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Educational Qualification

M.Sc. (Physics): REC (NIT) Rourkela Sambalpur University (1992) Ph. D.: REC (NIT) Rourkela, Sambalpur University (2002)

Details of Work Experience:

- ❖ Senior Scientific Officer in CIF, NITR: May 2017 till date
- Senior Scientific Officer in Metallurgical & Material Engineering Department, NIT Rourkela: 9th May, 2013 – April 2017
- Assistant Professor, Physics department, NIT Silchar, ASSAM: 5th May, 2010 - 6th May, 2013
- Principal Investigator/Scientist, DST Project, NIT Rourkela: Sept. 2006 -April 2010.
- Guest faculty, Physics dept., NIT Rourkela: 2001 May April 2006.
- Research Scholar, Physics Department, NIT Rourkela: 1996 2001
- Part time faculty, Purusottam Engg. College, Rourkela: 2000-2001
- PGT, Central school, Rourkela: 1995-96
- Part time lecturer, Ispat college, Rourkela: 1994-95

Present Research Activity

- Synthesis of Carbon Nanotube (CNT)/ Carbon Nanofiber (CNF)
 Polymer Composite
- Characterization of these nanocomposites

R & D Projects

- 1. Title: Fabrication & characterization of polymer nanocomposite

 Funding Agency: Department of Science and Technology (DST), India.
- 2. Title: Development of carbon nanotube reinforced polymer composites for naval application

Funding Agency: Naval Research Board (NRB), DRDO, India.

Research lab developed

Procured and installed instruments thro project: Ultrasonic processor, Vacuum oven, LCR meter, Digital precision weighing machine, Humidity chamber, Cryogenic chamber

Experience on instruments: XRD, SEM, DSC, FTIR, INSTRON, DMA (NITR)

Outside NITR: SAXS, TEM, MicroRaman Spectroscopy, VNA

Publication Details:

Total: 71

Journals: 18 (Thirteen International and Five Indian)

International & national Conference: 50

Communicated to Journals: 3 (Two International and One National)

Publication in the last 5 years: 50

Articles of general interest: 3

Research Supervision;

M. Sc. Dissertation: 3 (2 students in 2004 and one in 2006)

Ph. D. supervision: 2

1. Name: Yogojyoti Nayak

Status: Degree awarded in November 2011

Title: Processing and Characterization of Hydroxyapatite-Ceramic

Composites

2. Name: Sunirmal Saha

Status: Degree awarded in November 2018

Title: Investigations of electrical, mechanical and thermal characteristics of polymer nanocomposites using various nanofillers for marine applications

<u>Project coordinator of 'Darshini: A Scanning Electron</u> <u>Microscope'</u>

This project is an innovative attempt by students of NIT Rourkela in the direction of product development. It is a small yet novel initiative and aims at inculcating a trend of fabrication of sophisticated scientific instruments indigenously with the help of available resources.

Achievements and Awards

- Received 'Young Scientist Award' for best research paper "Structural
 investigation of normal and treated polyester fiber by SAXS and other
 techniques" in physical Sciences Division at 91st ISCA, Chandigarh in
 2004.
- Received 'Best poster presentation award' for the research paper
 "Influence of nanomodification on physical properties of polymer
 nanocomposite" in the Physical Sciences Division at 93rd ISCA,
 Hyderabad in 2006.
- DST Women scientist fellowship award in 2006.
- Received 'Best Research Paper Award' for paper "Study of Mechanical and Morphological Properties of Aligned and Randomly Oriented Carbon Nanotube Composites" in International Conference on Emerging Scenarios in Space Technology & Applications-2008,13th-15th November (Advanced Materials & Reliability) ISRO, Bangalore.

.Memberships:

- Indian Science Congress Association [Life member (L19309)]
- Orissa Physical Society
- Polymer Processing Society
- American Nano Society
- Electron Microscopy Society of India

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

(a) Papers published in journals:

- I. Influence of nanotube content on the mechanical and thermomechanical behaviour of –COOH functionalized MWNTs/epoxy composites, Sunirmal Saha and Smrutisikha Bal, Bulletin of Materials Science, Springer, 2017. Volume 40, Issue 5, pp 945–956, https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12034-017-1433-x
- II. Long term hydrothermal effect on mechanical and thermomechanical properties of carbon nanofiber doped epoxy composites, Sunirmal Saha and Smrutisikha Bal, Journal of Polymer Engineering, Degruyter, 2017, https://doi.org/10.1515/polyeng-2017-0037
- III. Effect of sea and distilled water conditioning on the overall mechanical properties of CNT/ epoxy composites, Smrutisikha Bal and Sunirmal Saha, International Journal of Damage Mechanics, SAGE, 2017, Vol. 26(5), 758–770, DOI: 10.1177/1056789515615184.
- IV. Mechanical performances of hygrothermally conditioned CNT/epoxy composites using seawater, Smrutisikha Bal and Sunirmal Saha, Journal of Polymer Engineering, De Gruyter, 2016, DOI: 10.1515/polyeng-2016-0121.
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- VI. Mechanical and Microstructural Analysis of Carbon nanotube Composites Pretreated at Different Temperatures S. Bal, S.S. Samal and U.K. Mohanty, American Journal of Material science, 1(1), 2011, pp. 1-7.
- VII. Experimental study of mechanical and electrical properties of carbon nanofiber/epoxy composites – Smrutisikha Bal, Materials & Design, Elsevier, vol.31, 2010, pp. 2406-2413.
- VIII. Dispersion and reinforcing mechanism of carbon nanotubes in epoxy nanocomposites Smrutisikha Bal, Bulletin of Material Science, Springer, vol.33, no.1, February 2010, pp. 1-5.
 - IX. Preparation and characterization of carbon nanotube filled epoxy composites - Smrutisikha Bal, International Journal of Nano Science, Nano Engineering & Nanotechnology, Research Science Press, vol.1, No.1-2, 2009, pp. 17-21.

- X. Carbon Nanotube Reinforced Ceramic Matrix Composites- A Review Subhranhsu Sekhar Samal and Smrutisikha Bal, Journal of Minerals and Materials Characterization and Engineering, jmmce.org (USA), vol.7, No.4, 2008, pp 355-370.
- XI. Effect of mechanical properties on fracture surfaces of carbon nanotube composites pre- treated at different temperatures - S. Bal, S.S Samal and U.K.Mohanty, NICE Journal of Emerging Technologies, ISSN No.: 0973-2993, vol-3, no.1, June 2008, pp 7-13.
- XII. Influence of dispersion states of carbon nanotubes on mechanical and electrical properties of epoxy nanocomposites S. Bal, Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research (JSIR), NISCAIR, Vol.66, No.9, Sep.2007, 752.
- XIII. Carbon nanotube reinforced polymer composites A state of the art S. Bal & S. S. Samal, Bulletin of material science, Springer, Vol. 30, No.4, Aug. 2007, 379-386.
- XIV. Analysis of structural parameters of acid and alkali treated polyester fibers using SAXS and other techniques **S. Bal** and R.C. Behera Indian journal of Engineering and Material Science (IJEMS), NISCAIR, Vol. 14, No. 3, June 2007, 240. http://nopr.niscair.res.in/handle/123456789/193
- XV. Effect of changing environments on microstructure of hdpe polymer **S. Bal**, D. Mahesh, T.K. Sen and B.C. Ray: Journal of Minerals and Materials Characterization and Engineering, jmmce.org (USA), vol.6, No.1, 2007, pp 1-16. www.scirp.org/Journal/PaperInformation.aspx?PaperID=20488
- XVI. Structural investigation of chemical treated polyester fibers using SAXS and other techniques—**S. Bal** and R.C. Behera, Journal of Minerals and Materials Characterization and Engineering, jmmce.org (USA), vol 5, No.2, 2006, pp.179-198. www.scirp.org/JOURNAL/PaperInformation.aspx?paperID=20487&
- XVII. Comparative study of structural parameters of normal and alkali treated polyester fiber by SAXS, SEM and Instron T.Patel & **S.Bal.**, Polymer Journal, The society of polymer science, Japan, Vol-33, No-2, 2001, pp. 121-127.
- XVIII. Fine structural analysis of alkali treated polyester by SAXS technique using correlation function T.Patel & **S.Bal**., Bulletin of Orissa Physical Society, Vol-VIII, February, 2000, pp-74-84.

(b) Book Chapter:

Microscopic analysis of mechanical properties of aligned carbon nanotube/epoxy composite – S. Bal, J.P. Borah and C. Bergheim, Advanced Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology, Springer Proceedings in Physics, Vol. 143, 2013, pp 347-366.

- ❖ Fabrication and characterization of carbon nanofiber (CNF) based epoxy composites S Bal and S Saha, IOP Conf. Series: Materials Science and Engineering 75 (2015) 012018, IOP Publishing.
- Micro graphical analysis and comparison of MWNT and CNF reinforced polymer composite Smrutisikha Bal, Springer Proceedings Phys., Vol. 186, Ahmet Yavuz Oral and Zehra Banu Bahsi (Eds): 3rd International Multidisciplinary Microscopy and Microanalysis Congress (InterM), Proceedings, Oludeniz, Turkey, 19-23 October 2015, 978-3-319-46600-2,
- ❖ Scheming of microwave shielding effectiveness for X band considering functionalized MWNTs/epoxy composites S Bal and S Saha, 2016 IOP Conf. Ser.: Mater. Sci. Eng. 115 012027.

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- II. Influence of nanomodification on physical properties of polymer nanocomposite S.Bal & Y. Nayak, 93rd Indian Science Congress Association, Hydrabad, Jan 3-7, 2006.
- III. *Polymeric Nanocomposites An advanced material -* **S. Bal** and S.S. Samal, Recent Advanced Materials, Dalmia college, Rajgangpur. Feb.4&5, 2006.
- IV. Carbon Nanotube Based Polymer Composites- A physicist's view point S. Bal, National conference on Emerging Trends In Nano Technology And Innovations In Design And Manufacturing (Etnmd-2006), NIT Rourkela, February 18-19, 2006.
- V. Polymer based CNT composites S.Bal & S.S Samal, Indo-Australian symposium of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, IISc Bangalore, 31 march-01 April, 2006.
- VI. Influence of dispersion states of carbon nanotubes on mechanical properties of epoxy nanocomposites S. Bal and S.S. Samal, Recent Trends in Mechatronics Nanotechnology and Robotics (*RTMNR 2006*), NIT Rourkela,15-16April, 2006.
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- VIII. Polymer Carbon Nanocomposites A big leap in material science S. Bal & S. S Samal, International Conference on NANO TECHNOLOGY MATERIALS AND METHODS, CIT, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, 23rd 25th June 2006.
- IX. Effect of dispersion of nanotube composites S. Bal & S. S Samal, International Conference on NANOTECHNOLOGY - MATERIALS AND METHODS, CIT, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, 23rd - 25th June, 2006.
- X. Carbon Nanotube Reinforced Polymer Composite S.Bal & S.S Samal, Eighth International Conference on Nanostructured Materials, <u>Department</u> of Metallurgy, , IISc Bangalore, August 20-25, 2006.
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- XII. Sonicated low volume fraction Carbon Nanotube Reinforced Epoxy nanocomposites and the role of dispersion on its mechanical properties S. Bal & S. Samal, National Review and coordination meeting on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, ARCI Hyderabad -2007, Feb.21-23.
- XIII. Physical And Morphological Characterization Of Microwave Cured Multiwalled Nanotube Reinforced Smart Polymer Nanocomposites-Smrutisikha Bal & Mr. Subhranshu Sekhar samal, National Conference on Smart Materials and Recent Technologies (SMART-2007), Department of Physics, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati.
- XIV. Effect of mechanical properties on fracture surfaces of carbon nanotube composites pre-treated at different temperatures – S.Bal, S.S.Samal & U.K.Mohanty, Proceedings of second International Conference on Emerging Adaptive Systems and Technologies (EAST-2007), 25th-27th Oct., NICE, Kumaracoil, Tamilnadu.
- XV. Role of Dispersion for Enhancement of Mechanical and Electrical Parameters of Multiwalled Carbon Nanotube Reinforced Epoxy composites- Subhranshu S. Samal, S Bal, & U.K Mohanty. ICAMC- 2007, 26th-28th Oct., RRL Trivendrum.
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- XVII. Effect of process parameters on the mechanical and electrical properties of the multiwalled carbon nanotube based polymer composites treated at different conditions S.S. Samal & Smrutisikha Bal, Poster and R.I.C.H. document, Bangalore Nano, 6th & 7th Dec., 2007, pp.27.
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- object (INWNMM), 2nd-4th January, 2008, Institute of Material Science, Bhubaneswar.
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- XXII. Carbon nanotube reinforced epoxy nanocomposites and analysis of their properties, S. Bal, 25th Annual meeting of polymer processing society (PPS-25), 1st-5th March, 2009, Goa.
- XXIII. Carbon nanotube and Carbon nanofiber polymer composites: A comparative assessment, Smrutisikha Bal, First International Conference on Composites and Nanocomposites (ICNC 2011): January 7, 8 and 9, 2011, Kottayam, Kerala, India.
- XXIV. *Mechanical characterization of epoxy composite doped aligned carbon nanotubes,* Smrutisikha Bal, National conference on processing and characterization of materials (NCPCN 2011), 2-3 Dec. 2011, NIT Roukela.
- XXV. *Microscopic analysis of mechanical properties of aligned carbon nanotube/epoxy composite* **S. Bal**, J.P. Borah and C. Bergheim, ICANN 2011, DEC 8-10, IIT GUWAHATI.
- XXVI. Carbon nanotube dispersed liquid crystal medium: a state of the art-S. P. Choudhury, A. Bhattachrajee and S. Bal, ICNANO 2011, DEC 18-21, NEW DELHI.
- XXVII. Comparison and analysis of physical properties of Carbon nanomaterial doped polymer Fabrication and Characterization of Aligned and Functionalized Nanotube Polymer Composites Smrutisikha Bal, Snigdha Bhattacharjee and Sunirmal Saha, INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MACRO- AND SUPRAMOLECULAR ARCHITECTURES AND MATERIALS (MAM-12), Nov 21-25, 2012, Centre for Nano Science and Technology, K.S. Rangasamy College of Technology, Tamil Nadu, India.
- XXVIII. *Microscopic analysis of mechanical properties of functionalised* carbon nanotube/epoxy composite-Smrutisikha Bal, Sunirmal Saha & Snigdha Bhattacharjee, International Symposium for Research Scholars on

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- XLII. Structural analysis of Polyester by Small-angle X-ray Scattering- T.Patel, **S.Bal**. & B.Mallick-Indian Science Congress Association-Jan99.
- XLIII. Small Angle X-ray scattering investigation of graft Co-polymer of Methyl Methacrylate on to Nylon-6 fiber using correlation function- T.Patel, S. S. Khuntia, D. Nayak, **S. Bal**. & Rita Patel, ISCA, Jan. 1998.
- XLIV. X-ray investigation of Polyester and surf treated Polyester (PET) fibers-T.Patel, **S.Bal**. & B.Mallick, ISCA, Jan. 1998.
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