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#### **Present address**

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## **Career Objective**

My deep desire is to learn and know the facts of this fast growing scientific, technological and academic world which encourages me to be a good human being, researcher, technocrat and academician. Try my best to do the right thing in the true and honesty way.

# **Professional Qualifications**

### 1. Reviewer (27.01.2016- Continuing)

Water Research (Elsevier)

#### 2. Postdoctoral Fellow (25.03.2015-Continuing)

Prof. Yaron Paz, Department of Chemical Engineering, Technion–Israel Institute of Technology (Technion-IIT), Haifa, Israel.

#### 3. Postdoctoral Research Associate (01.07.2014-15.03.2015)

Jr. Scientist and AcSIR Assistant Prof. Dipti Prakasini Das, Colloids & Materials Chemistry (C&MC) Department and Faculty of Chemical Sciences, CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (CSIR-IMMT), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.

#### 4. CSIR-Senior Research Fellow (01.07.2011-30.06.2014)

Chief Scientist and AcSIR Prof. K. M. Parida (Retired), C&MC Department and Faculty of Chemical Sciences, CSIR-IMMT.

#### 5. Project Fellow/Research Fellow (18.07.2008-31.03.2011)

Chief Scientist and AcSIR Prof. K. M. Parida (Retired), C&MC Department and Faculty of Chemical Sciences, CSIR-IMMT.

#### **Project Research Work**

- Title: "Development of transition metal tantalates and oxynitrides for water splitting and pollution abatement" (GAP-0167).
- Project Research Leader: Chief Scientist and AcSIR Prof. K. M. Parida (Retired), C&MC Department and Faculty of Chemical Sciences, CSIR-IMMT.
- **Working Place:** C&MC Department, CSIR-IMMT.
- Sponsor Agency: Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Govt. of India, New Delhi, India.

## Academic Qualifications

PhD in Chemistry (2013): Utkal University (UU), Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.

A Pre-PhD Course Work for the Partial Fulfillment of PhD: Post Graduate (P.G.) Department of Chemistry, UU.

**Thesis:** "Fabrication of modified metal phosphates: A novel approach towards environmental pollution abatement, energy production and fine chemical synthesis".

**Supervisor:** Chief Scientist and AcSIR Prof. K. M. Parida (Retired), C&MC Department and Faculty of Chemical Sciences, CSIR-IMMT.

Working Place: C&MC Department, CSIR-IMMT.

MSc in Chemistry (2007): Sambalpur University (SU), Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha, India. Seminar: "Mixed ligand triphenylphosphine/arsine Schiff base complexes of ruthenium (II) and their catalytic activities towards oxidation of alcohols".

A Review for the Partial Fulfillment of MSc: A review on biological activity of transition metal complexes.

Supervisor: Prof. A. K. Panda, P.G. Department of Chemistry (Autonomous), SU.

**BSc in Chemistry (2005):** Pattamundai College, UU.

- +2/Intermediate in Science (2002): Kendrapara College, Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.
- HSC (10<sup>th</sup>) (2000): Ramachandi High School, Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Cuttack, Odisha, India.

#### **Felicitation and Awards**

1. **Felicitation:** Felicitation as an Academician by Hi-Tech Institute of Technology (HIT), Bhubaneswar, Khurda, Odisha on the occasion of National Seminar on Emerging Trends in Engineering & Technology in India (NSETET-2014) and Inauguration of ISTE Chapter/Students' Chapter/Institution Membership of ISTE in collaboration with Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), New Delhi, India (3rd-4th September 2014).

2. Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) (2011-2014): Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Govt. of India, New Delhi, India.

3. **Post Matric Scholarship in Postgraduate** (2005-2007): ST & SC Development, Minorities & Backward Classes Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar, India.

4. National Rural Talent Scholarship (NRTS) (1997-2000): Board of Secondary Education (BSE), Govt. of Odisha, Cuttack, India.

#### **Research Interests**

Photocatalysis (Photocatalytic Water Splitting and Dye Degradation), Electrocatalysis, Heterogeneous Catalysis, Nanotechnology, Colloids and Interface Science, Materials Science, Bio-chemistry, Fine Chemical Synthesis.

#### **Publications**

1. Layered and Mixed Layered Metal (IV) Phosphates: An Overview on Syntheses, Modified Systems and Applications. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u> and K. M. Parida. **Proceedings of National Seminar on Emerging Trends in Engineering & Technology in India (NSETET-2014)** (2014) 57-69, Hi-Tech Institute of Technology, Khurda, Odisha in collaboration with Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), New Delhi, India (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> September 2014).

 Cs salt of tungstophosphoric acid promoted zirconium titanium phosphate (CsTPA-ZTP) solid acid catalyst: An active catalyst for the synthesis of bisphenols. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, Dipti Prakasini Das, K.M. Parida. J. Chem. Sci. 126 (2) (March 2014) 455–465. (SI: Catalysis for Sustainable Development). (Impact Factor-1.191 & No. of Citations-1).

3. Enhanced hydrogen production over CdSe QD/ZTP composite under visible light irradiation without using co-catalyst. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, K.M. Parida. Inter. J. Hydro. Ener. 38 (2013) 1267-1277. (SPECIAL SECTION: 2011 International Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Conference: from Nanomaterials to Demonstrators). Source: Also in the Book Edition titled as- "Phosphorus Acids-Advances in Research and Application, 2013 Edition, Scholarly Brief, Q. Ashton Acton, PhD, General Editor, Scholarly Edition. (Impact Factor-3.313 & No. of Citations-12).

4. Facile synthesis of visible light responsive V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>/N,S-TiO<sub>2</sub> composite photocatalyst: enhanced hydrogen production and phenol degradation. Satyabadi Martha, D.P. Das, <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, K.M. Parida. J. Mater. Chem. 22 (2012) 10695–10703. (Impact Factor-7.443 & No. of Citations-50).

 Facile synthesis of InGaZn mixed oxide nanorods for enhanced hydrogen production under visible light. Satyabadi Martha, K. Hemalata Reddy, <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, Kulamani Parida. Dalton Transactions 41 (2012) 14107–14116. (Impact Factor-4.197 & No. of Citations-16).

6A. Efficient hydrogen production by composite photocatalyst CdS-ZnS/Zirconium-titanium phosphate (ZTP) under visible light illumination. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, D.P. Das, Satyabadi Martha, K.M. Parida. Inter. J. Hydro. Ener. 36 (2011) 13452-13460. (SPECIAL SECTION: 2010 Asian/APEC BioH<sub>2</sub>). (Impact Factor-3.313 & No. of Citations-43).

6B. Corrigendum to "Efficient hydrogen production by composite photocatalyst CdS– ZnS/zirconium–titanium phosphate (ZTP) under visible light illumination" [International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, 36 (2011) 13452–13460]. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, D.P. Das, Satyabadi Martha, K.M. Parida. Inter. J. Hydro. Ener. 37 (2012) 6118. (SPECIAL SECTION: XII International Symposium on Polymer Electrolytes: New Materials for Application in Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells).

7. Incorporation of silver ions into zirconium titanium phosphate: A novel approach toward antibacterial activity. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, Satyabadi Martha, Umakanta Subudhi, Kulamani Parida.

Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. 50 (2011) 9479–9486. (SECTION: APPLIED CHEMISTRY). (Impact Factor-2.587 & No. of Citations-9).

8. Solar-light induced photodegradation of organic pollutants over CdS-pillared zirconiumtitanium phosphate (ZTP). D.P. Das, <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, Satyabadi Martha, K.M. Parida. J. Mol. Catal. A: Chemical 349 (2011) 36–41. (Impact Factor-3.615 & No. of Citations-19).

9. Visible light response photocatalytic water splitting over CdS-pillared zirconium-titanium phosphate (ZTP). K.M. Parida, <u>N. Biswal</u>, D.P. Das, S. Martha. Inter. J. Hydro. Ener. 35 (2010) 5262-5269. (SPECIAL SECTION: 3rd Argentinean and 2<sup>nd</sup> Latin American Congress in Hydrogen and Sustainable Energy Sources). Source: <u>Energy and Ecology</u> <u>Business</u> (2010-07-23) (Hydrogen). New findings from K.M. Parida and co-authors in the area of hydrogen published, July 23rd, 2010. Source: Also in the Book Edition titled as-"Phosphoric Acids: Advances in Research and Application, 2011 Edition, Scholarly Brief, Q. Ashton Acton, PhD, General Editor, Scholarly Edition. (Impact Factor-3.313 & No. of Citations-28).

Facile fabrication of hierarchical N-doped GaZn mixed oxides for water splitting reactions.
K.M. Parida, S. Martha, D.P. Das, <u>N. Biswal</u>. J. Mater. Chem. 20 (2010) 7144–7149. (Impact Factor-7.443 & No. of Citations-33).

11. Fabrication of nanocrystalline LaFeO<sub>3</sub>: An efficient sol-gel auto-combustion assisted visible light responsive photocatalyst for water decomposition. K.M. Parida, K.H. Reddy, S. Martha, D.P. Das, <u>N. Biswal</u>. Inter. J. Hydro. Ener. 35 (2010) 12161-12168. (SPECIAL SECTION: Bio-Ethanol and Other Renewable Sources and Reforming Process for Sustainable Hydrogen Production). (Impact Factor-3.313 & No. of Citations-96).

#### **Patents Filed**

 A Novel N-doped GaInZn mixed oxide photocatalyst and a process for the preparation thereof. Kulamani Parida, Satyabadi Martha, Dipti Prakasini Das, <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>. India Patent, 1506DEL2011, 26.05.2011.

2. Synthesis of a novel N-doped TiV mixed oxide for overall water splitting. Kulamani Parida, Satyabadi Martha, <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, Dipti Prakasini Das. **India Patent, 0536DEL2010, 09.03.2010.** 

#### **Publication of Abstracts in Seminar Proceedings**

1. Silver-based core-shell nanomaterials for photocatalytic degradation of organic contaminants in water and hydrogen production. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u> and Yaron Paz. "International conference on Nanoscience, Nanotechnology & Advanced Materials (NANOS-2015)" organized by Gitam University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (14-17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015).

2. Layered and Mixed Layered Metal (IV) Phosphates: An Overview on Syntheses, Structural Elucidation, Properties and Applications. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u> and K. M. Parida. "National Seminar on Emerging Trends in Engineering & Technology in India (NSETET-2014)" organized by Hi-Tech Institute of Technology (HIT), Khurda, Odisha in collaboration with Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), New Delhi, India (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> September, 2014).

Cs salt of tungstophosphoric acid promoted zirconium titanium phosphate (CsTPA-ZTP) solid acid catalyst: An active catalyst for the synthesis of bisphenols. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, Dipti Prakasini Das and Kulamani Parida. "National Seminar on Advances in Special Materials (NSASM-13)" organized by Dept. of Basic Sciences, HIT (9-10<sup>th</sup> November, 2013).

Visible light response photocatalytic hydrogen production over CdS-ZnS/Zirconium-titanium phosphate (ZTP). <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, D.P. Das, Satyabadi Martha and K.M. Parida. "21st National Symposium on Catalysis (CATSYMP-21) "Catalysis for Sustainable Development" organized by CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India (10-13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013).

5. xRGO-Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>; An outstanding catalyst for fast adsorptive-degradation of textile dyes under visible light illumination. A. Samal, D.P. Das, J. Das and <u>N. Biswal</u>. "21st National Symposium on Catalysis (CATSYMP-21) "Catalysis for Sustainable Development" organized by CSIR-IICT (10-13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013).

Synthesis of silver exchanged zirconium titanium phosphate: A new insight into antibacterial study. <u>Niranjan Biswal</u>, S. Martha, U. Subudhi and K. M. Parida. "100<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress 2012" organized by Kolkata University, West Bengal, India (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> January, 2013).

7. Fabrication of a novel CdS-pillared Zirconium-Titanium Phosphate (ZTP) for photodegradation of organic pollutants under solar light. **N. Biswal**, D.P. Das, S. Martha and

K.M. Parida. "99<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress 2012" organized by KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> January, 2012).

8. Enhanced photocatalytic hydrogen production over CdS-pillared zirconium-titanium phosphate (ZTP) under visible light irradiation. <u>N. Biswal</u>, D.P. Das, S. Martha and K.M. Parida. "20<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Catalysis for Energy Conversion and Conservation of

**Environment** (<sup>20</sup>NSC<sub>10</sub>)" organized by IIT Madras, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India (19-22<sup>th</sup> December, 2010).

9. N-doped GaZn-mixed oxides: An efficient visible light driven photocatalyst for photodecomposition of water. S. Martha, D.P. Das, <u>N. Biswal</u> and K.M. Parida. "20<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Catalysis for Energy Conversion and Conservation of Environment (<sup>20</sup>NSC<sub>10</sub>)" organized by IIT Madras (19-22<sup>th</sup> December, 2010).

10. Fabrication of a novel CdS-pillared zirconium-titanium phosphate (ZTP) for photocatalytic applications. <u>N. Biswal</u>, D.P. Das, S. Martha and K.M. Parida. "Development of Novel Materials for Hydrogen Production and Photocatalysis (DNHP-2010)" organized by C&MC Department, CSIR-IMMT (26-27<sup>th</sup> March, 2010).

11. Decomposition of water over a novel visible light responsive oxide catalyst. S. Martha, <u>N.</u> <u>Biswal</u>, D.P. Das and K.M. Parida. "Development of Novel Materials for Hydrogen Production and Photocatalysis (DNHP-2010)" organized by C&MC Department, CSIR-IMMT (26-27<sup>th</sup> March, 2010).

Photobleaching of textile dyes over a novel CdS-pillared zirconium titanium phosphate (ZTP). <u>N. Biswal</u>, D.P. Das, S. Martha and K.M. Parida. "National Workshop on Catalysis-2009" organized by Tezpur University, Assam, India (21<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009).

13. Overall water splitting over N-doped GaZn-mixed oxides, S. Martha, D.P. Das. <u>N. Biswal</u> and K.M. Parida. "National Workshop on Catalysis-2009" organized by Tezpur University (21<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009).

14. Water splitting over mixed CdS-ZnS intercalated bimetallic acid (BMA). <u>N. Biswal</u>, D.P. Das and K.M. Parida. "World Hydrogen Technologies Convention 2009 (WHTC 2009, www.whtc2009.org)" organized by Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India (26-28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009).

#### **Presentations**

1. Oral presentation: "International conference on Nanoscience, Nanotechnology & Advanced Materials (NANOS-2015)" organized by Gitam University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (14-17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015).

2. Poster presentation: "Why are we so Excited about Excited Semiconductors? (Retreat 2015)" organized by The Faculty of Chemical Engineering, Technion-IIT, Haifa, Israel (26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015).

3. Oral presentation: "National Seminar on Emerging Trends in Engineering & Technology in India (NSETET-2014)" organized by Hi-Tech Institute of Technology, Khurda, Odisha in collaboration with Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), New Delhi, India (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> September, 2014).

 Oral presentation: "99<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress 2012" organized by KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> January, 2012).

5. Poster presentation: "20<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Catalysis for Energy Conversion and Conservation of Environment (<sup>20</sup>NSC<sub>10</sub>)" organized by IIT Madras, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India (19-22<sup>th</sup> December, 2010).

### Seminars, Conferences, and Convention

 "Retreat 2015" organized by The Faculty of Chemical Engineering, Technion-IIT, Technion City, Haifa-320003, Israel (26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015).

2. Elsevier Author Seminar on "How to Write Great Papers: From title to references, from submission to publication" organized by the Department of Central Library, Technion-IIT, Haifa, Israel (24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015).

2. "The 33rd Israel Vacuum Society conference - IVS 2015" organized by The Weizmann Institute of Science, Herzl St 234, Rehovot, 7610001, Israel (9<sup>th</sup> September, 2015).

3. National Seminar on "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN COMPOSITE AND NANO MATERIALS, RDCN-2015" organized by Depts. of Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Physics, Hi-Tech College of Engineering, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India (**7-8**<sup>th</sup> **February, 2015**).

4. "Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) Annual Diploma Students' Convention (Odisha Section)-2014" organized by Hi-Tech Institute of Technology (HIT), Khurda, Odisha, India (26-27<sup>th</sup> September, 2014).

5. "National Seminar on Computing, Communication & Information System (NSCCI-14)" organized by HIT, in collaboration with Institute of Electronic & Telecommunication Engineers (IETE, India) (19-20<sup>th</sup> September, 2014).

6. "National Seminar on Advances in Special Materials (NSASM-13)" organized by Dept. of Basic Sciences, HIT, in collaboration with Institute of Engineers (IEI), Orissa State Center (9-10<sup>th</sup> November, 2013).

7. "National Seminar on Science and Technology of Functional Materials (NSSTFM)-2013" organized by Dept. of Basic Science, Hi-Tech College of Engineering, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India (28-29<sup>th</sup> September, 2013).

 "National Conference on Nano-Materials as Catalysts (NCNMC-2012)" organized by Dept. of Chemistry, ITER, SOA University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India (25-26<sup>th</sup> January, 2013).

9. "26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Orissa Chemical Society (OCS) & National Seminar on Chemistry in Technology" organized by P.G. Department of Chemistry, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha, India (8-9<sup>th</sup> December, 2012).

National level seminar on "Recent Trends In Chemical Science (RETICS)" organized by
P.G. Department of Chemistry (Autonomous), Sambalpur University (SU), Jyoti Vihar, Burla,
Odisha, India (23-25<sup>th</sup> March, 2007).

11. "19<sup>th</sup> Orissa Chemical Society (OCS)'s Annual Conference" organized by P.G. Department of Chemistry (Autonomous), SU (2005).

#### Workshops and Pre-school

1. Schulich Winter School on "Frontiers in Inorganic Chemistry" honoring Prof. Harry B. Gray's 80th Birthday organized by the Schulich Department of Chemistry with Grand Technion Energy Programme (GTEP), Technion-IIT, Haifa, Israel (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015).

2. Technion-Protochips-Nano Instruments Workshop on "New possibilities in High-End TEM Instrumentation and In Situ TEM Analysis in Gas and Liquid Environments" organized by the Department of Materials Science & Engineering, Technion-IIT, Haifa, Israel (13-14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015).

 Workshop on "New and Nano Materials (WNNM)-2012" organized by Institute of Materials Science (IMS), Planetarium Building, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India (20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January, 2012).

4. Pre-school on "Photocatalysis" organized by NCCR, IIT Madras, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India (9-10<sup>th</sup> December, 2011).

5. National workshop on "Development of Novel Materials for Hydrogen Production and Photocatalysis (DNHP-2010)" organized by Colloids and Materials Chemistry Department, CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India (26-27<sup>th</sup> March, 2010).

6. "60th BRNS-IANCAS (Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences-Indian Association of Nuclear Chemists and Allied Scientists) National Workshop on "**Radio Chemistry & Application of Radiosotopes**" organized by P.G. Department of Chemistry (Autonomous), Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Burla, Odisha, India (**17-23**<sup>th</sup> **August, 2006**).

## Membership

- Member [LSO(SM)10] of the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) for 2012-2013, New Delhi, India.
- > Life Time Member [LM-902/12] of Orissa Chemical Society (OCS), Odisha, India.
- Life Member [LM-685] of the Society for Materials Chemistry (SMC), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai 400085, India.

### **Declaration:**

I hereby declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Yours faithfully Niranjan Biswal