic Alzheimer's disease by modulating Hippo-Wnt signaling crosstalk. **Apoptosis** 2024 Oct; 29 (9-10):1824-1851. doi:10.1007/s10495-024-01975-0. **JIF- 7.2** (Link)

2. Sushma, Sahu MR, Murugan NA, & Mondal AC\*. Amelioration of Amyloid- $\beta$  Induced Alzheimer's Disease by Bacopa monnieri through Modulation of Mitochondrial Dysfunction and GSK-3 $\beta$ /Wnt/ $\beta$ -Catenin Signaling. Molecular Nutrition & Food Research 2024 Jul; 68 (13): e2300245. doi: 10.1002/mnfr.202300245). JIF- 5.20 (Link)

3. Ahmad MH, Rizvi MA, Ali M & Mondal AC\*. Neurobiology of depression in Parkinson's disease: Insights into epidemiology, molecular mechanisms and treatment strategies. Ageing Research Reviews 2 Jan, (85) 2023. doi:10.1016/j.arr.2022.101840). JIF- 13.10 (Link)

4. Rani L, Ghosh B, Ahmad MH, & **Mondal AC\***. Potential neuroprotective effects of Vanillin against MPP+/MPTP-induced dysregulation of dopaminergic regulatory mechanisms in SH-SY5Y cells and a mouse model of Parkinson's disease. **Molecular Neurobiology** 2023 Aug; 60(8): 4693-4715, doi:10.1007/s12035-023-03358-z). **IF- 5.68** (Link)

5. Ahmad MH, Fatima M, Ali M, Rizvi MA, **Mondal AC\***. Naringenin alleviates paraquat-induced dopaminergic neuronal loss in SH-SY5Y cells and a rat model of Parkinson's disease. **Neuropharmacology**, 2021, 201, 108831 Oct 13. doi:10.1016/j.neuropharm. 2021.108831. **IF-5.27** (Link)

6. Paul A, Kumar S, Kalita S, Kalita S, Sarkar D, Bhunia A, Bandyopadhyay A, **Mondal AC\***, Mondal B. An explicitly designed paratope of Amyloid-β prevents neuronal apoptosis in vitro and hippocampal damage in rat brain. **Chemical Science**, 2020 Dec 22; 12(8): 2853-2862. Edge article. **IF-9.96** (Link)

7. Srivastav S, Anand BG, Fatima M, Prajapati KP, Yadav SS, Kar K, **Mondal AC\***. Piperine coated gold nanoparticles alleviate paraquat-induced neurotoxicity in Drosophila melanogaster. **ACS Chemical Neuroscience** 2020; 11(22): 3772-3785. **IF-5.78** (Link)

8. Kumar S, Srivastav S, Fatima M, Giri RS, Mandal B, **Mondal AC\***. A Synthetic Pro-Drug Peptide Reverses Amyloid-β-Induced Toxicity in the Rat Model of Alzheimer's Disease. Journal of Alzheimer's Disease 2019, 69(2): 499-512. IF-4.46 (Link)

9. Fatima M, Srivastav S, Ahmad MH, **Mondal AC\***. Effects of chronic unpredictable mild stress induced prenatal stress on neurodevelopment of neonates: Role of GSK-3β. **Scientific Reports** 2019 Feb 4, 9 (1):1305 (doi: 10.1038/s41598-018-38085-2). **IF-5.13** (Link)

10.Ahmad MH, Fatima M, Hossain M, Mondal AC\*. Evaluation of naproxen-induced oxidative stress, hepatotoxicity and in-vivo genotoxicity in male Wistar rats. Journal of Pharmaceutical Analysis, 2018 Dec; 8(6):400-406. IF-8.80 (Link)

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# **ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**1**. Assessment of therapeutic role of induced pluripotent stem cell (iPSC)-derived unmodified and engineered neural progenitor cells (NPCs), dopaminergic neurons transplanted in 6-OHDA and Paraquat rat model of Parkinson's disease (PD)" funded by Eyestem Research Private Limited (ERPL), Bangalore.

**2**. Calcium-permeable ion channels as therapeutic targets to manage neuropathic pain funded by DBT (Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India).

**3**. A Study on Enriched Bacopa monnieri active component delivery targeting Glioblastoma and associated Neurocognitive Dysfunction funded by DBT (Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India).

# **RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS**

### • National

 IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIT Guwahati, IIT Ropar, AIIMS Delhi, Aligarh Muslim University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Bose Institute, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata

### • International

• University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy

## **LAB FINDINGS**



## **LAB PHOTOS**



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