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## **Education**

2011 – 2016

**Ph. D. in Chemistry (Environmental and Analytical Chemistry)**

*Mahatma Gandhi University, India.*

2006 – 2008

**M. Sc. in Chemistry (Pharmaceutical Chemistry)**

*Mahatma Gandhi University, India.*

2003 – 2006

**B. Sc. in Chemistry**

*Mahatma Gandhi University, India.*

## **Professional Experience**

Aug. 2023 – Current

**Scientist**

*(Umweltbundesamt - German Environment Agency, Germany)*

➤ *Analysis of pharmaceuticals in aquatic environment.*

Oct. 2019 – June 2023

**Postdoctoral Researcher**

*(Department of Soil Science and Soil Protection, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic)*

➤ *Fate of organic pollutants (pharmaceuticals, pesticides etc.) in soil.*

Sept. 2015 – June 2019

**Postdoctoral Researcher**

*(Division of Environmental Science and Engineering (DESE), Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), Republic of Korea)*

➤ *Chemical reactions in ice phase.*

May 2014 - April 2015

**Visiting Student**

*(Division of Environmental Science and Engineering (DESE), Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), Republic of Korea)*

➤ *Chemical reactions in ice phase.*

Sept. 2008 – Oct. 2009

**Analyst**

*(Quality Evaluation laboratory, Spices Board, Govt. of India)*

➤ *Responsibilities includes the analysis of various spices and spice products for different quality parameters.*

## **Research Interests**

- ❖ Environmental chemistry
- ❖ Analytical chemistry
- ❖ Wastewater treatment
- ❖ Advanced oxidation processes
- ❖ Environmental monitoring
- ❖ Emerging organic pollutants
- ❖ Free-radical chemistry

## Summary of Academic Achievements (Selected)

- Research articles published in SCI journals: **25** (First Author: **11**, Corresponding Author: **4**)
- Review articles published in SCI journals: **2**, Book chapters: **2**
- Google Scholar citation > **640**, H-index: **15** (updated on Dec. 27, 2025)
- Guest Editor of a special issue “**Novel Methods for the Remediation of Emerging Organic Pollutants from the Environment, Vol. II**” in *ChemEngineering* (ISSN 2305-7084); 2023
- Co-Guest Editor of a special issue “**Air Pollution from Wastewater Management**” in *Atmosphere* (ISSN 2073-4433); 2022
- Guest Editor of a special issue “**Novel Methods for the Remediation of Emerging Organic Pollutants from the Environment**” in *ChemEngineering* (ISSN 2305-7084); 2022
- Guest Editor of a special issue “**Analytical Methods to Monitor Emerging Organic Contaminants in the Environment**” in *Analytica* (ISSN 2673-4532); 2022
- Reviewer, *Catalysis Today* (Elsevier); 2016 –
- Reviewer, *Environmental Science and Pollution Research* (Springer); 2017 –
- Reviewer, *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment* (Springer); 2021 –
- Reviewer, *Catalysts* (MDPI); 2022 –
- Reviewer, *Nanomaterials* (MDPI); 2023 –
- Reviewer, *Sustainability* (MDPI); 2023 –
- Coordinator, Organizing Committee, *International Conference on Frontiers of Mass Spectrometry* (ICMS 2013), Kottayam, India
- Member, Local Organizing Committee, *Second International Conference on Membranes* (ICM-2013), Kottayam, India
- Member, Local Organizing Committee, *Second International Conference on Advanced Oxidation Processes* (AOP-2012), Kottayam, India
- Member, Local Organizing Committee, *International Conference on Membrane* (ICM-2011), Kottayam, India
- Member, Local Organizing Committee, *International Conference on Advanced Oxidation Processes* (AOP-2010), Kottayam, India
- Member, Local Organizing Committee, *International Conference on Climate Change and Developing Countries* (CCDC-2010), Kottayam, India

## Publications

### In Books

- 2   **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Aravindakumar, C. T.; The Oxidative Degradation of Theophylline from Aquatic Environments: A Mechanistic Study. Book Chapter (Nova science publishers), 2023 (URL: <https://novapublishers.com/shop/advances-in-environmental-research-volume-96/>)
- 1   **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Aravind, U. K.; Aravindakumar, C. T.; Transformation mechanism of organic CECs by photochemical oxidation processes: Insights from mass spectrometry. Book Chapter (RSC), 2023 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1039/9781839167355>)

## In International Journals

- 28 Asiz, A. A.; Haritha, P. S.; Krishna, D.: **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Mammen, P. C.; Sruthi S. N.; Shyleshchandran, M. S.; Warming Landscapes and Urban Imprints: A 24-Year Study of Land and Climate Change in Kollam, Southwest India, **Earth Syst. Environ.**, 2025 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41748-025-00746-4>)
- 27 Ranjbar, E.: **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Pang, J.; Ruhl, A. S.; Direct oxidation of organic micropollutants by persulfate and hydrogen peroxide: A potentially misleading contribution in advanced oxidation processes, **Chem. Eng. J. Adv.**, 2025, 24, 100862
- 26 Junge, F.; Rückbeil, F. E.; Gnirss, R.; Haag, R.; Lorente, A.; Lorenz, F.; **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Ruhl, A. S.; Sperlich, A.; Zidar, A.; Wagner, A.; Effect of Hydrophobic Cross-Linkers in Strong Base Gel-Type Resins on the Adsorption Kinetics and Capacity for Perfluoroalkyl Substances - **ACS ES&T Water**, 2025, 5, 4435–4447
- 25 Shyleshchandran, M. S.; Asiz, A. A.; Haritha, P. S.; Sruthi, S. N; **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Microplastic Contamination of the Aquatic Environment in the Indian Scenario: A Review. **Rev. Environ. Contam. Toxicol.**, 2025, 263, 7
- 24 **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Kodešová, K.; Fedorova, G.; Sadchenko, A.; Kočárek, M.; Klement, A.; Fér, M.; Chroňáková, A.; Nikodem, A.; Grabic, R.; Dissipation of twelve organic micropollutants in three different soils: Effect of soil characteristics and microbial composition. **J. Hazard. Mater.** 2023 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2023.132143>).
- 23 **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Kodešová, K.; Švecová, H.; Klement, A.; Fér, M.; Nikodem, A.; Grabic, R.; Selective accumulation of pharmaceutical residues from 6 different soils by plants: A comparative study on onion, radish, and spinach. **Environ. Sci. & Pollut. Res.** 2023, 30, 54160–54176
- 22 Moorchilot, V. S.; Aravind, U. K.; **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Aravindakumar, C. T.; Single-Particle Analysis of Atmospheric Aerosols: Applications of Raman Spectroscopy. **Atmosphere**, 2022, 13, 1779
- 21 Shibin, N. B.; **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Sreekanth, R.; Nguyen, T. P.; Pramod, G.; Aravind, U. K.; Aravindakumar, C. T.; Exploring the oxidation chemistry of hydroxy naphthoic acid: An experimental and theoretical study. **J. Phys. Org. Chem.**, 2022 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/poc.4416>)
- 20 **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Aravind, U. K.; Aravindakumar, C. T.; Critical review on the role of mass spectrometry in the AOP based degradation of contaminants of emerging concern (CECs) in water. **J. Environ. Chem. Eng.**, 2022, 10, 108155
- 19 **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Aravind, U. K.; Aravindakumar, C. T.; Oxidative degradation of pharmaceutical waste, theophylline, from natural environment. **Atmosphere**, 2022, 13, 835
- 18 Sreekanth, R.: **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Renjith, S.; Manojkumar, T.K.; Aravind, U. K.; Aravindakumar, C. T.; Oxidation reactions of carbaryl in aqueous solutions. **Chem. Phys.** 2021, 544, 111427
- 17 **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Kočárek, M.; Kacerova, T.; Kotíková, T.; Kačer, P.; Kodešová, R.; The impact of initial concentration of selected pharmaceuticals on their early stage of dissipation in soils. **J. Soils Sediments.** 2021, 22, 522-535
- 16 Thomas, S.; Rayaroth, M. P.; **Menacherry, S. P. M.**; Aravind, U. K.; Aravindakumar, C. T.; Sonochemical degradation of benzenesulfonic acid in aqueous medium. **Chemosphere**, 2020, 10, 108155

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- 14 Kim, K.: Menacherry, S. P. M.; Daun, J.; Saiz-Lopez, A.; Choi, W.; Simultaneous and synergic production of bioavailable iron and reactive iodine species in ice. *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 2019, 53, 7355-7362
- 13 Blaž, C.; Naglič, P.; Menacherry, S. P. M.; Pernuš, F.; Likar, B.; Poor optical stability of molecular dyes when used as absorbers in water-based tissue-simulating phantoms. *Proc. SPIE*, Vol. 10870, 2019 (*doi: 10.1117/12.2506977*)
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- 10 Oturan, N.; Aravindakumar, C.T.; Olvera-Vargas, H.; Menacherry, S. P. M.; Oturan, M. A.; Electro-Fenton oxidation of para-aminosalicylic acid: degradation kinetics and mineralization pathway using Pt/carbon-felt and BDD/carbon-felt cells. *Environ. Sci. & Pollut. Res.* 2017, 24, 969-978
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- 8 Menacherry, S. P. M.; Sreekanth, R.; Aravind, U. K.; Pramod, G.; Aravindakumar, C. T.; Transformation reactions of radicals from the oxidation of diphenhydramine: Pulse radiolysis and mass spectrometric studies. *ChemistrySelect*, 2016, 5, 924-933
- 7 Menacherry, S. P. M.; Laprévote, O.; Nguyen, T. P.; Aravind, U. K.; Pramod, G.; Aravindakumar, C. T.; Identification of position isomers by energy-resolved mass spectrometry. *J. Mass Spectrom.*, 2015, 50, 944–950
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## **Skills/Expertise**

### **Expertise in Instruments**

- **Mass Spectrometry** (Single Quadrupole - *Shimadzu*, Triple Quadrupole/Q-Trap - *Sciex*; Quadrupole -Time of Flight - *Waters*)
- **Chromatography** (HPLC - *Shimadzu*, *Dionex*, & *Agilent*; UPLC - *Waters*; Ion Chromatography - *Dionex*; GC - *Perkin Elmer* & *Shimadzu*)
- **Electron Accelerator** (Pulse Radiolysis)
- **Spectroscopy** (UV-Vis - *Shimadzu*, *Perkin Elmer*, & *Agilent*; Fluorescence - *Perkin Elmer*; ATR-FT-IR - *Shimadzu*)
- **Inductively Coupled Plasma–Optical Emission Spectrometer** (ICP-OES - *Thermo*)
- **Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Analyzer** (*Thermo*)
- **Atomic Absorption Spectrometer** (AAS - *Perkin Elmer*)

### **Technical Expertise**

- **Operating Systems:** Windows, Linux & Android
- **Programming:** JAVA
- **Software:** ACD Chem Sketch, ChemOffice ChemDraw, Microcal Origin, Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, etc.

## **Awards**

- **Senior Research Fellowship (SRF)** from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Govt. of India
- **Dr. Hari Mohan memorial award** for the best poster in Trombay Symposium on Radiation and Photochemistry (TSRP 2014) held on January 6-9, 2014, Mumbai, India.
- Selected as an “**International visiting student**” by Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), Pohang, Republic of Korea, for a period of one year (2014)

## **Other Interests**

- Android app development
- Linux and open source
- Photography, traveling, and sports

## **Personal Information**

**Age:** 39 years; **Date of Birth:** April 23, 1986; **Gender:** Male;

**Marital Status:** Married; **Kids:** One

**Languages Known:** English, Malayalam, and Hindi; **Nationality:** Indian

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## **References**

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