Hey, I’m Soching Luikham I received my Master’s degree from Pune University. Currently a Research Scholar at NIT Nagaland. A lot of my time goes by learning new adventurous things. I am a big time “Foodie”. Working in lab has helped me discover my love and keen interest for research. My non-scientific interests include- singing, traveling, and exploring different cuisines.

**Awards and Fellowships**

1. **First prize in poster presentation in national conference on** “Faunal Diversity: Assessment and Conservation (FDAC-2016)” held on 22nd and 23rd January, 2016 organized by Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ganeshkhind, Pune.
2. **First Consolation Prize in poster presentation in national conference on** 2nd Mini-symposium on Cell Biology held on 11th May, 2016 organized by National Centre for Cell Science, Pune. (Poster presentation)
3. **First prize in poster presentation in national conference on** National Conference on Innovative Research in Life Science (IRLS), held on 26th and 27th February, 2016 organized by Sinhgad College of Science, Pune.
4. **First prize in poster presentation in Zoofest 2015** held on 2nd and 3rd February, 2015 organized by Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ganeshkhind, Pune.
5. **Best question award** in two-day international symposium on Microbial Ecology and Systematics held on 16th to 17th September, 2016 organized by Microbial culture collection NCCS, Pune.
6. **Best Student Award of Modern College Ganeshkhind 2016-2017** by Modern college of Arts Science and commerce, Pune.
7. **Special Achievement Award** 2017 by Modern college of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune.
8. **GATE (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering)** in Life Science conducted by Govt. of India, in 2019, organized by Indian Institute of technology (IIT), Madras.
9. **Second Prize** in Start-up India Nagaland Yatra on Social Start-up Category 2019.
10. **Second Prize** in oral presentation in International Webinar on “History of Science” held on 27th and 28th of July, 2020 organized by Dept. of Chemistry, Shri Shikshayatan College and Institute of Science, Education and Culture (ISEC) in collaboration with Indian Chemical Society.
11. **Young Scientist Award (Professor S. T. Nandibewoor Award)** recipient in oral presentation in 58th Annual Convention of Chemists & International Conference on Recent trends in Chemical Sciences (ACC-RTCS) on 21st – 24th December 2021 organized by Indian Chemical Society, Kolkata, India.
12. **Second Prize** in oral presentation in Symposium on “Chemical Education in Self Reliance: A Global Perspective” held on 23rd of June, 2022 at Kohima and organized by CSIR-North East Institute of Science and Technology and Royal Society of Chemistry.
13. **Travel Grant awarded by European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO)** to attend India|EMBO lecture course on “Functional nucleic acids: Recent landscapes and therapeutic applications” held on 16th – 19th August 2022 at Regional Centre of Biotechnology, Faridabad, India and organized by EMBO and India alliance DBT welcome.