

Curriculum Vitae

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1. Academic Qualifications

Degree	Year	Subject	University/Institution
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	2011	Mechanical Engineering	University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, USA
Master of Technology (M-Tech.)	2006	Manufacturing Engineering	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.)	2003	Production Engineering	University of Mumbai, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

2. Work Experience

Sr.	Positions held	Institute	From	To
1	Associate Professor	Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Bihar, India	December, 2019	Continuing
2	Assistant Professor	Indian Institute of Technology Patna, Bihar, India	September, 2012	December, 2019

3	Postdoctoral Research Associate	University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, USA	September, 2011	August, 2012
4	Design Engineer	General Electric, Bangalore Technology Center, Bangalore, Karnataka, India	August 2006	June 2007

3. Awards/Recognition

Sr.	Name of the Award / Fellowship	Awarding Agency	Year
1	2013 ASME Computers and Information in Engineering Division's Best Dissertation Award.	American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)	2013
2	Computer-Aided Design 2012 most cited paper award for the article "Survey of CAD model simplification techniques for physics-based simulation applications"	Elsevier	2012
3	2012 NSF travel award to present research poster at Performance Metrics for Intelligent Systems (PerMIS'2012)	National Science Foundation (NSF), USA	2012
4	A. James Clark Graduate School Fellowship	University of Maryland, College Park	2007- 2009
5	General Electric Night on the Town Award	General Electric, Bangalore Technology Center	2007

4. Publications

4.1 Journal Articles

- (1) Agarwal, D., Kamble, Y., Raj, A., Thakur, A. D., **Thakur, A.** (2023). Biomechanical parameter estimation using untethered nonprehensile magnetic microrobot. *Journal of Micro and Bio Robotics*, 19(1), 59-70. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12213-023-00164-7>

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- (9) Nishad, S. R., Halder, R., Banda, G., and **Thakur, A.**, (2022). Development of a Lizard-Inspired Wall-Climbing Robot Using Pressure Sensitive Adhesion, in *IEEE Access*, vol. 10, pp. 72535-72544, 2022, doi: 10.1109/ACCESS.2022.3189162.

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- (11) Agarwal, D., Thakur, A. D., **Thakur, A.**, (2022) A feedback-based manoeuvre planner for nonprehensile magnetic micromanipulation of large microscopic biological objects, *Robotics and Autonomous Systems*, 148, 103941, ISSN 0921-8890, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.robot.2021.103941>.
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- (17) Sharma, N. K., Tiwari, M., **Thakur, A.**, and Ganguli, A. K., (2020) A Systematic Review of Methodologies and Techniques for Integrating Ergonomics in Development and Assessment of Manually Operated Equipment, *International*

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4.2 Peer-Reviewed Conference

- (1) Saxena, S, Ojha, P. and **Thakur, A.**, An Underwater Gliding Robot Using Origami-Inspired Buoyancy Regulator, 48th International Conference on Mechanisms and Robotics (MR) at 2024 ASME-IDETC, Washington DC, USA, August 25-28, 2024.
- (2) Kodidasu, P, Kadali, M. and **Thakur, A.**, Improving Climbing Performance Using Passive Tail in Lizard-Inspired Robot, 48th International Conference on Mechanisms and Robotics (MR) at 2024 ASME-IDETC, Washington DC, USA, August 25-28, 2024.
- (3) Sankar, K.M., A. K., A., **Thakur, A.** (2024). A Two-Legged Robot for Climbing Vertical Surfaces Based on Pressure-Sensitive Adhesion and Peeling. In: Youssef, E.S.E., Tokhi, M.O., Silva, M.F., Rincon, L.M. (eds) Synergetic Cooperation Between Robots and Humans. CLAWAR 2023. Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems, vol 810. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-47269-5_23
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- (7) Sharma N.K., Tiwari M., and **Thakur A.**, Ganguli A.K. (2022) Biomechanical simulation and a detailed analysis of the roadside cleaning activity. In: Black N.L., Neumann W.P., Noy I. (eds) Proceedings of the 21st Congress of the International Ergonomics Association (IEA 2021). IEA 2021. Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems, vol 223. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-74614-8_22
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- (9) Sarwar, M. M. S., Yadav, R., Samanta, S., Ray, R., Halder, R., Banda, G., Bhattacharya, A., and **Thakur, A.**, A Robotic Software Framework for Autonomous Navigation in Unknown Environment, 2021 International Symposium of Asian Control Association on Intelligent Robotics and Industrial Automation (IRIA), 2021, pp. 345-350, doi: 10.1109/IRIA53009.2021.9588693.
- (10) Rishikesh, Bhattacharya, A., **Thakur, A.**, Banda, G., Ray, R., and Halder, R., Secure Communication System Implementation for Robot-based Surveillance Applications, 2021 International Symposium of Asian Control Association on Intelligent Robotics and Industrial Automation (IRIA), 2021, pp. 270-275, doi: 10.1109/IRIA53009.2021.9588788.
- (11) Ojha, P., and **Thakur, A.**, Real-Time Obstacle Avoidance Algorithm for Dynamic Environment on Probabilistic Road Map, 2021 International Symposium of Asian Control Association on Intelligent Robotics and Industrial Automation (IRIA), 2021, pp. 57-62, doi: 10.1109/IRIA53009.2021.9588792.
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- (13) Darekar, A. Y., and **Thakur, A.**, Trajectory planning in the presence of dynamic obstacles for Anguilliform-inspired robots, Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Advances in Robotics 2021, June 30-July 4, 2021. Kanpur, UP, India.
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- (15) Pedapudi, B. R. B., Hait, S., and **Thakur, A.**, Multi-Layer Perceptron-Based Classification of Recyclable Plastics from Waste Using Hyperspectral Imaging for Robotic Sorting, Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Advances in Robotics 2021, June 30-July 4, 2021. Kanpur, UP, India.
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- (19) Agrawal, K., Jain, K., Gupta, D., Shrivastav, R., Agnihotri, A., and **Thakur, A.**, Bayesian optimization based terrestrial gait tuning for an 12-dof alligator-inspired robot with active body undulation. ASME Mechanisms and Robotics Conference, Quebec City, Canada, August 26-29, 2018.
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- (23) Shah, B., C., Švec, P., **Thakur, A.**, and Gupta, S., K., Path Planning for Unmanned Vehicles Operating in Time-Varying Flow Fields. ICAPS Workshop on Planning and Robotics (PlanRob 2016), London, UK, June 13-14, 2016.
- (24) Sathish, G.P., and **Thakur, A.**, Automated Municipal Solid Waste Sorting for Recycling using a Mobile Manipulator, 40th Mechanisms and Robotics Conference (MR), ASME-DETC, Charlotte, UNC, USA, August 21-24, 2016.
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- (39) Pavanaskar, S., S., **Thakur, A.**, Sunil, V., B., and Pande, S., S., WebNC: An internet based system for global product development. Proceedings of 7th Global Conference on Sustainable Manufacturing, 2009, Chennai, India, December 1-4.
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4.3 Book Chapters

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4.4 Patent

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5. R&D Projects

- i.) Project Title: Robust Motion Planning for Amphibious-Inspired Robots
Sponsor: Department of Science and Technology, Government of India
Project Cost: ₹ 17.81 lakh
PI/CoPI: PI
Duration: 03-Sep-2013 to 02-Sep-2016
Present Status: Completed
- ii.) Project Title: Development of Low Cost, Efficient, Mechanism for Collection of Garbage and Dirt for Municipal Corporations, Panchayats
Sponsor: Swacchta Action Plan, MHRD
Project Cost: ₹ 16.71 lakh
PI/CoPI: Co-PI
Duration: 22-Jan-2018 to 21-Jul-2021
Present Status: Completed
- iii.) Project Title: Development of Lizard-like Robotic Spy Surveillance System
Sponsor: SERB
Project Cost: ₹101.49 lakh
PI/CoPI: Co-PI
Duration: 21-May-2019 to 21-Nov-2022
Present Status: Completed
- iv.) Project title: Intelligent Partition of Complicated Multiscale 3D Models for Rapid Additive and Subtractive Manufacturing
Project Cost: 300,000RMB
PI/CoPI: CoPI

Duration: 25-Jul-2018 to 24-Jul-2020

Present Status: Completed

- v.) Project Title Assessment of the Use of Modern Robotic and Machine Learning Tools for Addressing Operational Challenges at 3×660 MW Capacity Coal Fired Supercritical Power Plant

Sponsor: Prayagraj Power Corporation Limited

Project Cost: ₹ 8.76 lakh

PI/CoPI: PI

Duration: 24-Aug-2022 to 23-Aug-2023

Present Status: Completed

- vi.) Project Title: Development of Affordable Ergonomic Exoskeleton for Ameliorating Manual Work for Improving Safety and Dignity

Sponsor: Swachta Action Plan, MHRD

Project Cost: ₹ 26.64 lakh

PI/CoPI: PI

Duration: 21-Jun-2023 to 19-Jun-2026

Present Status: Ongoing

6. Consultancy/Commissioned Work

- i.) Project Title: Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Central for Robotics Center and Central Instrumentation Facility

Sponsor: Department of Science and Technology, Government of Bihar

Project Cost: ₹3.25 lakh

PI/CoPI: PI

Duration: 2016 – 2018

Present Status: Completed

- ii.) Project Title: Design, Fabrication and Installation of Motorized Sliding Security Gate at Reserve Bank of India, Patna

Sponsor: Reserve Bank of India, Patna

Project Cost: ₹3.52 lakh

PI/CoPI: PI

Duration: 2018 – 2019

Present Status: Completed

iii.) Vetting of design documents for Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC) and Smart Components of Muzaffarpur Smart City

Sponsor: Shapoorji Pallonji And Company Private Limited

Project Cost: ₹11.8 lakh

PI/CoPI: PI (along with Dr. Raju Halder, Dr. Samrat Mondal, and Dr. Subrata Hait)

Duration: 2022

Present Status: Completed

7. Teaching, Mentoring, and Advising

7.1 Courses Taught at IIT Patna

- Mobile Robotics (ME512)
- Robot Motion Planning (ME510)
- Modeling and Simulation of Mechatronic Systems (MH504)
- System Dynamics and Control (ME312)
- Bio-inspired Robotics (ME335)
- Fundamentals of Mechatronics (MH501)
- Control Systems (ME309)
- Kinematics of Machinery (ME304)
- Engineering Mechanics (ME101)
- Engineering Drawing (ME111)
- Mechatronics Lab I and II (MH519 and MH520)
- Control of Mechatronic Systems (EE501)
- Seminar for Masters' Students (SE507)

7.2 New Courses Developed at IIT Patna

- **Mobile Robotics (ME512):** This course provides an overview of the aspects of design, fabrication, motion planning, and control of intelligent mobile robotic systems and is offered to senior undergraduate and graduate students. The focus of the course is distributed equally on the computational aspects and practical implementation issues and thereby leads to a well-rounded training. As part of this course, the students design and fabricate a mobile robotic platform and program it to apply learned theoretical concepts in practice as a semester long class project. The topics covered in this course include: Robot locomotion, maneuverability, controllability, mobile robot kinematics, dynamics, and motion simulation, robot perception, localization, introduction to planning and navigation focusing especially on graph search techniques.
- **Bio-Inspired Robotics (ME335):** This course covers the fundamentals and applications of bio-inspired robots. The aspects covered in this course include the following: bio inspiration vs biomimetics, types of locomotion, hopping robots, biped, quadruped and hexaped robots, crawling robots, wheeled robots, fish-inspired aquatic robots, stability, maneuverability, and controllability. The course provides the students an opportunity to design and fabricate a mobile robotic platform and program it to apply learned theoretical concepts in practice as a semester long class project.
- **Robot Motion Planning (ME510):** This course covers the prominent motion planning algorithms used in the area of mobile robotics. The course will cover various motion planning algorithms and analyses. The contents covered in this course include: Configuration space and topology, potential functions, roadmaps, cell decomposition, sampling-based algorithms. The students are allotted several mini-projects wherein they are challenged to implement motion planning algorithms that implement the theoretical concepts taught in the class. For the simulations, CoppeliaSim™ software and Matlab™ are used.

7.3 Laboratory Course Developed at IIT Patna

The mechatronics lab includes experiments on data acquisition, sensors and actuators, microprocessors, microcontrollers, rapid prototyping techniques, robot manipulation, CNC machining, hydraulics, pneumatics, and PLC. In addition to the development of pedagogical aspects described above, I also established the lab and populated it with various relevant equipment like CO2 Laser cutting machining, PCB prototyping machine,

3D printers, table top milling machines, hydraulic and pneumatic breadboards, and robotic manipulators.

7.4 Short-term Training and Continuing Education Program

- Organized a Short-term Training Program for the Engineers of Building Construction Department, Govt. of at IIT Patna in collaboration with Dr. Subrata Hait, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, IIT Patna during May 20 to June 12, 2013. Number of participants was 25.
- Organized a CEP course “Introduction to robotics: Mechanics, Control, and Programming” during October 26 – 28, 2018. Number of participants was 31.
- Conducted an FDP on Mobile Robotics funded by AICTE under its ATAL program during June 16-20, 2021. Number of participants was 200.
- Conducted an FDP on Advanced Mobile Robotics funded by AICTE under its ATAL program during September 20-24, 2021. Number of participants was 88.

7.5 Students Mentored

Ph.D. Thesis Completed

1. Sathish P. Gundupalli, 2019
 - Thesis title: Automated segregation of recyclables from solid waste stream using thermal imaging technique
2. Aditi Raj, 2019
 - Thesis title: Trajectory planning for underwater anguilliform-Inspired robots operating in presence of ambient flow
3. Dharmveer Agarwal
 - Thesis title: Robotic Nonprehensile Magnetic Micromanipulation of Large Microscopic Biological Objects (Thesis Submitted)

Ph.D. Thesis Ongoing

1. Neelesh Sharma (jointly guided with Prof. Mayank Tiwari, ME, IITP)
2. Mukesh Kumar Singh

3. Pritam Ojha
4. Yuvaraj Kamble (jointly guided with Dr. Abhishek Raj, ME, IITP)
5. Kadali Manisankar (jointly guided with Prof. Mayank Tiwari, ME, IITP)

M-Tech. Thesis Completed

1. Purusottam Pradhan, 2024
 - Thesis title: Simultaneous Localization and Mapping of the Unknown Environment using Kobuki Robot and LiDAR Sensor
2. Kodidasu Purna Rama Sai Usha Pranav, 2024
 - Thesis title: Improving the Performance of Climbing Robots with Tail
3. Anugrah A. K., 2023
 - Thesis title: Miniaturization and Rapid Prototyping of Lizard Inspired Robot for Swarm Application
4. Ajayan, 2022
 - Thesis title: Development of experimental setup for robotic sorting of plastic waste
5. Ninad Kuware, 2022
 - Thesis title: Prognosis and control of boiling crisis by leveraging acoustic emissions and deep learning.
6. Pedapudi Bharath Raja Bhoopal, 2021
 - Thesis title: Classification of recyclable plastic from waste using hyperspectral imaging technique
7. Akshay Y. Darekar, 2021
 - Thesis title: Trajectory planning for fish-inspired robots in the presence of dynamic obstacles
8. Aditya Sudeep Ratnaparkhi, 2020
 - Thesis title: Model-based backstepping leader-follower formation control of unmanned surface vehicles
9. Abhishek Sharma, 2020
 - Thesis title: Design and control of haptic interface for laparoscopic simulator
10. Shubham Pathak, 2019
 - Thesis title: Control of boiling-based variable buoyancy robot
11. Sushrut Lingayat, 2019
 - Thesis title: Laparoscopic simulator with haptic feedback
12. Amit Kumar, 2019
 - Thesis title: Design of a dragonfly-inspired micro air vehicle
13. Aaditya Asati, 2018
 - Thesis title: Haptic feedback from virtual environment for laparoscopic surgical simulation using cutaneous and kinesthetics haptic Interface
14. Rajan Sippy, 2018
 - Thesis title: Development of android powered eye tracking-based wheelchair control with autonomous navigation
15. Adnan Jawed, 2018
 - Thesis title: Design and fabrication of carangiform robotic fish
16. Sumit Banerjee, 2017 - Joint guidance with Dr. Rishi Raj, Department of Mechanical Engineering
 - Thesis title: Boiling-based buoyancy controlled underwater robot

17. Biswaranjan Das, 2017
 - Thesis title: Anguilliform-inspired robot
18. Himansu Shaw, 2017
 - Thesis title: A shape-memory alloy actuated robotic fish
19. Kishan Gopal Karwa, 2017
 - Thesis title: Magnetic microrobot for non-prehensile manipulation of cells
20. Krishna Agrawal, 2017
 - Thesis title: Automatic gait adaptation for alligator-inspired robot
21. Akash Das, 2015 – Joint guidance with Dr. Ajay D. Thakur, Department of Physics
 - Thesis title: Automated motion planning of magnetic microrobot
22. Guddi Kumari, 2015 – Joint guidance with Dr. Rishi Raj, Department of Mechanical Engineering
 - Thesis title: Temperature feedback control for enhancing critical heat flux during pool boiling.
23. Anand Kumar Mishra, 2014
 - Thesis title: Design, fabrication and planning of bio-inspired quadruped robots
24. Sherbahadur Yadav, 2014
 - Thesis title: Design and planning of unmanned ground vehicles for human following

Bachelors

M-Tech Thesis Ongoing

1. Kundan Saha
2. Sujoy Garain

B-Tech Thesis Completed

1. Aditya Baberwal and Krishna Raj, 2024
 - Development of a Prototype of Self-Driving Car
2. Anushkha Singh and Gogineni Charishma, 2023
 - 3D Object Reconstruction from Multiview Monocular Images
3. Kritadhi Maity and Ayush Gupta, 2023
 - Advance Prediction of Boiling Crisis through Acoustic Signal Analysis
4. Pranay and Hareesh, 2022
 - Thesis title: Sanitization robot
5. Maria and Anisha, 2022
 - Thesis title: Animal health monitoring tool
6. Aman Kumar and Akshat Jain 2022
 - Thesis title: Modelling and simulation of adhesive force and climbing in a lizard-inspired robot
7. Bansal Kumar and Chandan Bhatt, 2021
 - Thesis title: A deep learning-based real time computation of thrust for fish-inspired robot
8. Rishabh Shukla and Rohit, 2019
 - Thesis title: Sorting of municipal solid waste using robotic hand
9. Rajendra Verma and Rahul Dilare, 2019

- Thesis title: Quadruped robot based on mammalian gait
- 10. Santhosh Thati, 2018
 - Thesis title: Optimal trajectory planning for an anguilliform-inspired robot
- 11. Kushagra Jain, 2018
 - Thesis title: Gait parameter estimation using Bayesian-optimization for an alligator-inspired robot
- 12. Amit Kumar and Maneesh Meena, 2018
 - Thesis title: Stair-climbing gait control of a 12-DOF quadruped robot
- 13. Ashwin Goyal and Chirag Jain, 2017
 - Thesis title: Estimation of crowd density using a quadcopter
- 14. Abhijeet Agnihotri and Raunak Srivastava, 2017
 - Thesis title: Control of quadruped gait in an alligator-inspired robot
- 15. Pranav Kulkarni, 2016 – Jointly guidance with Dr. Ajay Thakur, Department of Physics
 - Thesis title: Control of magnetic microrobot in the presence of environmental flow
- 16. Samiran Mondal, 2015
 - Thesis title: Design, control and fabrication of an alligator-inspired underwater swimming robot
- 17. C. Nitish, 2015
 - Thesis title: Design and fabrication of glove for augmented reality applications
- 18. Ashesh Chattopadhyay, 2015 – Joint guidance with Dr. Rishi Raj, Department of Mechanical Engineering
 - Modeling of droplet geometry on surfaces exhibiting different contact angles
- 19. Shivam Chourey and Vora Nishant, 2014 – Joint guidance with Dr. Ajay D. Thakur, Department of Physics
 - Thesis title: Development of magnetic microrobot
- 20. Delip Thomas and Srinivas Gunti, 2014
 - Thesis title: Design and fabrication of snake-inspired robots

Research Engineers and Programmers

1. Batchu Madhu Sri Kiran (September 2023 – continuing)
2. Ravi Shekhar Tiwari (December 2022 – May 2023)
3. Harshang Shah (January 2023-April 2023)
4. Rajeshwar Yadav (September 2019-April 2022)
5. Satyendra R. Nishad (September 2019-April 2022)
6. Amarjeet Kumar (September 2016-September 2019)

8. Invited Talks

- Actuation and Control of Micro- and Nano- Robots for Biomedical Applications, March 2024, NIT Jamshedpur

- Fundamentals of Robotics: Mechanisms and Kinematics of Manipulators, March 2024, NIT Sikkim
- Autonomous Underwater Robotics at Various Size Scales: Challenges and Opportunities, November 2023, Paris-Saclay University & UEVE University (online)
- Bioinspired Mobile Robotics: Sensing, Actuation and Autonomy, Darbhanga College of Engineering, October 2023, Darbhanga, Bihar, India
- Teaching Methodology in Engineering Education, Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development, July 2023, Gaya, Bihar, India.
- Applications of AI and ML in Robotics: Basic Concepts, NIMS Jaipur, November 2022, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.
- Mechatronics and Robotics Research at IIT Patna, Prayagraj Power Generation Co. Ltd., April 2022, Prayagraj, UP, India.
- Structural Health Monitoring: Collaboration proposal between IIT Patna and NTPC, National Thermal Power Generation Ltd., Vaibhav Singhal, Udit Satija, and January 2022, India. (online)
- Actuation and Control of Micro- and Nano- Robots for Biomedical Applications, IIT BHU, August 2021, Varanasi, UP, India. (online)
- Actuation and Control of Micro- and Nano- Robots for Biomedical Applications, NIT Silchar, June 2021, Silchar, Assam, India. (online)
- Actuation and Control of Micro- and Nano- Robots for Biomedical Applications, Indian Institute of Technology Indore, MP, December 2020, Indore, India. (online)
- Underwater Robotics at different size-scales, GIET Gaya, December 2020, Gaya, India. (online)
- Underwater Robotics at different size-scales, Shanghai Jiaotong University, December 2019, Shanghai, China.
- Underwater Robotics at different size-scales, NIT Silchar, May 2019, Silchar, Assam, India.
- Underwater Robotics at different size-scales, IIT Bombay, February 2019, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- Research on Fish-Inspired Underwater Robot at IIT Patna, IIT Gandhinagar, October 2017, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India.
- Introduction to Mobile Robotics, Bhagalpur College of Engineering, November 2016, Bhagalpur, Bihar, India.

- Introduction to mobile robots and research on fish-inspired underwater robots, G H Patel College of Engineering & Technology, December 2016, Surat, Gujarat, India.
- Dynamics-aware online motion planning for mobile robotic systems operating in stochastic environment, System and Controls Group, IIT Bombay, October 2014, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- Magnetic Microrobot Assisted Selective Non-Prehensile Cell Micromanipulation, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal, December 2015, Bhopal, MP, India
- Physics-Aware Planning of Robot Motion: Unmanned Surface Vehicles to Bio-Inspired Robots, 11th National Conference on Industrial Problems on Machines and Mechanisms (IPRoMM-2014), February 2014, Delhi, India.
- Robotics based indirect optical manipulation of biological cells for studying collective migration, Mahavir Cancer Sansthan, September 2013, Patna, Bihar, India.
- Robotics Research at IIT Patna, Center for Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, March 2013, Durgapur, WB, India.
- Robotics Research at IIT Patna, Center for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.
- Advances in Modeling and Simulation for Physics-Aware Planning in Robotics, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, April 2012, Delhi, India. February 2013,
- Real-Time High-Fidelity Rigid Body Simulations for Virtual Environments, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, August 2011, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

9. Academic Service

- Serving as Associate Editor of IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L)
- Serving as Associate Editor of *Journal of ASME Journal of Computing and Information Science in Engineering (JCISE)*
- Served as reviewer for Robotics and Autonomous Systems, Robotica, Waste Management, Nature Computational Intelligence, Applied Intelligence, CAD.

10. Institutional Service at IIT Patna

- Associate Dean Academic Affairs, July 2021-July 2022
- Secretary, Department Academic Program Committee of Mechanical Engineering Department, 2016-2020.

- Member, Department Purchase Committee of Mechanical Engineering Department, 2016-2019.
- Member, Committee for Developing Executive M-Tech Program in Mechatronics, 2021
- Member, Committee for Developing Dual Degree B-Tech (Mechanical)+MBA Program in collaboration with National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) 2022
- Member, Institute Wellness Center, 2018-2022