

## **Dr.MohneeshKalwani**

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## **ProfessionalSummary**

Dedicated and enthusiastic microbiologist with a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Banaras Hindu University (BHU) (2024) and academic experience as Guest Faculty and Assistant Professor. Skilled in large-scale microbial (algal) cultivation, bioprocess optimization, wastewater valorization, and biogas production from microalgal biomass. Experienced in analytical techniques including GC, HPLC, and bioinformatic tools, with proficiency in R and SPSS for data analysis. Recognized with the Young Biotechnologist Award for excellence in applied microbiology. A collaborative team player and emerging leader, committed to bridging research and industry for sustainable biotechnological innovations.

## **Education**

**Ph.D.inMicrobiology**—BanarasHinduUniversity(BHU),2024

**M.Sc.inMicrobiology**—AmityUniversity,Noida,2018

**B.Sc(Hons).inBotany**—BanarasHinduUniversity(BHU),2015

## **ProfessionalExperience**

### **AssistantProfessor(Biotechnology)**

*DepartmentofBiotechnology,Dr.GhanshyamSinghMahavidyalaya,Varanasi,UttarPradesh  
November2024–Present*

- Teaching and mentoring undergraduate and postgraduate students in biotechnology
- Engaging in applied microbiology projects focusing on wastewater remediation by microalgae.
- Coordinating departmental academic and outreach activities.

### **GuestFaculty(Microbiology/Biotechnology)**

*MicrotekCollegeofEngineeringandManagement,Varanasi,UttarPradesh 2018 –  
2020*

- Delivered lectures on biotechnology.
- Assisted in practical training of undergraduate and postgraduate students .

### **Research & Volunteer Work**

#### **Doctoral Research Scholar**—School of Biotechnology, BHU

- Conducted Ph.D. research on large-scale cultivation of *Chlorella sorokiniana* for wastewater treatment, high-value metabolite production
- Operated 1000L open raceways.

### **Technical Skills**

- **Bioprocess Engineering:** Operation open raceway ponds (upto 1000L capacity), biogas production from microalgal biomass
- **Analytical Techniques:** Gas Chromatography (GC), High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), spectrophotometric analyses
- **Environmental Biotechnology:** Wastewater and soil characterization, nutrient sequestration
- **Microbial & Molecular Techniques:** Microalgal isolation and culture maintenance, DNA extraction, aseptic techniques
- **Biofertilizer & Bioenergy Production:** Liquid biofertilizer formulation, process optimization, microalgal biomass valorization
- **Data Analysis & Modeling:** ANN–MOGA for bioprocess optimization, R software, SPSS
- **Field Studies:** Rice field microbiome and soil productivity analysis

### **Publications (Peer-Reviewed, Q1 Journals)**

1. **Kalwani, M.,** Minhas, A. K., Shukla, P., & Pabbi, S. (2025). Efficient nutrient sequestration and biomolecule production by *Chlorella sorokiniana* MSP1 cultivated in industrial wastewater. *Journal of the Taiwan Institute of Chemical Engineers*, 105979. [<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jtice.2025.105979>] (IF: 5.5) #Joint first author

2. **Kalwani, M.,** Kumari, A., Rudra, S. G., Chhabra, D., Pabbi, S., & Shukla, P. (2024). Application of ANN-MOGA for nutrient sequestration for wastewater remediation and production of PUFA by *Chlorella sorokiniana* MSP1. *Chemosphere*, 349, 140835. [<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemosphere.2023.140835>] (IF: 8.8)
3. Srivastava, A., **Kalwani, M.**, Chakdar, H., Pabbi, S., & Shukla, P. (2022). Biosynthesis and biotechnological interventions for commercial production of microalgal pigments: a review. *Bioresource Technology*, 352, 127071. [<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biortech.2022.127071>] (IF: 11.4) #Joint first author
4. **Kalwani, M.**, Chakdar, H., Srivastava, A., Pabbi, S., & Shukla, P. (2022). Effects of nanofertilizers on soil and plant-associated microbial communities: Emerging trends and perspectives. *Chemosphere*, 287, 132107. [<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chemosphere.2021.132107>] (IF: 8.8) #Joint first author

### **Book Chapters**

1. Kalwani, M., Devi, A., Patil, K., Kumari, A., Dalvi, V., Malik, A., Tyagi, A., Shukla, P., & Pabbi, S. (2022). Microalgae-mediated wastewater treatment and enrichment of wastewater-cultivated biomass for biofuel production. In *Expanding Horizon of Cyanobacterial Biology* (pp. 259–281). Academic Press (Elsevier), USA. [<https://www.elsevier.com/books/expanding-horizon-of-cyanobacterial-biology/singh/978-0-323-91202-0>]
2. Devi, A., Kalwani, M., Patil, K., Kumari, A., Tyagi, A., Shukla, P., & Pabbi, S. (2023). Microalgal Bio-pigments: Production and Enhancement Strategies to Enrich Microalgae-Derived Pigments. In *Cyanobacterial Biotechnology in the 21st Century* (pp. 85–106). Springer Nature, Singapore. [[https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-99-0181-4\\_6](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-981-99-0181-4_6)]

### **Poster presented/Oral presentation**

1. **Kalwani M.**, Patil K., Devi A., Shukla P and Pabbi S. Assessing bioremediation potential and biomolecule production of microalgae cultivated in agriculture wastewater Poster presented at: ENB Conference; 2023 Feb 12-14; Banaras Hindu University, India
2. **Kalwani M.**, Patil K., Shukla P and Pabbi S. Assessing bioremediation potential and biomolecule production of microalgae cultivated in agriculture wastewater Poster presented at: AMI Conference; 2023 Feb 02-04; Maharshi Dayanand University, Haryana

3. **Kalwani M**, Elucidating role of industrial wastewater on the growth of *Nannochloropsis occulata* MK1 for biomolecule production Oral Presentation at: Shodh Sangam; 2024 Feb 23-24; Banaras Hindu University, India
4. **Kalwani M**, Simultaneous nutrient uptake and metabolites production by *Chlorella sorokiniana* MSP1 cultivated in industrial wastewater using AI Tools Invited Talk; International Symposium on Bioresource Technology; 2025 April 11-13; Vijayapura, Karnataka, India

### **Awards**

- **Young Biotechnologist Award, 2025 (Society of Applied Biotechnology)**—for outstanding contribution to research in applied microbiology and biotechnology

### **Membership**

- Life Member, Association of Microbiologists (AMI) of India

### **Reviewer**

- Process Biochemistry (17)
- Microbiological Research (4)
- Science of Total Environment (2)

### **Teaching Interest**

Microbiology, Industrial Biotechnology, Plant Biotechnology, Immunology and Cell Biology

### **Thesis Supervision**

**M.Sc:**

**Guided:** None, **Guiding:** 3

### **Languages**

- Hindi – Native
- English – Fluent
- German – Intermediate

### **Personal Attributes**

Team player | Enthusiastic | Dedicated | Determined | Leadership potential | Research-oriented

### **Administration Role**

- Member, Faculty Development Committee
- Member, Controller of Examination Committee

### List of references

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