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Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Chemical Engg.
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Visiting Scientist, Leibniz-Institute for New
Materials, Saarbrücken & Max Planck Institute for
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Asth. Prof., Dept. of Chemical Engg.,
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Courses: Chemical Process Industries
Numerical Methods
Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics
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Chemical Reaction Engineering
Mathematical Methods in Chemical Engineering

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: Graduate Engineer Trainee
TATA Chemicals Limited, 1994-1996

Project: Process development for generation of value added products from effluents of Soda Ash Plant

h) Patent:

1. Ghatak, A., Singh, N., Tewary, A. A process for dispersing metallic nanoparticles on a large surface, Indian Patent application number 201811042159. **Granted.**
2. Ghatak, A., Roy, A. C., Viswakarma, R. Microscope system and method, Indian Patent application number 201711034629.
3. Ghatak, A., Roy, A. C., Viswakarma, R. A smartphone based microscope, Indian Patent application number 201711028373.
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11. Ghatak, A., Ghatak, A. S., Process for generation of nano-wrinkled substrate and its applications thereof, Indian Patent Application Number: 816/DEL/2013.
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14. Ghatak, A., Sharma, A., Das, A. L., Mukherjee, R., Katiyer, V., Kulkarni, M., Generation of Submicron to Macroscopic Patterns and Objects by Successive Miniaturization Using Shrinkable Materials. **Granted.**
15. Kumar, A., Sami, H., Srivastava, A., Ghatak, A., Cryotropic hydrogels and their use as filters. International Application No.: PCT/SE2010/050285.

i) Book chapter:

1. “Bio-Inspired Adhesion and Adhesives: Controlling Adhesion by Micro-nano Structuring of Soft Surfaces”, Majumder, A., Sharma A. and Ghatak, A. Book Title: Microfluidics and Microfabrication, edited by Suman Chakraborty. Springer 2010.
2. “Biologically inspired adhesives”, Ghatak, A. Book Title: Handbook on “Microfluidics Nanofluidics” edited by Sushanta K. Mitra and Suman Chakraborty. CRC Press/Taylor & Francis Group, LLC, 2011.
3. “Mechanics of Peeling of a Flexible Adherent off a thin Layer of Adhesive”, Ghatak, A. Book Title: “Mechanics over Micro and Nano Scales” edited by Suman Chakraborty. Springer 2011.
4. “Effect of Asymmetry on Adhesion and Locomotion of Soft-Bodied Objects”, Mondal, S. and Ghatak, A. Book Title: “Nanoscale and Microscale Phenomena: Fundamentals and Applications” edited by Yogesh Joshi and Samir Khandekar. Springer 2015.

j) Publication:

1. Ghatak, A, How does a lizard shed its tail? SCIENCE, 2022, Vol 375(6582), pp 721-722.
2. Singh, N., Ghatak, A., Hierarchically Rough Surface used as Rewritable and Reprintable paper, arXiv preprint arXiv:2111.12430.
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 8. Maiti, S. Singh, N., Ghatak, A. Confinement induced alteration of morphologies of oil-water emulsion, *Langmuir* **2019**, Vol 35(10), pp 3797-3804.
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 10. Rajbanshi, P., Ghatak, A. Flow through triple helical microchannel, *Physical Review Fluids*, **2018**, Vol 3, pp 024201.
 11. Kundan, K. K., Ghatak, A. Effect of shape on fracture of soft elastic gel subjected to shear load, *Soft Matter*, **2018**, Vol 14, pp. 1365.
 12. Ghatak, A.S., Rawal, G., Ghatak, A. Precipitant-less crystallization of protein molecules induced by incision on substrate, *Crystal*, **2017**, Vol 7, pp 245.
 13. Roy, A. C., Yadav, M., Khanna, A. and Ghatak, A., Bi-convex aspheric optical lenses, *Applied Physics Letters*, **2017**, Vol 110(10), 103701.
 14. Mohanty, D. P., Rao, L., Das, S. L. and Ghatak, A. Polygonal deformation of a metallic foil subjected to impact by an axisymmetric indenter, *Journal of Adhesion Science and Technology*, **2017**, Vol 31(15), 1647-1657.
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- k) Conference Proceedings/Presentations
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 2. Ghatak A. Adhesion, fracture and locomotion of soft materials, IUTAM Symposium on "Transition and Turbulence in Flow through Deformable Tubes and Channels", Department of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, January, 2014.
 3. Jesbeer, M., Paretkar, D., Kroner, E., Arzt, E., and Ghatak, A., Design of a Two-Phase Adhesive for Wet and Dry Adhesion, Adhesion Society Meeting, 2013.
 4. Mondal, S. Ghatak A. Solvent Powered Rolling of an Elastomeric Cylinder, Adhesion Society Meeting, 2013.
 5. Susmita Das, Ghatak, A. Puncturing of Soft Gel using Multi-tip Syringe Needles, Euromat 2011, Montpellier, France.
 6. Arul, Ed. P., Ghatak, A., Bio-Inspired Design of Hierarchically Structured Adhesives, Adhesion Society Meeting, 2011.
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1) Invited Talks

1. Faculty Development Program (FDP) entitled “*Microfluidics, soft matter and their applications*” from 6th September 2021 to 10th September 2021. Department of Chemical Engineering, National Institute of Technology Calicut, Kerala
2. Ghatak A. Effect of Confinement on the Alteration of Morphologies of Oil-water Emulsion, COMFLU 2020.
3. Ghatak A., Fracture of soft materials with a sharp object: towards design of a painless syringe needle, International conference on material-based therapeutic engineering and regenerative medicine. IIT Kanpur 2019.

4. Ghatak A., Adhesion and fracture of soft materials. Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers - Kharagpur Regional Centre and Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Kharagpur.
5. Ghatak A., Adhesion and fracture of soft materials. Professor C. N. R. Rao Endowed lecture, IIT Kanpur 2019.
6. Ghatak A., Adhesion and fracture of soft materials. C. V. Sheshadri memorial distinguished lecture, IIT Bombay 2018.
7. Ghatak A., Estimation of solid-liquid interfacial tension. Distinguished speaker, Chemcon 2015.
8. Ghatak A. & Singh, N. K., Bio-inspired adhesion and locomotion, RSC (UK) - IIT Kanpur Symposium, 2015.
9. Ghatak A., Estimation of solid-liquid interfacial tension. Research Scholars Day, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Kanpur, 2015.
10. Ghatak A. Manipulating liquid-solid interactions to generate bio-inspired adhesion and locomotion in soft materials, 8th India Singapore Symposium in Condensed Matter Physics, 2015.
11. Ghatak A. Bio-inspired Adhesion and Locomotion of Soft Materials, Indo-British Frontiers of Science (FOS) Symposium, 2014.
12. Ghatak A. Bio-inspired Adhesion and Locomotion of Soft Objects, Delhi University, Physics Department, March 2014.
13. Ghatak A. Adhesion, fracture and locomotion of soft materials, JNCASR, October 2013.
14. Ghatak A. Adhesion, fracture and locomotion of soft materials, Guest speaker, Research Scholars Day, IIT Kharagpur, June 2013.
15. Ghatak A. Fabrication and Application of Three Dimensional Micro-Structure Embedded in Soft Gels, Workshop on micro & nano fabrication, IIT Kanpur, February 2013.
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17. Ghatak, A. and Das, S. Easy Puncturing of Soft Gels with Multi-tip Needles, Nano-indentation conference, Leibnitz Institute for New Materials, Saarbrucken, Germany, March 2012.
18. Ghatak A. Adaptive adhesion via subsurface network of fluid-filled micro-channel, Gordon Research Conference on Adhesion Science, USA, July 2011.
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21. Ghatak, A., Role of Sub-surface Micro-Structures on Bio-Inspired Adhesion, Gecko Workshop, Leibniz Institute of New Materials, Saarbrücken, July 2010.
22. Ghatak A., Probing interfacial adhesion on smooth and patterned layer of adhesive, Max-Planck-Institut für Polymerforschung, Mainz, March 2010.
23. Ghatak A., Adaptive Adhesion via Sub-surface Network of Fluid Filled microchannels, Leibniz Institute of New Materials, Saarbrücken, March 2010.
24. Ghatak A., Adhesion enhancement via physical patterning of surfaces. TATA Iron and Steel Co., Jamshedpur, February 2009.
25. Ghatak A., 3-dimensionally Oriented Multihelical Channels for Microfluidic Mixing, Indo-German Workshop on Micro-reaction Technology, Pune, March 2009.
26. Ghatak A., Biomimetic Engineering: Applying Nature's Solutions to Human problems, SURGE program, Indian Institute of Technology, 2008.
27. Ghatak, A., Bio-inspired Microfluidic Adhesion. Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Technology, 2008.
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32. Ghatak, A., "Symposium on complex fluids" at National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, 2008.
33. Ghatak, A., Adhesion Induced Instability of a Thin Elastic Film: Effect of Confinement. National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, 2008.
34. Ghatak, A., Textured Functional Materials. "IITK REACH Symposium 2007" held at Hotel Timber Trail Heights, Timber Trail, 2007.
35. Ghatak, A., Peeling from a Smooth and a Patterned Layer of Elastic Adhesive. "Symposium on complex fluids" at National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, 2005.

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39. Ghatak, A., Chaudhury, M. K., Instability in Thin Films. Chemical Engineering Colloquium, Department of Chemical Engineering, Lehigh University, 2001.

m) Academic Activities:

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n) PhD Students Advised

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DST Inspire Faculty, Electro-hydrometallurgy division, 2013-present
Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Karaikudi, India.

Dr. Sambasiva Rao Ganneboyina
Thesis Title: Experimental investigation of two phase flow of fluid through Multi-helical Microchannels
Senior Scientist in Hydro - Electrometallurgy Department, Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology, Bhubaneswar, India.

Dr. Susmita Das

Thesis Title: Fracture of soft gel with hypodermic needle
Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, NIT Calicut

Dr. Subrata Mondal

Thesis: Adhesion and locomotion of soft bodied objects
Scientist, Atotech Group

Dr. Abhijit Chandra Roy

Thesis: Soft optical lenses: fabrication and application
INSPIRE Fellow, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Dr. Krishnakant Kundan

Thesis: Fracture of soft brittle gels
Process Technologist, Aditya Birla Group.

Pravat Rajvanshi

Thesis: Flow through multihelical microchannels.
Degree awarded posthumously

Nitish Singh

Thesis: Bio-inspired design of nano-patterned adhesives
Continuing

Gaurav Rawal

Thesis: Flexible pressure sensors
Continuing

Kuldeep Kuher

Thesis: Double Network gel for design of adhesive
Continuing

Tanima Bhowmik

Thesis: Starch-PDMS two-phase material for adhesion applications
Continuing

Aditya Singh

Thesis: Spinjet electrospinning machine for continuous fabrication of non-woven nano-fiber mat
Continuing

o) Projects sponsored by

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

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Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

Indian Council of Medical Research

Unilever Industries Private Limited

Portescap India Private Limited

Maruti Suzuki

p) Awards and Honors:

1. SERB - Science and Technology Award for Research (SERB-STAR), 2020.
2. C. V. Seshadri Chair Professor, IIT Kanpur, 2019-2022.
3. Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineering, 2018.
4. C. N. R. Rao Faculty Award, IIT Kanpur 2016.
5. DOST Professor S. K. Sharma Medal and Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award, 2015.
6. Gireesh Jankinath Chair Professorship, 2014-2017.
7. Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers, 2011-2012 & 2015, May-2015, June
8. Invited to speak in Gordon Research Conference, Adhesion Science of, 2011.
9. Mr. and Mrs. Gian Singh Bindra Research Fellowship, 2009-2012.
10. Diamond Jubilee Young Achiever's Award of the Indian Institution of Chemical Engineering, 2007.
11. REACH 2007 Symposium Research Award of the Indian Institution of Technology, Kanpur
12. Young Engineer Award of the Indian National Academy of Engineering, 2006.
13. Alan Gent Best Student Paper Award in Second world Congress on Adhesion and related Phenomena, 2002.
14. Peebles Travel Grant Award for attending Second world Congress on Adhesion and related Phenomena, 2002.
15. Leonard A. Wenzel award for best presentation in Qualifying/General examination, Department of Chemical Engineering, Lehigh University, 1999.
16. Byllesby Fellowship from the Department of Chemical Engineering, Lehigh University, 1998.

q) Student Achievement:

Dr. Abhijit Chandra Roy: **INAE-Innovative Student Projects Award** – 2018, Doctoral Level, conferred on me by **The Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE), India**

BIRAC-SRISTI GYTI Award-2016, for making a “Table Top Digital Microscope” for detection of various diseases. The award assessment was conducted by the body of **Gandhian Young Technological Innovation Award**.

1st position in in the poster presentation event Research Convention, **Techkriti-2015**, IIT Kanpur.

Dr. Subrata Mondal: **Peebles Travel Grant Award** for attending Adhesion Society meeting, 2014.

Mr. Muhamed Jesbeer: **Peebles Travel Grant Award** for attending Adhesion Society meeting, 2013.

Dr. Edward Peter Arul: **Peebles Travel Grant Award** for attending Adhesion Society meeting, 2010.
Recipient of **DST Inspire Fellowship**, 2013

Dr. Abhijit Majumder: **Peebles Travel Grant Award** for attending Adhesion Society meeting & Runners up for Alan Gent Best Student Paper Award, 2008
Winner of the **India Technology Review 35**, 2012

r) **Highlights:**

Research highlighted by **Nature News, Nature Physics, Press release of Science, Press release of Royal Society of Chemistry, Chemistry World, Chemical & Engineering News**

Research highlighted by **Alumni News Bulletin of Lehigh University, PA, USA**

Published papers in top international journals: **Science, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, Advanced Materials, Advanced Functional Materials, Physical Review Letters, Proceedings of Royal Society, Journal of Royal Society Interface, Langmuir, Crystal Growth and Design, Soft Matter, Electrochimica Acta and others**

Created a state of the art laboratory at IIT Kanpur for research on Soft Materials

Invited to lecture in top institutions and universities in India, United States, Canada and Germany

Invited as a speaker at the **Gordon Research Conference on Adhesion Science**

s) **Administrative Achievements:**

1. Associate Dean of Industrial Collaboration (ADIC)
 - a. Acted as a representative from R&D in deciding terms and conditions of technology transfer in Industry-Academia collaborative projects
 - b. Created a web search page for availability of expertise in faculty members of the institute
 - c. Created a web search page for industry-oriented courses that faculty members wish to offer
 - d. Generated a list of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects being sought by faculty members of the institute
 - e. Successfully executed a project from Maruti Suzuki Udyog Limited (MSIL) as a co-PI; coordinated with several faculty members from various departments and representatives from MSIL.
 - f. Oversaw proposal submission and execution of UAY projects

2. Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering
 - a. Gave academic and administrative leadership to the department
 - b. Oversaw completing of a FIST proposal and successful submission and granting of another one
 - c. Oversaw recruitment of four faculty members in the department
 - d. Started and edited a NEWSLETTER for the department
 - e. Worked with the institute to secure @ 4700 sq ft laboratory space in a newly built building for the department

3. Convener, Department Post Graduate Committee
 - a. Headed a sub-committee on improvement of PhD program at IIT Kanpur. Prepared an extensive report and gave necessary recommendations