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| 1. <i>Supervision of awarded Doctoral Thesis: Eight</i> | | | | | | |
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| Publications Profile | | | | | | |

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15. R Chaubey, RJ Andrew, NC Naveen, **Rajagopal R.**, VV Ramamurthy -, 2015 Life history traits of three cryptic species Asia I, Asia II-1 and Asia II-7 of *Bemisia tabaci* (Hemiptera: Aleyrodidae) reconfirm their genetic identities. Florida Entomologist. **98**: 254-259. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1653/024.098.0142>
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Conference Organization/ Workshop/ Presentations (in the last three years)

Organization of a Conference / Workshop

“**Current Trends in Life Sciences: The Indian Scenario**” CPDHE-UGC ASC Refresher course in Life Science (15th February to 9th March 2011) Department of Zoology, University of Delhi

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

1. World Bank – NAIP project “Studies on the ecology and taxonomy of whitefly *Bemisia tabaci* in India, its symbiosis with various obligate and facultative bacterial symbionts.” 2009 – 2014.
2. DU/ DST – PURSE Grant from 2009-2012. “Understanding Individual & Community Genomes of Bacteria using New Generation Sequencing Technologies”

Awards and Distinctions

1. Third Colman Lecture, 2016. (UAS, GKVK, Bangalore)
2. Indian Agricultural Research Institute Junior Research Fellowship
3. Indian Agricultural Research Institute Senior Research Fellowship
4. National Associateship, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India
5. Selected for the MR4 International bioinformatics workshop on Malaria Vectors 2003, (sponsored by NIAID, NIH, USA), at John’s Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.
6. Scopus Young Scientist Award, 2008.

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