

BALA MURALI

Bioscience (Hons.) Graduate

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EDUCATION

Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning

B.Sc. (Hons) Bioscience 2022 - 2025

Relevant coursework:

Molecular Biology, Genetics, Biostatistics, Immunology, Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry.

TECHNICAL & LAB SKILLS

Computational

- Python, R
- Git/GitHub,
- Rosalind platform,
- NCBI BLAST,
- GALAXY.

Wet Lab

- SDS-PAGE
- Gel Electrophoresis
- DNA & RNA Extraction
- Microbial Culture

ATHLETICS & LEADERSHIP

- State-Level Netball Player
- U-15 District Basketball Runner-Up Captain
- Intra-University Basketball Championship Team

PROFILE

- Bioscience graduate focused on computational biology and mitochondrial gene retention research.
- Adept at integrating bioinformatics tools with classical biology training to pursue independent research.
- Also skilled in music, sport, and structured curiosity.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Independent Research – Mitochondrial Gene Retention

2025 - Present

- Exploring gene retention mechanisms in mitochondrial genomes using computational methods.
- Self-directed work incorporating Python scripting, database mining, and comparative genomic analysis.
- Repository: GitHub.

Rosalind Bioinformatics Challenges

2025 - Present

- Solving algorithmic biology problems with Python.
- Documenting and versioning solutions via GitHub as a personal study log and skill showcase.

Poster Presentation – "The Zombie Fungus"

2024

• International Microbial Day, Dept. of Bioscience, SSSIHL.

CERTIFICATIONS & COURSEWORK

- Molecular Cloning NPTEL, IIT Madras (2024)
- Python for Biologists Udemy (2024)
- R for Researchers Udemy (2024)
- Genomic Data Science Track DataCamp (Ongoing)
- Bioinformatics Coursera (Ongoing)
- Computational Biology MIT OCW (Ongoing)

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES & CONFERENCES

BIOASIA Global Conference 2025 - Hyderabad

Attended sessions on AI in drug discovery, synthetic biology, and biotech innovation pipelines.