



# Abinandan Sudharsanam

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## Profile

Experienced researcher in microbiology, environmental, and sustainability. Goal-oriented professional focused on continuous improvement practice and enhanced delivery of project outcomes.

## Employment History

### Research associate at The University of Newcastle, Newcastle

October 2019 — Present

- Identification and testing of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) and its metabolites in groundwater
- Establishing TPH and its metabolites toxicity to a range of aquatic organisms (microalgae) following standard ecotoxicology protocols.
- Ecotoxicity of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons components in groundwater, with a focus on the stygofauna in groundwater.
- Data compilation and analysis and manuscript preparation and communication to the journal.
- Assisting principal investigator in report preparation.
- Staff nominee for microbiology laboratory (PC2 facility) assisting lab manager in risk assessment and standard operating procedures, laboratory inspection (fortnightly) for maintenance of safe environment.

### Environmental Engineer at Ecotech Labs Pvt. Ltd, Chennai, India

December 2014 — February 2016

- Completed numerous environmental impact audit reports and assessments for construction projects.
- Played a pivotal role in the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accreditation.
- Responsible for field sample collections (Water, air, and noise) for environmental quality monitoring to meet standard criteria set by statutory bodies.
- Preparation of wastewater treatment plant adequacy report for environmental clearance approvals.
- Meeting sustainability goals based on the Higgs index for the clothing industry
- Estimating the impacts of river water quality polluted by wastewater (Research project)
- Establishing client interactions for instigating strategies to improve environmental compliance.

### Graduate Engineer Trainee at Ecocharm Pvt Ltd., Chennai, India

July 2014 — December 2014

## Details

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Indian

## Links

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## Skills

Field Investigation Skills  
Computer Skills  
Ability to Work in a Team  
Analytical Thinking Skills  
Communication Skills  
project planning  
Report writing  
Environmental monitoring  
Microbiology  
Life cycle analysis  
Environmental DNA analysis  
Biomass characterization  
Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy  
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy  
Biofuels  
Resource recovery

- Conducted environmental sample analysis (wastewater, ambient air) according to standard protocols.
- Analyzed and prepared an Environmental impact assessment report
- Energy auditing and assisting in sustainable approach design and implementation.

## Languages

English

Thamizh

### **Project Assistant at CSIR Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, India**

July 2013 — July 2014

- Carrying out research experiments under the “Bioenergy from algae grown in industrial wastewater and CO2 sequestration” under national network program funded by Govt. of India.
- Regular maintenance of laboratory instruments, autoclave
- Worked well independently and on a team to solve problems.
- Served as a friendly, hardworking, and punctual employee.
- Organized and prioritized work to complete assignments in a timely, efficient manner.
- Cooperated with superiors and colleagues to achieve goals.

## Education

### **Doctor of Philosophy, University of Newcastle, Callaghan, Australia**

March 2016 — September 2019

- Carried out research in developing microalgae technology for remediation of acid mine drainage from mines.
- Published several research manuscripts in collaboration with various researchers.
- Participated in several conferences and awarded second poster prize at Mine rehabilitation conference

### **Master of Technology , VIT University, Vellore, India**

June 2011 — May 2013

Specialized in Energy and Environmental Engineering.

### **Bachelor of Technology, Anna University, Chennai, India**

June 2007 — April 2011

Specialized in Biotechnology

## Awards and Recognition

### **International Postgraduate Research Scholarships, University of Newcastle**

March 2016 — September 2019

### **Australian Postgraduate Award, University of Newcastle**

March 2016 — September 2019

## Publications

- Abinandan, S., Perera, I.A., Subashchandrabose, S.R., Venkateswarlu, K., Cole, N. and Megharaj, M., 2020a. Acid-adapted microalgae exhibit

phenotypic changes for their survival in acid mine drainage samples. *FEMS Microbiology Ecology*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/femsec/fiaa113>.

· Abinandan, S., Praveen, K., Subashchandrabose, S.R., Venkateswarlu, K. and Megharaj, M., 2020b. Life Cycle Assessment for Environmental Sustainability of Immobilized Acid-Adapted Microalgal Technology in Iron Removal from Acid Mine Drainage. *ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering*. 2020, 8, 41, 15670–15677.

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· Abinandan, S., Subashchandrabose, S.R., Venkateswarlu, K., Megharaj, M., 2018b. Nutrient removal and biomass production: advances in microalgal biotechnology for wastewater treatment. *Critical reviews in biotechnology* 38(8), 1244-1260.

## References

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