

# DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY



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### About the Research Centre

The Centre for Biosensing Research focuses on developing cutting-edge sensor technologies for healthcare, environmental monitoring, and industrial applications. Our research emphasizes fabricating nanomaterial-based biosensors and immunosensors for detecting disease biomarkers and toxins. With state-of-the-art facilities and expertise in electrochemical sensing, we drive innovation in early disease diagnostics, including Vitamin D deficiency and cancer biomarkers. Collaborations with academic and industry partners ensure impactful solutions to global challenges. Join us to explore next generation biosensing advancements.

### Vision:

To be a global leader in biosensing research, advancing innovative sensor technologies for improved healthcare, environmental sustainability, and industrial applications. We aim to drive impactful discoveries, foster interdisciplinary collaborations, and translate research into real-world solutions for a better future.

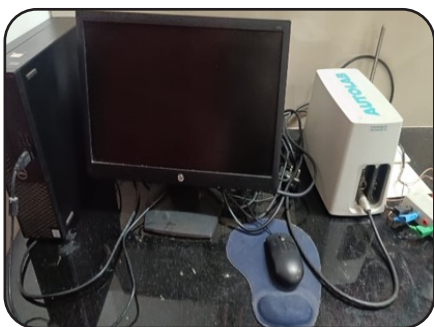
### Mission

To pioneer the development of cutting-edge biosensing technologies that address critical challenges in health, environment, and industry. We are committed to fostering innovation, promoting interdisciplinary research, and delivering impactful solutions through collaboration, education, and sustainable practices.

### Key Research Areas

- **Electrochemical Sensors and Biosensors:** Development of advanced sensors for detecting disease biomarkers, environmental pollutants, and toxins.
- **Nanomaterial Fabrication:** Designing and synthesizing nanomaterials for high-performance sensing applications.
- **Point-of-Care Diagnostics:** Creating portable and affordable diagnostic devices for early disease detection.
- **Immunosensors:** Fabrication of label-free sensors for detecting proteins, pathogens, and biomarkers.
- **Environmental Monitoring:** Developing sensors for tracking pollutants and ensuring ecological sustainability.
- **Energy Applications:** Exploring electrocatalysts for fuel cells and renewable energy systems.

## EQUIPMENT DETAILS/ PHOTOS



**Electrochemical Workstation**



**Double Distilled Water**



**UV-Lamp**



**Micro Oven**

## OUR TEAM



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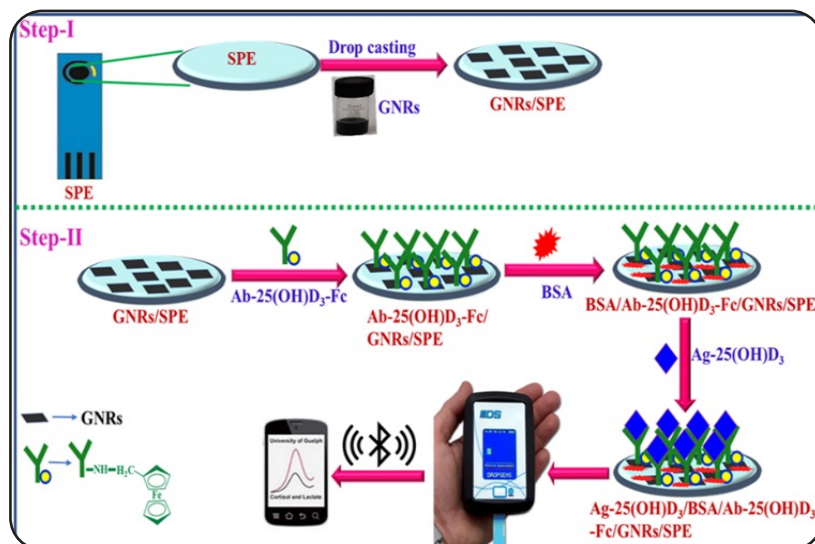
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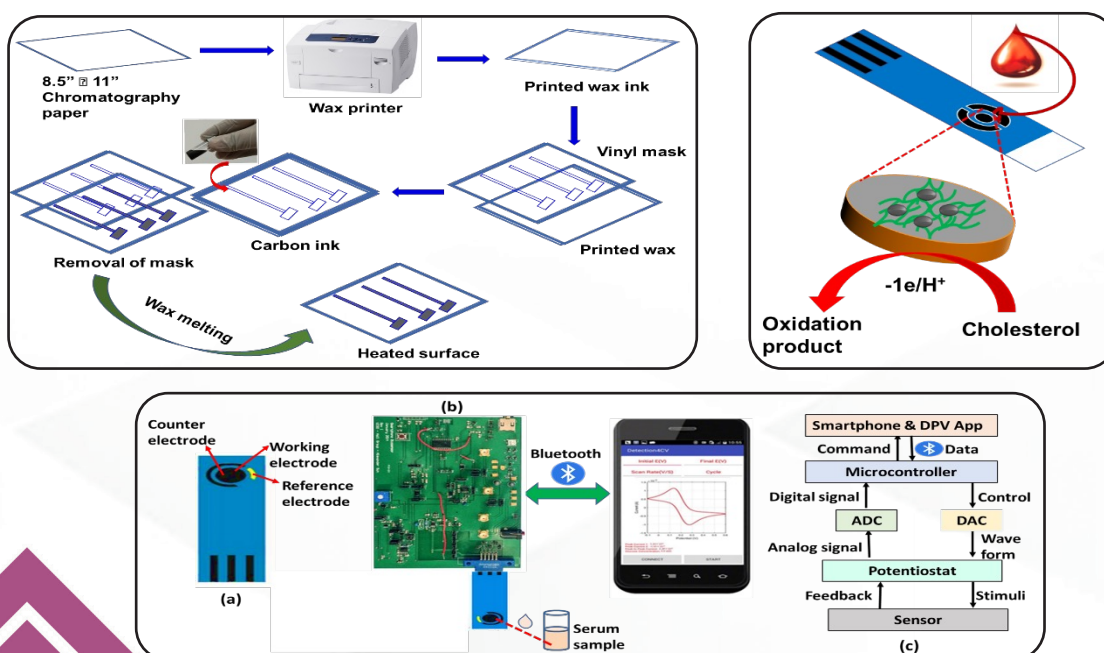
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## HIGHLIGHTS OF RESEARCH CENTRE WORKS

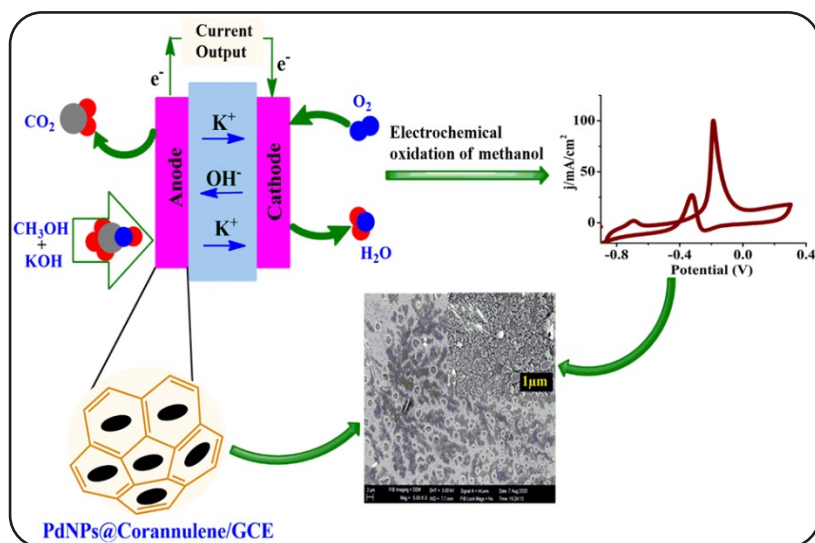
### Development of Vitamin D paper Strips and diagnostic device



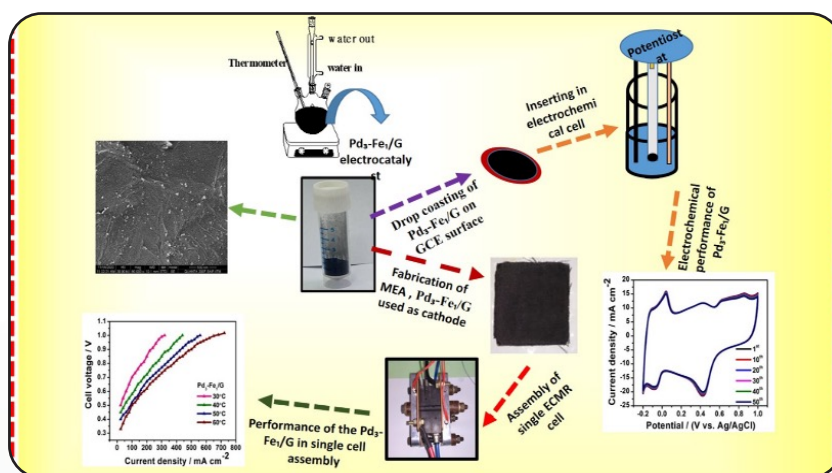
### Development of POC for Cholesterol



## Corannulene as novel support material for direct oxidation of methanol in fuel cell



## Development of Corannulene based electrocatalysts for HER and ORR



## STARTUP COMPANY

**Name:** Chemsens Technologies Private Limited

**Directors:** Dr. B. Pradeep Kumar

Dr. T. Anusha

**Date of Incorporation:** 16/09/2021



Dedication, Trust, Innovation

### Objectives:

- To research, design, provide, manufacture, import, export, develop reliable and affordable sensing technologies and devices for the detection and quantification of chemical and biological molecules of interest in health care and to provide solutions for a variety of clinical and health problems such as testing for vitamin D deficiency, prostate cancer, and other diseases.
- To carry out ancillary, incidental, complementary and other necessary activities to achieve above - mentioned objects.

## PUBLICATION ANALYTICS – INCLUDING SDGS



## PROJECTS – SPONSORED, AGENCIES

### Projects Ongoing:

Year of Funding	Sponsoring Agency	Title of the Project	Grant Amount (Lakhs)
2021	DST	Development and fabrication of electrochemical nanostructured immunosensing strips for Point-of-Care biomedical testing of vitamin D deficiency	65
2021	DST	Development of POC for Cholesterol	30
2024	MSME	Design and development of affordable biomedical device for vitamin D testing	15

### Completed Projects:

Year of Funding	Sponsoring Agency	Title of the Project	Grant Amount (Lakhs)
2014	SERB	Development of Electrochemical Immunosensor as a Prostate cancer Diagnostic Tool	20
2015	UGC	An Electrochemical Immunosensing Platform for the Early Detection of Prostate Cancer	15
2020	DST	Development and fabrication of electrochemical nanostructured immunosensing strips for Point-of-Care biomedical testing of vitamin D deficiency	30



## COLLABORATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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- Tummala Anusha, Kalli Sai Bhavani, J.V. Shanmukha Kumar, Alessandra Bonanni, Pradeep Kumar Brahman, Fabrication of handmade paper sensor based on silver-cobalt doped copolymer-ionic liquid composite for monitoring of vitamin D3 level in real samples, Microchemical Journal 161 (2021) 105789. IF: 4.821

## PATENTS

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- NOVEL NANOSTRUCTURED CATHODE ELECTRODE FOR HYDROGEN PRODUCTION FROM METHANOL REFORMATION". Application no.202241035993, Date of publication, 01/07/2022.

## ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS)

- » Fast Track Young Scientist Awarded by Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India.
- » UGC-Research Award for Teachers.
- » Awarded Best Poster Award in 104th Indian Science Congress 2017.
- » APAS Young Scientist Award 2017
- » ICC-Young Scientist Award 2017
- » Best Researcher Award by K L University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

## TOP 10 PUBLICATIONS

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