Personal Profile



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Educational Profile

Ph.D.	Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam; 2019
	Supervisor: Prof. Charu Lata Mahnata
M.Tech	Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam; 2012
	Subject: Food Processing Technology
	Specialization: Food Processing and Technology
B.Sc.	Cotton College, Guwahati, Assam; 2009
	Subject: Botany (Hons.)

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Food Technology,	May, 2021-till date
Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	
Assistant Professor , Department of Bioengineering and Technology, Gauhati University, Assam, India	March, 2017- May 2021

Administrative Experience

Not Applicable

Awards & Honours

- 1. Cleared **ASRB-NET** for lectureship, 2016
- 2. Cleared **UGC-NET** for lectureship, 2013
- 3. **Nehru-Fulbright Doctoral Research Fellowship**, Purdue University, USA , (2015-2016)
- 4. **DST INSPIRE Fellowship** by DST, in 2013
- 5. Gold Medalist (M.Tech), by Tezpur University, India 2012
- 6. **Best Graduate** by Cotton College, India, 2009.

Membership of Professional Bodies

1. Life member of Association of Food Scientists and Technologists, India (2019-till date)

Research Interests

- Food Chemistry
- Non-Thermal Processing technologies
- Food Microbiology
- Food Product Development
- Food Quality and Shelf-life assessment

Research Publications

- 1. Tender coconut water processing: hurdle approach, quality, and accelerated shelf-life measurements. **Mahnot, N.K**.; & Mahanta, C.L. *Journal of Food Measurement and Characterization*, 1-12, **2021**.
- 2. In-package cold plasma decontamination of fresh-cut carrots: microbial and quality aspects. Mahnot, N.K.; Syiu, L.P.; Wan, Z.; Keener, K.; & Misra, N.N. *Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics*, 5(3), 154002, **2020**.
- 3. Strategy to achieve a 5-log *Salmonella* inactivation in tender coconut water using high voltage atmospheric cold plasma (HVACP). **Mahnot, N.K**.; Mahanta, C.L.; Keener K.M.; & Misra. N.N. *Food Chemistry*, *284*, 303–311, **2019**.
- 4. Atmospheric cold plasma inactivation of *Escherichia coli* and *Listeria monocytogenes* in tender coconut water: Inoculation and accelerated shelf-life studies. **Mahnot, N.K.**; Mahanta, C.L.; Farkas, B.E.; Keener, K.M.; Misra, N.N. *Food Control, 106,* 106678, **2019**.
- 5. Quality characterization and effect of sonication time on bioactive properties of honey from North East India. **Mahnot, N.K.**; Saikia, S.; & Mahanta, C.L. *Journal of Food Science and Technology*, *56(2)*, 724–736, **2019**.
- 6. Shelf life enhancement and associated quality and sensory changes on refrigerated storage of tender coconut water subjected to non-thermal microfiltration and treated with additives. **Mahnot, N.K**.; Gupta, K.; & Mahanta, C.L. *Journal of Food Science and Technology*, *56(7)*, 3408–3421, **2019**.
- 7. Chattopadhyay P, Agnihotri A. Optimisation of a carambola pomace fibre fortified mix fruit beverage powder, its characterization and in vivo study. Saikia, S.; **Mahnot, N.K.**; & Mahanta, C.L. *Journal of the Saudi Society of Agricultural Sciences*, 19(1), 14-21, **2018**.
- 8. Phytochemical content and antioxidant activities of thirteen fruits of Assam, India. Saikia, S.; **Mahnot, N.K**; & Mahanta, C.L. *Food Bioscience*, *13*, 15–20, **2016.**
- 9. A comparative study on the effect of conventional thermal pasteurisation, microwave and ultrasound treatments on the antioxidant activity of five fruit

juices. Saikia, S.; **Mahnot, N.K**; & Mahanta, C.L. *Food Science and Technology International*, *22(4)*, 288–301, **2016**.

- 10. Optimisation of phenolic extraction from *Averrhoa carambola* pomace by response surface methodology and its microencapsulation by spray and freeze drying. Saikia, S.; **Mahnot, N.K**; & Mahanta, C.L. *Food Chemistry*, *171*, 44–52, **2015**.
- 11. Effect of Spray Drying of Four Fruit Juices on Physicochemical, Phytochemical and Antioxidant Properties. Saikia, S.; **Mahnot, N.K**; & Mahanta, C.L. *Journal of Food Processing and Preservation*, *39(6)*, 1656–1664, **2015**.
- 12. Effect of additives on the quality of tender coconut water processed by nonthermal two stage microfiltration technique. **Mahnot, N.K.**; Kalita, D.; Mahanta, C.L.; & Chaudhuri, M.K *LWT Food Science and Technology*, *59(2)*, 1191–1195, **2014**.
- 13. Effect of l-ascorbic acid addition on the quality attributes of micro-filtered coconut water stored at 4°C. DasPurkayastha, M.; Kalita, D.; **Mahnot, N.K.**; Mahanta, C.L.; Mandal, M.; & Chaudhuri, M.K. *Innovative Food Science and Emerging Technologies*, *16*, 69–79, **2012**.

Patent

1. Keener, K.M.; & **Mahnot, N.K.:** INACTIVATING PATHOGEN MICROORGANISMS USING COLD PLASMA, has been accepted by United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO). Publication no. WO2017200930A1, 2020.

Book/Book Chapter published

- Saikia, S; Mahnot, N.K.; Sahu, R.K.; & Kalita, J. Edible sea weeds as potential sources of nutraceutical, in *Marine Niche: Application in Pharmaceutical Sciences.* (1ed.) Eds. Nathani, N.; Mootapally, C.S.; Gadhvi, I.R.; Maitreya, B.; Joshi, C.G. Spinger Singapore, 2020, 183-201.
- 2. **Mahnot, N.K**.; Chakraborty, S.; Gupta, K.; & Saikia, S. Cold plasma processing: use in food industry for decontamination and impact on food quality, in *Research on food process engineering and applications*. (1ed.), Eds by Goyal, M.R.; Watharkar, R.B.; Apple Academic press, USA, 2022 [in production]

Research guidance

Post-doc fellow Not Applicable **Ph.D scholar** Not Applicable

Course/Conference/Workshop organized

1. National Webinar on National Education Policy 2020, in Retrospect of Food Processing and Technology: Challenges and the Way Forward, by Department of Food Technology, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India.

Duration: August, 2021

Role: Convenor

2. International Webinar on Technologies on processing of safe foods, entrepreneurial prospects and Ministry Support: Sufficing the demands of the Food Industry, by Department of Food Technology, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India

Duration: July, 2021

Role: Convenor

Course/Conference/Workshop etc. attended

1. Delivered an invited talk in an 'International Webinar held at Department of Food Nutrition and Dietetics, Assam Downtown University, Guwahati, India on 23rd December, 2020.

Title of the talk: Functional Foods and their Health benefits

2. Delivered an invited talk in 'International conference on Nutraceuticals and chronic diseases', an International Conference' held at Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati, Guwahati, India during 23-25th September, 2019.

Title of the talk: Nutraceuticals from sea weeds against chronic diseases

3. Delivered an oral presentation in 'National Symposium on Probiotics and Functional Foods on Health Management, a National Symposium' held at Department of Food Engineering and Technology, Tezpur University, Tezpur, India, during 4-5th March, 2019.

Title of the presentation: Functional Foods and Non-Dairy Matrixes for Probiotic Delivery: A Review

4. Delivered an invited talk in 'Molecular Biology/Molecular Diagnostics' an workshop held Department of bioengineering and Technology, Gauhati University, India during 17-24th December, 2018.

Title of the talk: HPLC-Principles and Application

5. Delivered an oral presentation in 'Trends and Innovation in Food Processing Technology: Prospects and Challenges, an National Seminar' held at Department of Food Engineering and Technology, Tezpur University, Tezpur, India, during 9-10th February, 2017.

Title of the presentation: Modelling ascorbic acid degradation for shelf life prediction of tender coconut water with added chemicals preservatives and mild heating

6. Presented a poster in 'Innovative Prospects in Food Processing: Integration of Engineering and biological Sciences, held at Tezpur University, Place, India during during 27-28th March, 2015.

Title of the presentation/talk: Shelf life stability of two stage microfiltered tender coconut water along with honey stored under refrigerated conditions.

7. Presented a poster in 'Nutritional Security through Sustainable Development, Research and Education for Healthy foods (NSURE-IFCON), held at CFTRI, Mysore, India during 18-21st December, 2013.

Title of the presentation: Effect of starch (*Dioscorea sp.*)-protein (casein) composite edible film and coating on the bio-active properties, texture and color of green chilies and garlic cloves

8. Presented a poster in 'Nutritional Security through Sustainable Development, Research and Education for Healthy foods (NSURE-IFCON), held at Tezpur University, Tezpur, India during 14-16th November, 2011.

Title of the presentation: Effect of microfiltration on tender coconut water quality

Sponsored Project

Title of the project	Funding agency	Year of sanction	Role
Under Submission			