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Dr. S. Murugesan is a senior scientist in IFGTB with core specialization of Phytopesticide, Chemical ecology, Phytochemicals and Instrumentation methods and chemical analysis.

Current activities and research interests

Natural products – Phytochemicals and phytopesticides.

- Secondary metabolites from *Aegle marmelos* for biopesticides
- Pharmacological evaluation of *Aegle marmelos* for phytomedicine
- Tree borne oil seeds for biopesticide formulation with active ingredients.
- Seed oil extracts for insect/pest management
- Essential oil of *Lantana camara* for biopesticide.
- Biotransformation of secondary metabolites from Frankia into casuarinas for nodulation.
- A novel approach to synergise growth and pest management in fast growing industrially important tree species
- Bioprospecting of forest resources as natural biocolourant for textile industry and as food additives and cosmetics.
- Tree fodder as alternate protein source
- Registration & commercialization of the most effective bio-pesticide formulation.

Products developed

Biopesticides :Vilvekam, Hy-Act, Tree-PAL^H, Ento-fight *Nasa*, Crawl clean

Biobooster : Treerich biobooster

Phytomedicine : R-500.

Mobile app' : Tree pests of India.

Formal education

B.Sc (Zoology), Madurai Kamaraj University (1981)

M.Sc (Zoology), Madurai Kamaraj University (1984)

M.Phil (Zoology) Madras University (1986)

Ph.D, (Entomology) Madras University (1990)

Experience

Dr. S. Murugesan has been working on insect-plant interaction especially role of plant secondary metabolites of host plants and their defence properties against insect pests since 1990. He was involved in the biological control of Forest Insect pests of arid and semi arid tree species, and Insecticidal performance of natural products against seed insect pests of forestry tree species.

He has experience in the areas of plant defence chemicals especially on methods for extraction, purification and characterization of numerous defensive chemicals belonging to various categories (terpenoids, alkaloids, glycosides, phenols, tannins, etc.) which could cause behavioral and physiological impacts on pests.

He was in Bioactive Natural Product Laboratory, Michigan State University, USA as Post Doctoral Fellow during 1998 to 1999.

Three Ph.D were awarded from FRI University with his supervision and two students are pursuing their Ph.D. He supervised more than twenty students for M.Sc. dissertation work and evaluated number of Ph.D, M.Phil and M.Sc., thesis.

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4. Two days Training workshop on “Bioprospecting-Role of state forest departments need to play” to IFS officials was imparted during 1st & 2nd August, 2013 sponsored by MoEF, Govt. of India. Total of 25 IFS officers from various states participated in the training programme.
5. Two days Training workshop on “Bioprospecting-Role of state forest departments need to play” to IFS officials was imparted during 23& 24 July, 2015 sponsored by MoEF, Govt. of India. Total of 25 IFS officers from various states participated in the training programme.
6. Two days Training workshop on “Bioprospecting-Role of state forest departments need to play” to IFS officials was imparted during 21-22nd July, 2016 sponsored by MoEF, Govt. of India.
7. Imparted Hands on training on “Bioprospecting – Instrumentation methods and phytochemical analysis” during 17-19th August, 2016 at IFGTB, Coimbatore.
8. Imparted Hands on training on “Bioprospecting – Instrumentation methods and phytochemical analysis” during 22 – 23rd December 2016 at IFGTB, Coimbatore.
9. Imparted Summer Internship training on “Biotechnology, Microbiology and Bioprospecting module” during 15th – 31st May, 2017 at IFGTB, Coimbatore