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Educational Qualifications						
Degree		Institution			Year	
Ph.D.		Ph.D. (Zoology), Banaras Hindu University			1981	
Career Profile						
Organization/ Institution		Designation	Duration		Role	
University of Delhi, Delhi (University of Lucknow, Lucknow)		Professor Of ZOOLOGY	01 January 2000-Contd. (1 Jan 2000 – 15 April 2009 at Univ. of Lucknow)		Teaching and Research	
Areas of Interest / Specialization						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physiology (Chronobiology/ Physiology of seasonal reproduction and migration/ Behavioral Neuroscience) 2. Endocrinology (Comparative Endocrinology/ Neuroendocrinology) 3. Behaviour and Life history studies of songbirds 						
Subjects Taught						
Physiology, Animal Behaviour, Chronobiology, Comparative Endocrinology, Endocrinology and Reproductive Physiology, Regulatory and Behavioral Neuroscience. Have taught both at undergraduate and post-graduate levels since 1983 in five different Indian universities and in one United State university (Texas A & M University).						
Research Guidance						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doctoral Thesis awarded (or in process) – 17 2. Doctoral Thesis work under supervision- 06 3. Awarded M.Phil. dissertations – 13 						
Publications Profile						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Books/ Journal (Authored/Edited) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 Biological Timekeeping: Clocks, Rhythm and Behaviour (edited; Springer-Verlag) 2017 Biological Rhythm Research, Special volume, Guest editor (Taylor-Francis, UK) 2014 Indian J. Exp. Biology, special volume, Guest editor (CSIR Publications, New Delhi) 2002 Biological Rhythms (edited; Narosa Publ. House, New Delhi/Springer-Verlag) 1996 Animal Behaviour (Himalaya Publishing House, Bombay) 						

2. Research papers published in Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals (last 5 years)

T. Batra, I. Malik, A. Prabhat, S. K. Bhardwaj and V. Kumar (2020). Sleep in unnatural times: Illuminated night negatively affects sleep and associated hypothalamic gene expressions in diurnal zebra finches. *Proceedings of Royal Society B*. doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2019.2952

A. Sharma, S. das, R. Komal, S. Malik, S. Rani and V. Kumar (2020) Seasonal reproductive state determines gene expression in the hypothalamus of a latitudinal migratory songbird during the spring and autumn migration. *Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology* doi.org/10.1016/j.mce.2020.110794.

I. Mishra, N. Agarwal, A. Prabhat, T. Batra, S. K. Bhardwaj and V. Kumar (2020) Changes in brain peptides associated with reproduction and energy homeostasis: Putative roles of GnRH-II and TH in determining the reproductive performance in response to daily food availability times in diurnal zebra finches. *Journal of Neuroendocrinology* doi: 10.1111/jne.12825.

I. Mishra, A. Sharma, A. Prabhat, T. Batra, I. Malik and V. Kumar (2020) Changes in DNA methylation and histone modification gene expression in response to daily food times in zebra finches: Epigenetic implications. *Journal of Experimental Biology* doi: 10.1242/jeb.217422.

I. Mishra, T. Batra, A. Prabhat, N. Agarwal, S. K. Bhardwaj and V. Kumar (2020) Developmental effects of daily food availability times on song behaviour and neuronal plasticity of song-control system in male zebra finches. *Behavioural Brain Research* doi.org/10.1016/j.bbr.2020.112497

A. Sharma and V. Kumar (2019) Metabolic plasticity mediates differential responses to spring and autumn migrations: Evidence from gene expression patterns in migratory buntings. *Experimental Physiology* doi:10.1113/EP087974

A. Buniyaadi, S. K. T. Taufique and V. Kumar (2019) Self-recognition in corvids: Evidence from the mirror-mark test in Indian house crows (*Corvus splendens*). *Journal of Ornithology*. DOI: 10.1007/s10336-019-01730-2

T. Batra, I. Malik and V. Kumar (2019) Illuminated night alters behaviour and negatively affects physiology and metabolism in diurnal zebra finches. *Environmental Pollution* doi.org/10.1016/j.envpol.2019.07.084

S. Sur, A. Sharma, A. K. Trivedi, S. K. Bhardwaj and V. Kumar (2019) Temperature affects liver and muscle metabolism in photostimulated migratory redheaded buntings (*Emberiza bruniceps*). *Journal of Comparative Physiology B*. doi: 10.1007/s00360-019-01229-5.

N. Agarwal, R. Komal, Y. Kumari, S. Malik, S. Rani and V. Kumar (2019) Development of vernal migration in redheaded buntings: Concurrent behavioral, physiological and neural changes under stimulatory photoperiods. *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* doi: 10.1039/C9PP00273A.

A. Prabhat, N. A. Jha, S. K. T. Taufique and V. Kumar (2019). Dissociation of circadian activity and singing behavior from gene expression rhythms in the hypothalamus, song control nuclei and cerebellum in diurnal zebra finches. *Chronobiology International* doi.org/10.1080/07420528.2019.1637887

A. Sharma, S. Das and V. Kumar (2019) Transcriptome-wide changes in testes reveal molecular differences in photoperiod-induced seasonal reproductive life-history states in migratory songbirds. *Molecular Reproduction and Development* DOI:10.1002/mrd. 23155).

A. K. Trivedi, S. Sur, A. Sharma, S. K. T. Taufique, N. J. Gupta and V. Kumar (2019) Temperature alters the hypothalamic transcription of photoperiod responsive genes in induction of seasonal response in migratory redheaded buntings. *Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology* 493: DOI: 10.1016/j.mce.2019.110454

A. K. Trivedi, I. Mishra and V. Kumar (2019) Temporal expression of genes coding for aryl-alkamine-N-acetyltransferase and melatonin receptors in circadian clock tissues: Circadian rhythm dependent role of melatonin in seasonal responses. *Physiology and Behavior*, doi.org/10.1016/j.physbeh.2019.05.009. IF: 2.5

- I. Mishra and **V. Kumar** (2019) The quantity-quality trade-off: Differential effects of daily food times on reproductive performance and offspring quality in diurnal zebra finches. *Journal of Experimental Biology*. doi:10.1242/jeb.196667
- D. Singh, V. Swarup, Hiep Le and **V. Kumar** (2018) Transcriptional signatures in liver reveal metabolic adaptations to seasons in migratory blackheaded buntings. *Frontiers in Physiology*, doi: 10.3389/fphys.2018.01568
- S. K. T. Taufique, A. Prabhat and **V. Kumar** (2018) Illuminated night alters hippocampal gene expressions and induces depressive-like response in diurnal corvids. *European J. Neuroscience*. doi: 10.1111/ejn.14157
- S. K. T. Taufique, A. Prabhat and **V. Kumar**. Light at night affects hippocampal and nidopallial cytoarchitecture: Implication for an impairment of brain function in diurnal corvids. *J. Experimental Zoology A* doi: 10.1002/jez.2238.
- A. Sharma, D. Singh, S. Malik, N. J. Gupta, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2018) Difference in control between spring and autumn migration in birds: Insight from seasonal changes in hypothalamic gene expression in captive buntings. *Proceedings of Royal Society B. Proc. R. Soc. B* 285: 20181531. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2018.1531>
- V. Kumar** and A. Sharma (2018) Common features of circadian timekeeping in diverse organisms. *Current Opinion in Physiology* 5: 58-67.
- I. Mishra, N. Agarwal, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2018) Scotostimulation of reproductive neural pathways and gonadal maturation are not correlated with hypothalamic expression of deiodinases in subtropical spotted munia. *Journal of Neuroendocrinology*. doi: 10.1111/jne.12627
- A. Sharma, D. Singh, S. Das and **V. Kumar** (2018) Hypothalamic and liver transcriptome from two critical life-history stages in a migratory songbird. *Experimental Physiology* doi: 10.1113/EP086831
- I. Mishra, D. Singh and **V. Kumar** (2018) Temporal expression of c-fos and genes coding for neuropeptides and enzymes of amino acid and amine neurotransmitter biosynthesis in retina, pineal and hypothalamus of a migratory songbird: Evidence for circadian rhythm dependent seasonal responses. *Neuroscience* 371:309-324.
- S. K. T. Taufique, A. Prabhat and **V. Kumar** (2018) Constant light environment suppresses maturation and reduces complexity of new born neuron processes in the hippocampus and caudal nidopallium of a diurnal corvid: Implication for impairment of the learning and cognitive performance. *Neurobiology of Learning and Memory* 147: 120-127.
- N. Agarwal, I. Mishra, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2018) Temporal Expression of Clock Genes in Central and Peripheral Tissues of Spotted Munia under Varying Light Conditions: Evidence for Circadian Regulation of Daily Physiology in a Non-photoperiodic Circannual Songbird species. *Chronobiology International* doi: 10.1080/07420528.2017.1422742
- N. Agarwal, I. Mishra, R. Komal, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2017) Circannual testis and moult cycles persist under photoperiods that disrupt circadian activity and clock gene cycles in spotted munia. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 220: 4162-4168.
- N. A. Jha and **V. Kumar** (2017) Effect of no-night light environment on behaviour, learning performance and personality in zebra finches. *Animal Behaviour* (in press)
- T. J. Stevenson and **V. Kumar** (2017) Neural control of daily and seasonal timing of songbird migration. *Journal of Comparative Physiology A* DOI: 10.1007/s00359-017-1193-5
- I. Mishra and **V. Kumar** (2017) Circadian basis of seasonal timing in higher vertebrates. *Biological Rhythm Research* 10.1080/09291016.2017.1345447.
- A. Yadav, R. Kumar, J. Tiwari, **V. Kumar** and S. Rani (2017) Sleep in birds: Lying on the continuum of activity and rest. *Biological Rhythm Research*. DOI 10.1080/09291016.2017.1346850
- I. Mishra, D. Singh and **V. Kumar** (2017) Seasonal alterations in the daily rhythms in hypothalamic expression of genes involved in the photoperiodic transduction and neurosteroid-dependent processes in migratory blackheaded buntings. *Journal of Neuroendocrinology* . DOI: 10.1111/jne.12469
- N. J. Gupta, **V. Kumar** and S. Panda. A camera-phone based study reveals erratic eating pattern and disrupted daily eating-fasting cycle among adults in India. *PLoS One* 12(3): e0172852. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0172852
- D. Singh and **V. Kumar** (2017) Extra-hypothalamic brain clocks in songbirds: Photoperiodic state dependent clock gene oscillations in night-migratory blackheaded buntings, *Emberiza melanocephala*. *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology B* 169: 13-20.
- N. A. Jha and **V. Kumar** (2017) Female conspecifics restore rhythmic singing behaviour in arrhythmic zebra finches. *Journal of Biosciences* 42: 139-147.

- I. Mishra, S. K. Bhardwaj, S. Malik and **V. Kumar** (2017) Concurrent hypothalamic gene expression under acute and chronic long days: Implications for initiation and maintenance of photoperiodic response in migratory songbirds. *Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology* 439: 81-94.
- S. K. T. Taufique and **V. Kumar** (2016) Differential activation and tyrosine hydroxylase distribution in the hippocampal, pallial and midbrain brain regions in response to cognitive performance in Indian house crows exposed to abrupt light environment. *Behavioural Brain Research* 314: 21-29.
- N. A. Jha and **V. Kumar** (2016) Protein rich food does not affect singing behavior and song quality in adult zebra finches, *Taeniopygia guttata*. *Current Science* (in press)
- D. Singh, N. Trivedi, S. Malik, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2016) Timed food availability affects circadian behavior but not the neuropeptide Y expression in Indian weaverbirds exposed to atypical light environment. *Physiology & Behavior* 161: 81-89.
- Surbhi, A. Rastogi, S. Malik, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2016) Seasonal neuronal plasticity in song-control and auditory forebrain areas in subtropical non-migratory and Paelearctic-Indian migratory male songbirds. *Journal of Comparative Neurology* doi: 10.1002/cne.24000
- O. P. Singh, S. Kumar, U. Singh, **V. Kumar**, R. Lechan and P. Singru (2016) Cocaine-and amphetamine regulated transcript peptide (CART) in the brain of zebra finch, *Taeniopygia guttata*: Organization, interaction with neuropeptide Y, and response to changes in energy status. *Journal of Comparative Neurology* doi: 10.1002/cne.24004.
- Surbhi, A. Rastogi, S. Malik, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2016) Changes in brain peptides associated with reproduction and energy homeostasis in photosensitive and photorefractory migratory redheaded buntings. *General and Comparative Endocrinology* 230-231: 67-75.
- I. Mishra, D. Singh and **V. Kumar** (2016) Daily expression of genes coding for neurotransmitters in central and peripheral tissues of redheaded bunting: implication for circadian regulation of physiology in songbirds. *Chronobiology International* 33: 280-292.
- A. K. Trivedi, J. Kumar, S. Rani, **V. Kumar** (2016) Pinealectomy abolishes circadian behavior and interferes with circadian clock gene oscillations in brain and liver but not retina in a migratory songbird. *Physiology & Behavior* 156: 156-163.
- S. K. T. Taufique, N. A. Jha and **V. Kumar** (2016) Circadian rhythm determines the timing of activity, and ingestive and grooming behaviours in Indian house crows, *Corvus splendens*. *Current Science* 110: 897-901.
- A. Rastogi, Surbhi, S. Malik, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2016) Annual life-history dependent differences in the seasonal change in neural activity of the olfactory system between non-migratory and migratory songbirds. *Behavioural Brain Research* 296:233-239.
- D. Singh, A. K. Trivedi, S. Rani, S. Panda and **V. Kumar** (2015) Circadian timing in central and peripheral tissues in a migratory songbird: Dependence on annual life-history states. *The FASEB Journal* doi:10.1096/fj.15-275339.
- G. Majumdar, G. Yadav, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2015) Bird eyes distinguish summer from winter: Retinal response to acute photoperiod change in the night-migratory redheaded bunting. *Journal of Chemical Neuroanatomy* (in press).
- G. Majumdar, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2015) Hypothalamic gene switches control transitions between seasonal life history states in a night-migratory photoperiodic songbird. *Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology* 399: 110-121.
- Surbhi, A. Rastogi, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2015) Seasonal plasticity in the peptide neuronal systems: Potential roles of GnRH, GnlH, NPY and VIP in regulation of reproductive axis in subtropical Indian weaver birds. *Journal of Neuroendocrinology* 27(5): 357-369.
- G. Majumdar, A. K. Trivedi, N. J. Gupta and **V. Kumar** (2015) Circadian synchronization determines critical day length for seasonal responses. *Physiology and Behavior* 47: 282-290.
- A. K. Trivedi, J. Kumar, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2015) Adaptation of oxidative phosphorylation to photoperiod-induced seasonal metabolic states in migratory songbirds. *Comparative Biochemistry Physiology A Mol Integr Physiol* 184C: 34-40.
- S. Malik, J. Singh, A. K. Trivedi, S. Singh, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2015) Nocturnal melatonin levels decode daily light environment and reflect seasonal states in night-migratory blackheaded bunting (*Emberiza melanocephala*) *Photochemistry and Photobiological Sciences* 14, 963-971.
- G. Yadav, S. Malik, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2015) Role of light wavelengths in synchronization of circadian physiology in songbirds. *Physiology and Behavior* 140:164-171.
- A. K. Trivedi, J. Kumar, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014) Annual life history-dependent gene expression in the hypothalamus

and liver of a migratory songbird: Insights into the molecular regulation of seasonal metabolism. *Journal of Biological Rhythms* 29:332-345.

P. Budki, S. Malik, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014). Circadian rhythms are not involved in the regulation of circannual reproductive cycles in a sub-tropical bird, the spotted munia. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 217:2569-2579.

Surbhi, Y. Kumari, S. Rani, K. Tsutsui and **V. Kumar** (2014) Duration of melatonin regulates seasonal plasticity in subtropical Indian weaver bird, *Ploceus philippinus*. *General and Comparative Endocrinology* DOI: 10.1016/j.ygcen.2014.06.004.

Surbhi and **V. Kumar** (2014) Avian photoreceptors and their role in the regulation of daily and seasonal physiology. *General and Comparative Endocrinology* (in press). DOI: 10.1016/j.ygcen.2014.06.001

A. Srivastava, N. Trivedi, S. Malik, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014) Molecular basis of photoperiodic control of reproductive cycle in a subtropical songbird, the Indian weaver bird (*Ploceus philippinus*). *General and Comparative Endocrinology* DOI: 10.1016/j.ygcen.2014.08.012.

S. Srivastava, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014) Photoperiodic induction of pre-migratory phenotype in a migratory songbird: Identification of metabolic proteins in flight muscles. *Journal of Comparative Physiology B*. 10.1007/s00360-014-0827-y.

G. Majumdar, G. Yadav, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014). A photoperiodic molecular response in migratory redheaded bunting exposed to a single long day. *General and Comparative Endocrinology* 204:104-113.

S. Malik, S. Singh, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014). Life at a different pace: Annual itineraries are conserved in seasonal songbirds. *Journal of Biosciences* 39: 485-491.

S. Malik, P. Budki, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014). Optimization of circadian adaptation to physical enrichment: Effects on activity behavior in a subtropical songbird. *Journal of Ornithology* 155: 283-290.

S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014) Photoperiodic regulation of seasonal reproduction in higher vertebrates. *Indian Journal of Experimental Biology* 52: 413-419.

S. Malik, G. Yadav, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014) Light wavelength dependent circadian and seasonal responses in blackheaded bunting. *Indian Journal of Experimental Biology* 52: 448-459.

A. K. Trivedi and **V. Kumar** (2014) Melatonin: An internal signal for daily and seasonal timing. *Indian Journal of Experimental Biology* 52:425-437.

I. Mishra, A. K. Trivedi and **V. Kumar** (2014) Daily behavior can differ between colour morphs of the same species: A study on circadian activity behavior of grey and pied zebra finches. *Indian Journal of Experimental Biology* 52:516-520.

A. K. Trivedi, S. Rani and **V. Kumar** (2014) Circadian adaptation to seasons: Effects on activity behavior in subtropical house sparrow, *Passer domesticus*, *Biological Rhythm Research* 45: 465-475.

3. Research papers published in Refereed/Peer Reviewed Conferences/ book chapters (last 5 years)

V. Kumar and A. Sharma (2018) Common features of circadian timekeeping in diverse organisms. *Current Opinion in Physiology* 5: 58-67.

V. Kumar and I. Mishra (2018). Circannual rhythms. *Encyclopaedia of Reproduction*, 2nd Edition. Chapter # 76 (in Press).

V. Kumar (2017) Introduction: Special issue on Rhythms, Calendar and Biological Processes. *Biological Rhythm Research*. DOI10.1080/09291016.2017.1345423

A. K. Trivedi, D. Singh, A. S. Dixit and **V. Kumar** (2017) Pineal gland, melatonin and timekeeping in nonmammalian vertebrates: Avian Perspective. In: *Biological Timekeeping: Clocks, Rhythms and Behaviour* (Ed. Vinod Kumar). Springer Nature (Springer India), New Delhi. pp. 521-541.

S. Rani, S. Singh, S. Malik and **V. Kumar** (2017) Insights into the regulation of spring migration in songbirds. In: *Biological Timekeeping: Clocks, Rhythms and Behaviour* (Ed. Vinod Kumar). Springer Nature (Springer India), New Delhi. pp. 625-642.

V. M. Cassone and **V. Kumar** (2014) Circadian Rhythms. In: *Sturkie's Avian Physiology*. Sixth Edition (Ed. C. G. Scanes). Elsevier (Academic Press), Amsterdam. pp. 811-828.

Conference Organization/ Presentations (in the last three years)

List against each head (If applicable)

1. *Organization of a Conference (last 5 years)*

- 2017 IndoUS workshop, and International Symposium on Biological Timing and Health Issues in the 21st Century. Feb 21-24, 2017
2012 27th International Congress on Chronobiology, October 03-07, 2012

2. *Participation as invited symposium speaker/Paper/Poster Presenter (outside India, last 5 years)*

- 2019 V World congress in Chronobiology, Suzhou, China
2019 JBR-SAGE symposium on Chronobiology, Suzhou, China
2018 27th International Ornithological Congress, Vancouver, Canada
2018 The Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology symposium, San Francisco, USA
2018 3rd Asia Chronobiology Forum and Sapporo symposium, July 2018, Sapporo, Japan
2017 2nd Asia Chronobiology Forum, June 2017, Hohhot, China
2017 International Symposium on Biological Timing and Health Issues in the 21st Century, Delhi
2016 International conference on Chronobiology, China
2015 Cold Spring Harbor Asia Symposium on Biological Rhythms, China
2015 EBR5/ WCC Chronobiology conference, Manchester
2015 Neuropeptides and Neurotransmitters: Role of Physiology and Pathophysiology, Bhubaneswar, India
2014 26th International Congress in Ornithology, Tokyo, Japan
2014 28th International Congress on Chronobiology, Bucharest, Romania
Besides these, My students and I have participated in several symposia/ conferences in India.

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

Current projects

2016-2019 Mechanism of food-induced effects on reproduction and metabolism: A study on Zebra finches; funded by SERB

Completed projects

- 2013-2019 Anticipation in genes: Molecular, physiological and behavioral correlates of response of circannual clocks to seasons in night-migratory song birds. Funded by DBT
2014-2017 IndoUS Joint Center on Biological Timing
2007-2014 Avian circadian seasonal systems: from behaviour to molecules – from IRHPA Center for Excellence grant by DST
2011-2014 Circadian brain photoreceptors in birds: Localization and functional evaluation – from CSIR
2011-2014 Neurobiology and Understanding the Circadian System Linkage of Cognitive Performance in an Avian Model System – from DST
2012-2014 Mechanism of adaptation in vertebrates- from DST.
2007-2010 Immunohistochemical study of seasonal system in birds – from CSIR
2005-2009 Role of food in regulation of circadian and seasonal responses in birds- from DST (Co-PI)
2002-2005 An immunohistochemical study of the photoperiodic transduction in birds – from CSIR
2000-2002 DST- DAAD International Collaboration project with Max-Planck Institute of Biological Rhythm Res, Germany
1999-2002 Role of melatonin in avian circadian system (SERC major project) – from DST
1999-2002 Sensitivity of circadian entrainment pathway in the bunting (*Emberiza* sp.) – from CSIR
1996-1999 Spectral sensitivity of photoreceptors mediating photoperiodic entrainment and induction in the blackheaded bunting – from CSIR
1992-1995 Light relations of circadian rhythms in the migratory blackheaded bunting, *Emberiza melanocephala*- from CSIR
1989-1992 Strategies of endogenous programming in palaeartic-Indian migratory birds – from UGC
1988-1991 Properties of biological clocks underlying photoperiodic phenomena in birds – from DST
1989-1990 Photoperiodic control of timing of gonadal regression (refractoriness) in birds – from UGC

Awards and Distinctions

Awards

- 2010 Platinum Jubilee Lecture award from Indian Science Congress Association.
2008 Vijay-Usha Sodha Scientific Research Prize, University of Lucknow
2006 P. Govindarajulu Gold Medal, Society for Reproductive Biology & Comparative Endocrinology, India
2000 Young Investigator Award, Gordon Research Conference in Pineal Cell Biology (Oxford, U.K.)
1986 Young Scientist Award from Indian Science Congress Association

International Fellowships/ Visits abroad (excludes conferences)

2018 January Salk Institute for Biological Studies and University of California, San Diego
 2015 July Salk Institute for Biological Studies and University of California, San Diego
 2007 June-July: JSPS Visiting Fellow, Nagoya University, Japan.
 2005 February: Visitor, Max Planck Institute for Ornithology, Andechs, Germany.
 2003 Jan - 2004 August: Visiting Professor, Department of Biology, Texas A & M University, Texas, USA.
 2002 May - 2002 June: Max-Planck Gesellschaft, Germany, Visiting Fellow
 2001 June - 2001 August: Max-Planck Gesellschaft, Germany, Visiting Fellow
 2000 May - 2000 August: Max-Planck Gesellschaft, Germany, Visiting Fellow
 1999 May - 1999 August: Max-Planck Gesellschaft, Germany, Visiting Fellow
 1997 March - 1998 February: Max-Planck Gesellschaft, Germany, Postdoctoral Fellow.
 1995 March - 1996 March: CIDA-NSERC< Canada, Associateship
 1992 March - 1993 March: European Economic Community (EC) Postdoctoral Fellow.
 1991 Feb - 1991 December: Indian National Science Academy - The Royal Society UK Exchange Fellow.

Distinctions (honours)

2019 Editorial board member, Journal of Neuroendocrinology, from Wiley
 2019 Member, International Committee, V World Congress in Chronobiology, Suzhou, China
 2018 Member, Program Committee for Asian Chronobiology Forum meeting, Sapporo, Japan
 2018 Convener, Symp. on Avian clocks and calendars, Int. Ornithological Congr., Vancouver,
 2017 Review editor, Frontiers in Physiology (Avian Physiology)
 2017 Co-chair and Invited speaker at Asia Chronobiology Forum
 2017 Convener International Symposium on Biological Timing
 2017 Editorial Board, Current Science
 2014-16 Leader and Principal Investigator, IndoUS Center for Biological Timing
 2013-16 Chairman, SERB School in Avian Biology, New Delhi.
 2011-15 Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Integrative and Comparative Biology
 2011 - Foreign member, German Ornithological Society.
 2010 Convener, Symposium on Biological clocks in birds: from behaviour to molecules, International Ornithological Congress, Campos Do Jordao, SP, Brazil
 2010-14 Director, SERC School in Chronobiology III: Clocks, Rhythms and Behavior
 2010- Member, Committee of Representatives, Intl. Ornithological Congress.
 2008 Chair, Symposium on Biological clocks and seasonal reproduction and migration Fourth International Conference in Africa for Comparative Physiology & Biochemistry, Kenya
 2008 Co-Chair, Symposium on Biorhythms, 9th International Symposium on Avian Endocrinology, Leuven, Belgium
 2008 Faculty, Multinational School in Chronobiology
 2002-10 Faculty, SERC School of Chronobiology II: Clocks, Rhythms and Behaviour
 2007 Member, Editorial Board, General and Comparative Endocrinology (USA/UK)
 2007-14 Convener and Principal Investigator, DST-IRHPA Center for Excellence in Biological Rhythm Research, DST, N. Delhi
 2007-11 Faculty SERC School in Neuroscience (A DST activity for 5 years)
 2007-11 Faculty SERC School of Herpetology (A DST activity for 5 years)
 2006 Chair, Symposium on Circadian rhythms and photoperiodism, International Ornithological Congress, Hamburg
 2006 Member, Scientific Committee of the International Ornithological Congress, Hamburg
 2004 Co-Chair, session on Melatonin, clock genes and seasonality, International Avian Endocrinology Meeting, Arizona
 2001 Fellowship in Reproduction and Endocrinology (FRE)
 2000 Member, Local Organizing Committee, VII International Symposium on Avian Endocrinology
 1999 Lecturer, Erasmus School of Chronobiology, Ferrara, Italy

Association With Professional Bodies

1. Reviewing


Peer review of research grant proposals

Dept. of Science and Technology; Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, National Science Foundation, USA
 Science and Engineering Research Board, Israel Science Foundation.

Peer review of scientific journals

Cell and Tissue Research; Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology; Chronobiology International; General and Comparative Endocrinology; Hormones and Behaviour; Indian Journal of Experimental Biology; Journal of Circadian Rhythms, Journal of Comparative Physiology; Naturwissenschaften; Plos One; Microscopy and Microanalysis. Frontiers in Neuroendocrinology. Journal of Biological Rhythms

2. *Committees and Boards:* Member Program Advisory Committee on Animal Sciences (2004-11); Member, Committee of DST-NCSTC programs; Member, National Planning Committee and Director SERC/ SERB Schools in Chronobiology, Member, National Planning Committee of SERC/SERB Schools in Neuroscience and Herpetology; Member of Board of Studies and Research Degree committees of different State, Central and Private Universities
3. *Membership of professional Societies held*
International Society of Chronobiology; Society for Integrative comparative Biology, Society for Research in Biological Rhythms (SRBR); Indian Society for Chronobiology; German Ornithological Society; Society for Reproductive Biology and Comparative Endocrinology; The Ethological Society of India; Zoological Society of India; Indian Science Congress Association
4. *Office Bearer:* Secretary, Indian Society for Chronobiology; 2004-16; President, Indian Society for Chronobiology; 2017-21 Member, Executive Committee, International Society of Avian Endocrinology. Board member, International Society for Chronobiology; Member, Asia Chronobiology Forum.



Signature of Faculty Member