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OBJECTIVE

Challenging research scientist position specialized in microbial mineral biotechnology with a high-growth engineering research organization engaged in interdisciplinary process and technological solutions in minerals, metals, materials and environment, with keen interest for expertise build-up and practice long-term research initiatives/collaborations

PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW

- Experience in teaching under-graduate and post-graduate students in microbiology, cell biology, environmental microbiology, genetics and engaging practical labs
- Experience in sophisticated research techniques and technologies: biohydrometallurgy, microbial isolation and characterization, reactor design/operation, bioremediation and waste recycling, process testing and validation
- Organized, take-charge professional with exceptional follow through abilities and detail orientation;
 able to plan and forthseeing projects from concept to successful conclusion
- Demonstrated ability to efficiently prioritize a broad range of responsibilities in order to achieve maximum level of operating effectiveness
- Expertise in lab and field research, data collection/analysis and project management, ability to align
 with cross-functional scientific and research teams

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. (Biochem. Engg)- Biohydrometallurgy of Uranium ores, Jadavpur University, INDIA

M.Sc. Biotechnology (Mineral Biotechnology), Bangalore University, INDIA

B.Sc. Microbiology (with Chemistry), Nagpur University, INDIA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Chronologically)

Currently Employed as **Scientist**, CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur (since 2010) Serving as **Assistant Professor**, ACSIR-NML, Jamshedpur

Inducted as Corporate Faculty at MRD Life Sciences, Lucknow, India

Worked as Junior Scientist, CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur (since 2007)

Served as Project Assistant, CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur

Worked as Lecturer, SRN ADARSH College, Bangalore University

COMPETENCY AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

RESEARCH

Bioleaching: uranium from low grade indian ores, copper from low grade Indian ores and converter slag, zinc from tailings/ complex/lean ores, metals from ocean deposits, metals from industrial wastes

- Biosorption/Bioremediation: heavy metals from effluents, sludges, mine overburdens, acid mine drainage
- Bio-beneficiation: chromite, iron ores and slimes, refractory bauxite ores, manganese ores, coal, etc.
- Material Biosynthesis: inorganic nanomaterials from wastes
- Biocorossion: microbial corossion evaluation
- **Bioenergy:** envisaging alternate energy conversion routes

R&D PROCESSES DEVELOPED

- Isolation, characterization and purification of microbial isolates from various sources (22 Industrially important patented isolates)
- Developed the process for bioleaching of low grade silica-rich and apatite-rich ore of uranium, and tested industrial scale of realization (lab scale to 2ton column scale)
- Developed the know-how for bioleaching of low grade chalcopyrite ore (high recovery with consortia leaching)
- Developed the know-how for Biosorption/bioremediation of tannery effluents (for trivalent chromium source)
- Designed the air-lift bioreactor for large scale bioleaching of sea nodules (using extremophiles)
- Developed microbial based composite for metal remediation from aqueous wastes (product)
- Developed the know-how for bioleaching of zinc tailings and synthesis of Zn based nanomaterials (30-60nm ZnO powders of >99% purity)
- Developed know-how for microbial upgradation of iron ore slimes (upgradation from 43% Fe to 58%
- Developed process for bio-desulphurization of high sulfur coal (total sulfur reduction from 3.5% to <0.5%)

MANAGEMENT

- Managing Biohydrometallurgy Laboratory and Pilot Scale Unit
- Managed research projects and coordinated group research activities and projects
- Promoting research collaboration with inland and overseas academia, industry and research centers through active participation and in organizing lectures, conferences, short courses and workshops

EXTRACURRICULAR SKILLS

Computer Skills: Web authoring and designing, Operating systems, Business softwares,

Bioinformatics tools: NCBI, BLAST

PROJECTS HANDLED, INVOLVED, ENVISAGED

COMPLETED

- *Team Member for "Biomineral Processing for extraction of metal values from ores/concentrates/wastes", Funded by CSIR, New Delhi (2002-2007)

 *Team Member for "Treatment/bioremediation of electroplating and leather tanning effluents containing chromium", Funded by CSIR New Delhi (2002-2007)
- * Project Leader for "Microbial leaching of Narwapahar uranium ore :In House Project" (2009-10)
- * Co-Project Leader for "Bioleaching of Metals from Sea Nodules in Columns and Air Lift Reactors: In House Project" (2009-10)
- * Activity Leader for "Bioleaching of zinc ores/tailings for synthesis of nanosized Zn-based materials" under Biomaterials Module of NanoStructured Advanced Materials, Funded by CSIR, NewDelhi (2007-12)

- * Team Member for "Providing safe drinking water in rural areas using Solar Disinfection technique", Funded by DST (2007-09)
- * Team Member for "Development of cost effective mine water reclamation technology for providing safe drinking water", Funded by DST (2007-09)
- * Team Member in "Characterisation of Samples", Funded by OMML (2009-10)
- * Project Leader in "Characterisation of Copper Slag Samples", Funded by BIRLA COPPER" (2010-11)
- * Team Member in "Evaluating Corrosion of Zn-Ni Coated Steel", Funded by TATA STEEL" (2010-12)
- * Project Leader in "Biochemical beneficiation of iron ore slimes", Funded by TATA STEEL" (2011-12)
- * Project Leader in "Biosynthesis of iron oxide based magnetic nanoparticles from industrial wastes", Funded by DST-ILTP under Indo-Russian Collaboration (2010-13)
- * Activity Leader in "Biodesulfurisation of High Sulfur Indian Coals", Funded by Ministry of Steel (2011-14)
- * Project Leader in "Processing of spent Lithium Ion battery", Funded by Renault Nissan R&D, India (2012-13)
- * Project Leader in "Chemical and bioremediation of chromite mine effluents", Funded by TATA STEEL (2014)

ONGOING

- * Team Member in "Development of newer technologies for rare earth extraction from secondary resources", Funded by CSIR, New Delhi
- * Project Leader in "Hydrometallurgical replenishment of red mud for extraction of rare earth elements", Funded by NALCO
- * Project Leader in "Scale-up trials in Biobeneficiation of Joda Iron ore slimes", Funded by TATA STEEL
- * Project Leader in "Biochemical dephosphorisation of LD slag", Funded by TATA STEEL
- * Project Leader in "Extraction of REE"s from blast furnace slag", Funded by TATA STEEL

INDUSTRIAL & RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

- * National: UCIL; HCL; HZL; SIL; SESA STERLITE-VAL; Binani Zinc; Himadri Group, Kolkata; Nikshepa Biomining Corporation, Bangalore; OMC; Sai Coatings Private Limited, Hyderabad; TATA STEEL; NALCO; Renault Nissan R&D India Centre; MSPL, Hospet; Birla Copper, Dahej
- * International: Arafura World Resources, Perth; CSIRO, Perth; CMRDI, Cairo; ISCEOR & ICCT of Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, Krasnoyarsk, Russia

FELLOWSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

- * Fellow Society for Applied Biotechnology, India
- * Life Member Indian Institute of Mineral Engineers (IIME), Indian Institute of Metals (IIM); Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI); Indian Nuclear Society (INS); Biotech Research Society of India (BRSI); Indian Association of Nuclear Chemists and Allied Scientists (IANCAS); Materials Research Society of India (MRSI); Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA); Kerala Academy of Sciences (KAS); Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI); Society of Biological Chemists, India (SBC); National Academy of Biological Sciences, India (NABS); Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI);
- * Member- Society for Applied Microbiology, U.K. (SFAM); Society of Industrial Microbiology, U.S. (SIM); The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS), US; Asia-Pacific Chemical, Biological & Environmental Engineering Society (APCBEES); European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB-FEMS); American Society of Microbiology (ASM); Indian Society of Education and Environment (ISEE); International Association of Chemical Engineers; IUPAC Affiliate Member

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- * Young Scientist Award in Nuclear Fuel Processing (bioleaching of uranium ores) by Indian Nuclear Society, DAE
- * Young Scientist Award in Environmental Microbiology by Association of Microbiologist, India
- * Young Scientist Award in Engineering Sciences by ISCA at 100th Indian Science Congress

- * Young Scientist Award in Mineral Biotechnology by Biotech Research Society of India
- * Young Metallurgist Award in Nonferrous Metallurgy by Ministry of Steel and Mines, Govt of India
- * Prof. H.J.Arnikar Best PhD. Thesis awarded by Indian Assoc. Nucl. Chem. Allied Scientists (DAE)
- * Mishra Award for best paper presented in Bioprocessing at IIME's MPT-2006, Chennai
- * Mishra Award for best paper presented in Bioprocessing at IIME's MPT-2007, Mumbai
- * Mishra Award for best paper presented in Bioprocessing at IIME's MPT-2011, Udaipur
- * Mishra Award for best paper published in the area of Extractive Metallurgy by IIME for 2013-14
- * Second Prize, International Microbiology Photograph Competition, Switzerland, Oct, 2009
- * Adjudged among "Top-10" in all consecutive Fluka Microbiology Photograph Competition since 2010
- * 1st Prize in Oral Paper Presentation in "Raw Materials Category" at IIM's NMDATM2012, Jamshedpur
- * 1st Prize in Oral Paper Presentation in "Nonferrous Category" at IIM's NMDATM2012, Jamshedpur
- * 2nd Prize in Oral Paper Presentation in "Raw Materials Category" at IIM's NMDATM2012, Jamshedpur
- * 1st Prize in Poster Presentation in "Nonferrous Category" at IIM's NMDATM 2013, Varanasi
- * 2nd Prize, International Microbiology Photograph Competition, Switzerland, Oct, 2013
- * 1st Prize in Poster Presentation at Nat. Sem. Recent Advances in Biotechnology, April, 2015, Kolkata

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENTS (CONF./ACADEMIC)

- * Program Committee Chair, Int. Conf. on Chem. Biol. Environmental Engineering, China, Dec, 2009
- * Member, Research Group on Possibilities of Valuation of H₂S in Black Sea (FP7-EU)
- * Member Expert, TPC-Biomineral Processing, IEEE-World Cong. Eng. Technol., China
- * Member, Application of Mat. Chem. Eng.(AMCE), World Academic Publishing, US
- * Member, Program Committee, Int. Conf. Metall. Technol. Mat. (ICMTM-2012), Korea
- * Member, Technical Committee, Conf. Environ. Poll. Pub. Health (CEPPH 2012), China
- * Member, Editorial Board, 15th Int. Conf. on Nonferrous Metals, 2011, Kolkata, India
- * Chairman, Editorial Board, 16th Int. Conf. Nonferrous Metals, 2012, New Delhi, India
- * Member, Editorial Board, 17th Int. Conf. on Nonferrous Metals, 2013, Ranchi, India
- * Chairman, Editorial Board, 18^h Int. Conf. Nonferrous Metals, 2014, Nagpur, India
- * Co-Chairman, Editorial Board, 19th Int. Conf. on Nonferrous Metals, 2015, Bhubaneswar, India
- * Member, Editorial Board, 20th Nat. Conf. on Nonferrous Metals, 2016, Jamshedpur, India
- * Adhoc Reviewer- IMPC-2010, Australia; IMPC-2012, India; IBS-2011, China
- * PhD Examiner-reviewer for Dept. of Microbiology-Biotechnology, Gujarat University, India; BIT, Mesra
- * Int. Committee Member, SIPS-2015, Antalya, Turkey
- * Member, Emirates Association of Chemical, Biological & Environment Engineers
- * Scientific Board member, Institute of Research Engineers and Doctors
- * Scientific Board member, International Institute of Chemical, Biological & Environmental Engineering (IICBEE)

JOURNAL INVOLVEMENTS

- * Managing Executive Editor, International Journal of Nonferrous Metallurgy, U.S.
- * Member, Editorial Board, International Journal of Environmental Protection, US
- * Member, Editorial Board, Scientific Journal of Environmental Sciences, US
- * Member, Advisory Board, World Research Journal of Environment and Waste Management, US
- * Member, Editorial Board, CIBTECH Journal of Microbiology and Biotechnology
- * Reviewer to International SCI and Non-SCI Journals (Elsevier, Springer, ACS, RSC, Wiley, OMICS, etc)

CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIA/SEMINAR/WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

- * Member, Organising Committee, Training Programme on Extraction of Non-Ferrous Metals and their Recycling (NFTP-2008) at NML, Jamshedpur in Feb, 2008
- * Member, Organising Committee, Training Programme for UCIL's Management Trainees on Mineral

- Processing and Extractive Metallurgy (MPEM-2008) at NML, Jamshedpur in July, 2008
- * Member, Organizing Committee- INCOME 2008, NML, Jamshedpur, Dec 2008; MINETECH-2010, Bhubaneswar, May 2010; MPT-2010, NML, Jamshedpur, Dec 2010; CSIR's SSBMT Indoor Sports Finals, NML, Jamshedpur, April 2011; LGO-2013, NML, Jamshedpur, Feb 2013; MMCA-2013, NML, Jamshedpur, Nov 2013

LECTURES DELIVERED

- *Lecture entitled "Uranium Hydrometallurgy" at "Training Programme on Mineral Processing and Nonferrous Extractive Metallurgy" for Mgmt. Trainees of M/s UCIL, Jaduguda; held at NML, Jamshedpur from 30th June to 5th July 2008
- * Keynote Lecture on "Bioremediation and Resource Utilisation" at "National Seminar on Environmental Bioremediation Technologies", held at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, India, 5-6Nov. 2009
- * Invited Lecture on "Microbial composites in effluent remediation" at "Third International Multicomponent Polymer Conference", held at MGU, Kottayam, India, 23-25 Mar. 2012
- * National Science Day Lecture on "Role of Biotechnology for Shaping Future of Science" delivered at The Institution of Engineers, Jamshedpur, India, 6th Feb 2013.
- * Invited Lecture on "Mineral Biotechnology an inherent tool for mining industry" at Department of Microbiology and Biotechnology, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India, 22-23rd March 2013
- * Invited Keynote Lecture delivered on "Thermophilic bioleaching of chalcopyrite" at ICHM-2014, Beijing, China
- * Invited Resource Lecture on "Role of Microbiology in Minerals-Metals-Materials and Environment Sector" at National Seminar on Dynamic Microbes at Modern College, Pune, India, 20-21st Feb 2015
- * Invited Lecture on "Applications of microbial biotechnology in metallurgical industries" at BRSI's National Seminar on Recent Advances in Biotechnology, IICB, Kolkata, India, 17th April 2015

FOREIGN VISITS

- * EGYPT: MINERALS TO MATERIALS CONFERENCE 2008, organized by Central Metallurgical Research and Development Institute (CMRDI), Egypt, 15th- 18th December, 2008.
- * AUSTRALIA: ALTA-2010, organized by ALTA Metallurgical Services, Perth, Australia, 24-29th May, 2010.
- * RUSSIA: Bilaterial Exchange visit Programme under Indo-Russian Collaboration and Oral Paper Presentation at IIIrd International Congress on Nonferrous Metals 2011(31.08.2011-14.09.2011) in Krasnovarsk.
- * CHINA: 3rd International Conference on Asian Nuclear Prospects (ANUP-2012), organized by Tsinghua University (Beijing), INS, IAEA, CAN and KAERI, 16-19th October, 2012.
- * CHINA: XXVIth International Symposium on Environmental Biogeochemistry (ISEB-2013), Wuhan, China, 13-18th October 2013.
- * CHINA: 6th International Conference on Hydrometallurgy (ICHM-2014), Beijing, China, 16-19th Oct, 2014.

TRAINING UNDERTAKEN

- * School on Mineral Biotechnology, at IISC, Bangalore in December 2009
- * Change Leaders Workshop, at NML, Jamshedpur in August 2010
- * Training Program on Technology Valorization and Management, at ASCI, Hyderabad in Feb 2011.
- * Career Development Workshop by M/s Groman Consulting S.A., at NML, Jamshedpur in Dec 2011.

STUDENTS GUIDANCE/TRAINING IMPARTED

- * Classes for ACSIR students, New Recruit Scientists and National/International Interns
- * Summer Training: 16 (B.Tech/B.Sc./M.Sc.)
- * Dissertation:17 (M.Sc.); 02(M.Tech)

PUBLICATIONS

(Journals, Conf, Presentations, Books Authored/Edited, Chapters in Books)

Journals

Published

- **1. Abhilash**, S.Singh, K.D.Mehta, V.Kumar, B.D.Pandey, V.M.Pandey, *Dissolution of uranium from silicate-apatite ore by Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans*, Hydrometallurgy, 2009, 95(1-2), 70-75
- 2. Abhilash, K.D.Mehta, V. Kumar, B.D. Pandey, P.K. Tamrakar, Column Bioleaching of a Low-Grade Silicate Ore of Uranium, Mineral Processing and Extractive Metallurgy Review, 2010, 31(4), 224 235
- **3. Abhilash**, B.D.Pandey, Role of ferric ions in bioleaching of uranium from a low tenor Indian ore, Canadian Metallurgical Quarterly, 2011, 50(2), 102-112.
- **4. Abhilash**, K.Revati, B.D.Pandey, Microbial synthesis of iron based nanomaterials- A Review, Bulletin of Material Science, 2011, 34(2), 1–8.
- **5. Abhilash**, K.D.Mehta, V.Kumar, B.D.Pandey, P.K.Tamrakar, Bioleaching an alternate uranium ore processing technology for India, Energy Procedia, 2011, 7, 158-162.
- **6. Abhilash**, R.Venkat Raman, K.D.Mehta, B.D.Pandey, Isolation and biochemical characterization of native marine isolates from Indian ocean nodules, Indian Journal of Geo-Marine Sciences, 2011, 40(5), 648-652.
- **7. Abhilash**, B. Dhal, K.D. Mehta, V. Kumar and B.D. Pandey, Bio-processing for metal extraction, recycling and effluent treatment- an overview, The Banaras Metallurgist, 2011, 16, 109-115
- **8. Abhilash**, K.D.Mehta, V. Kumar and B.D.Pandey, Efficacy of bacterial adaptation on copper biodissolution from a low grade chalcopyrite ore by *A. ferrooxidans*, Int. Journal of Nonferrous Metallurgy, 2012, 1, 1-7.
- **9. Abhilash,** Divya G Nair, Kirtal Hansdah, B. Dhal, K. D. Mehta, B. D. Pandey, Bioremoval of chromium (III) from model tanning effluent by novel microbial isolate, Int. Journal of Metallurgical Engg., 2012, 1(2), 12-16.
- **10. Abhilash**, B.D.Pandey, Synthesis of zinc-based nanomaterials: a biological perspective, IET-Nanobiotechnology, 2012, 6(4), 144-148.
- **11. Abhilash**, B.D.Pandey, L.Ray, Bioleaching of apatite rich low grade Indian uranium ore, Canadian Metallurgical Quarterly, 2012, 51(4), 390-413.
- **12. Abhilash,** S.C.Pal, K.D.Mehta, B.D.Pandey, T.R.Mankhand, Bioprocessing of a low-grade chalcopyrite ore by the isolate of *Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans*, Int. Journal of Metallurgical Engg., 2012, 1(5), 72-77
- **13. Abhilash**, B.D. Pandey, Microbially assisted leaching of uranium A Review, Mineral Processing and Extractive Metallurgy Review, 2013, 34(2), 81-113.
- **14. Abhilash,** B.D.Pandey, Microbial processing of apatite rich low grade Indian uranium ore in bioreactor, Bioresource Technology, 2013, 128, 619–623.
- **15. Abhilash,** B.D.Pandey, Bioreactor leaching of uranium from a low grade Indian silicate ore, Biochemical Engineering Journal, 2013, 71, 111-117.
- **16. Abhilash,** K.D.Mehta, B.D.Pandey, Bacterial leaching kinetics for copper dissolution from a low grade Indian Chalcopyrite ore, REM: Revista Escola de Minas, 2013, 66(2), 245-250.
- **17.** B.Dhal, **Abhilash**, B.D.Pandey, Process optimization for bio-beneficiation of a chromite concentrate by a Cr(VI) reducing native microbe (*Bacillus* sp.), **International Journal of Mineral Processing**, **2013**, **123**, **129-136**.

- **18. Abhilash,** B.D.Pandey, A.K.Singh, Comparative performance of uranium bioleaching from low grade Indian apatite rock in column and bioreactor, Energy Procedia, 2013, 39, 20-32.
- **19. Abhilash**, Shivendra Sinha, Manish Kumar Sinha, B.D.Pandey, Extraction of lanthanum and cerium from Indian red mud, Int. J. Min. Proc., 2014, 127, 70-73.
- **20.** Bhargav C. Patel, Manish Kumar Sinha, Devayani R. Tipre, **Abhilash**, Shailesh R. Dave, A novel biphasic leaching approach for the recovery of Cu and Zn from polymetallic bulk concentrate, Bioresource Technology, 2014, 157, 310-315.
- **21.** N.Srivastava, B.Dhal, **Abhilash**, B.D.Pandey, Bioreduction of hexavalent chromium by Bacillus cereus isolated from chromite mine overburden soil, Advanced Materials Research, 2014, 828, 81-92.
- **22.** B.Dhal, **Abhilash**, and B.D.Pandey, Microbial removal of trivalent chromium from model tanning bath, Advanced Materials Research, 2014, 828, 33-44.
- **23.** A.Ghosh, **Abhilash**, B.D.Pandey, Native microbes in desulphurization of Meghalaya Coal, Indian Journal of Geo Marine Sciences (Vol. 44, April 2015)
- **24. Abhilash**, A.Ghosh, B.D.Pandey, Bioleaching of low grade granitic chalcopyrite ore by hyperthermophiles: Elucidation of kinetics-mechanism, Metallurgical Research and Technology, Vol. 112, 506 (2015); DOI: 10.1051/metal/2015031
- **25. Abhilash**, A.Ghosh, B.D.Pandey, S.Sarkar, Microbial variants from iron ore slimes: mineral specificity and pH tolerance, Indian Journal of Microbiology, (Oct–Dec 2015) 55(4):430–439.
- **26.** Yu L Gurevich, M I Teremova, G N Bondarenko, S L Kislan, **Abhilash**, Bio-chemical leaching of kaolinite-hematite-boehmite type bauxite ore, Indian Journal of Chemical Technology, 2015, 22(5), 248-252.
- **27.** S.Sinha, **Abhilash**, P.Meshram, B.D.Pandey, Metallurgical processes for the recovery and recycling of lanthanum from various resources-a review, Hydrometallurgy, 2016, 160, 47-59.
- 28. Pratima Meshram, Abhilash, Jyotsna Kumari, B.D.Pandey, Extraction of Vanadium and Synthesis of Vanadium Pentaoxide from Bayer's Sludge, Russian Journal of Non-Ferrous Metals, 2016, Vol. 57, No. 4, pp. 338–346

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- 29. M.I. Teremova, E.A. Petrakovskaya, A.S. Romanchenko, F.V. Tuzikov, Yu.L.Gurevich, O.V. Tsibina, E.K. Yakubailik, **Abhilash**, Ferritisation of industrial waste water and microbial synthesis of iron-based magnetic nanomaterials from sediments, Environmental Progress and Sustainable Energy (AiChE), DOI: 10.1002/ep.12368
- **30.** Pratima Meshram, Abhilash, B.D.Pandey, T.R.Mankhand, H.Deveci, Comparision of different reductants in leaching of spent lithium ion batteries, Journal of Metals, DOI: 10.1007/s11837-016-2032-9
- **31.** Pratima Meshram, Abhilash, B.D.Pandey, T.R.Mankhand, H.Deveci, Acid baking of spent lithium ion batteries for selective recovery of major metals: A Two-Step Process, Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, DOI: 10.1016/j.jiec.2016.07.056

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National

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- **3.** Pal,S.C., Mehta,K.D., **Abhilash**, Kumar,V., Pandey,B.D. and Mankhand.T.R., Copper Biodissolution from a low grade Chalcopyrite ore by unadapted/adapted Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans, In. Proc. National Seminar on Mineral Biotechnology-2007, Bhubaneswar,pp.110-121.
- **4. Abhilash**, Mehta, K.D., Kumar,V. and Pandey, B.D., Biosorption of trivalent chromium from a model tanning solution by adapted Aspergillus niger, In.Proc. National Seminar on Mineral Biotechnology-2007, Bhubaneswar, pp.190-201.
- **5. Abhilash**, Mehta K.D., Kumar V., Pandey B.D. and Tamrakar.P.K, Amenability of low-grade uranium towards Column Bioleaching by Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans, In.Proc. MPT-2007, Mumbai, pp.345-349
- **6.** Pal.S.C, **Abhilash**, Mehta, K.D., Kumar, V., Pandey, B.D. and Markhand, T.R., Copper biodissolution from a low grade Chalcopyrite ore using adapted Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans, In. Proc. MPT-2007, Mumbai, pp. 524-527.
- 7. Mehta, K.D., **Abhilash**, Verma, V.K., Kumar V. and Pandey, B.D., NML's Efforts in bio-processing of low grade ores of Copper and Uranium- an experimental overview, In. Proc. Non-Ferrous Meet-2007, Raipur, Tech-B-1/1-1/12.
- **8.** S.Anand Ram, **Abhilash**, K.D. Mehta, B.D. Pandey and T.R. Mankhand, Microbial Dissolution of a low grade Indian chalcopyrite ore using mixed culture of mesophiles, Proc. Int. Sem. Min Proc. Tech (MPT-2008), April 22-24 2008, Trivandrum, Ed. P.N.Mohandas, pp.346-350.
- **9.** K.D. Mehta, **Abhilash**, S.Anand Ram, B.D.Pandey and T.R.Mankhand, Improving chalcopyrite biodissolution from low grade Indian copper ore by microbial consortia, Proc. XIIth Int. Conf. Non-Ferrous Minerals and Metals (NFMM-2008), July 4-5 2008, Nagpur, Eds., M.K.B.Nair, C.R.Mishra and C.Ramaswamy, pp. Tech-6-1/1-1/9.
- **10.**B.Dhal, **Abhilash**, K.D. Mehta, and B.D.Pandey, Biological remediation of trivalent chromium from effluents, In. Proc. XIIIth Int. Conf. Non-Ferrous Minerals and Metals (ICNFMM-2009), Eds., C.R.Mishra and S.Majumdar, July 10-11, 2009, Bhubaneswar, pp.Tech-4/1-4/9.
- **11.**Nivedita Singh, **Abhilash**, K.D.Mehta and B.D.Pandey, Kaolinite based microbial composite in Cr(III) sorption from waste waters, In. Proc. Nat. Sem. on Environmental Management in Metallurgical Industries, Varanasi, 15-16th March 2010,Eds. R.C.Gupta, pp.61-68.
- **12.Abhilash**, B.Dhal, K.D.Mehta, V.Kumar, B.D.Pandey, Bio-Processing For Metal Extraction, Recycling And Effluent Treatment- An Overview, In. Proc. International Conference on Non-ferrous Metals 2010, Varanasi, India, Eds: T. R. Mankhand, N. K. Mukhopadhyay, C. R. Mishra, Tech-6/1 Tech6/8.
- **13.Abhilash**, K.D.Mehta, V.Kumar, B.D.Pandey and P.K.Tamrakar, Bioleaching An Alternate Uranium Ore Processing Technology For India, In. Proceedings of ANUP 2010 2nd International Conference on ASIAN NUCLEAR PROSPECTS 2010 Chennai, India 11-13 October 2010 Eds. K.G.Kutty, P.V.Rao, Baldev Raj, pp.232-235.
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