

# BIO-PLASTIC CENTRE

Co-Ordinator Dr. A. ARUN

## AIM

- The aim of the Bio Plastic Centre running in the university is to promote research, development, and implementation of sustainable bioplastic solutions, reducing reliance on traditional plastics and mitigating environmental impact.

## OBJECTIVES

- To conduct research on innovative bioplastic materials derived from renewable resources, such as plant-based polymers, algae, and agricultural waste.
- To develop bioplastic manufacturing processes that are energy-efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable.
- To collaborate with industry partners to identify market needs and applications for bioplastics, fostering the adoption of sustainable alternatives to conventional plastics.
- To educate students, researchers, and industry stakeholders about the benefits and potential of bioplastics through workshops, seminars, and outreach programs.



# ACTIVITIES 2018-2023

Bogar Bio Bee Stores Pvt Ltd., Coimbatore  
Emirates Professor Mukesh Doble from IIT Madras, Chennai, Founding Director,  
Start-up Company – Theevanam) at IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC).  
Dr. A. Arun, Dept. of Microbiology  
PLA (Biodegradable Plastic) Production  
7 Lakhs for 6 Months



Ref: BBS/CON/PROJ/2023/01

Date: 15-May-2023

## CONSULTANCY PROJECT

To

1. Prof. Mukesh Doble,  
Director,  
THEEVANAM ADDITIVES &  
NUTRACEUTS PVT LTD, IIT MADRAS  
RESEARCH PARK,  
CHENNAI- 600036.
2. Prof A. Arun,  
Professor and Head,  
Department of Microbiology,  
Science Campus,  
Alagappa University,  
Karaikudi ,630003.

Sub: Looking for Bioplastic - PLA product development based on the consultancy project proposed - Reg:

Dear Prof. Mukesh Doble and Prof. Arun,

Good Wishes.

Continuing our telephone discussion, I am sending this official request for the Research Consultancy.

Bogar Bio Bee Stores Private Limited is involved in offering top-quality products that spell excellence. Bogar Bio Bee Stores Pvt Ltd is ISO 9001-2015, ISO 13485:2016 certified company. Our platform is driven by insightful professionals and Research and Development facility with innovative and inventive products.

Bogar Bio Bee Stores Private Limited wants to do R&D and make products based on your research experience. Hence, we want a consultancy project, especially in Poly Lactic Acid (PLA) product development.

Bogar Bio Bee Stores Private Limited would like to start this consultancy project tentatively from May 2023 and will pay a sum of Rs 7,00,000.00 for six months for doing the PLA work. The instruments at our labs and Alagappa University In-house R&D lab, which will be developed, can be utilized for this consultancy project.

We hope you will consider the offer and await any communication from you.

Thanking you  
With Regards



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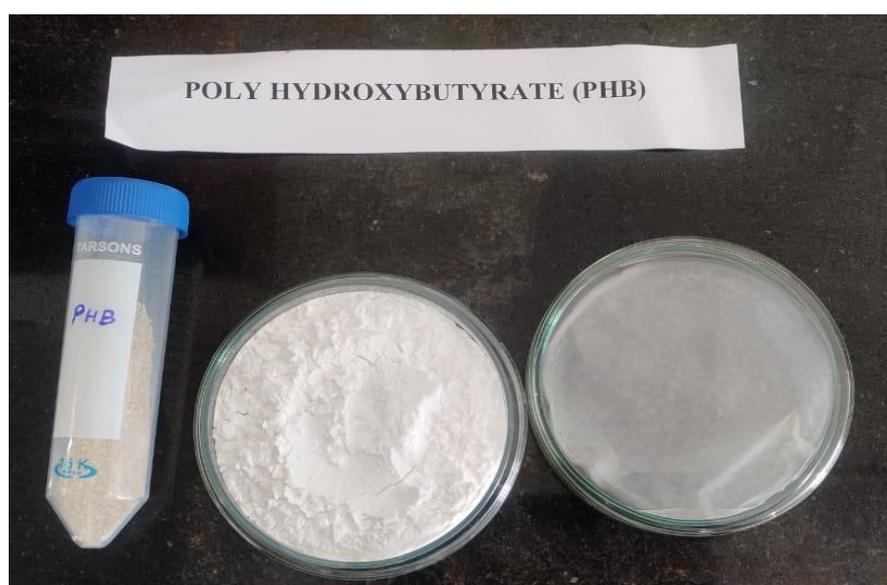
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Galaxy Research Technologies (Consultancy Project)

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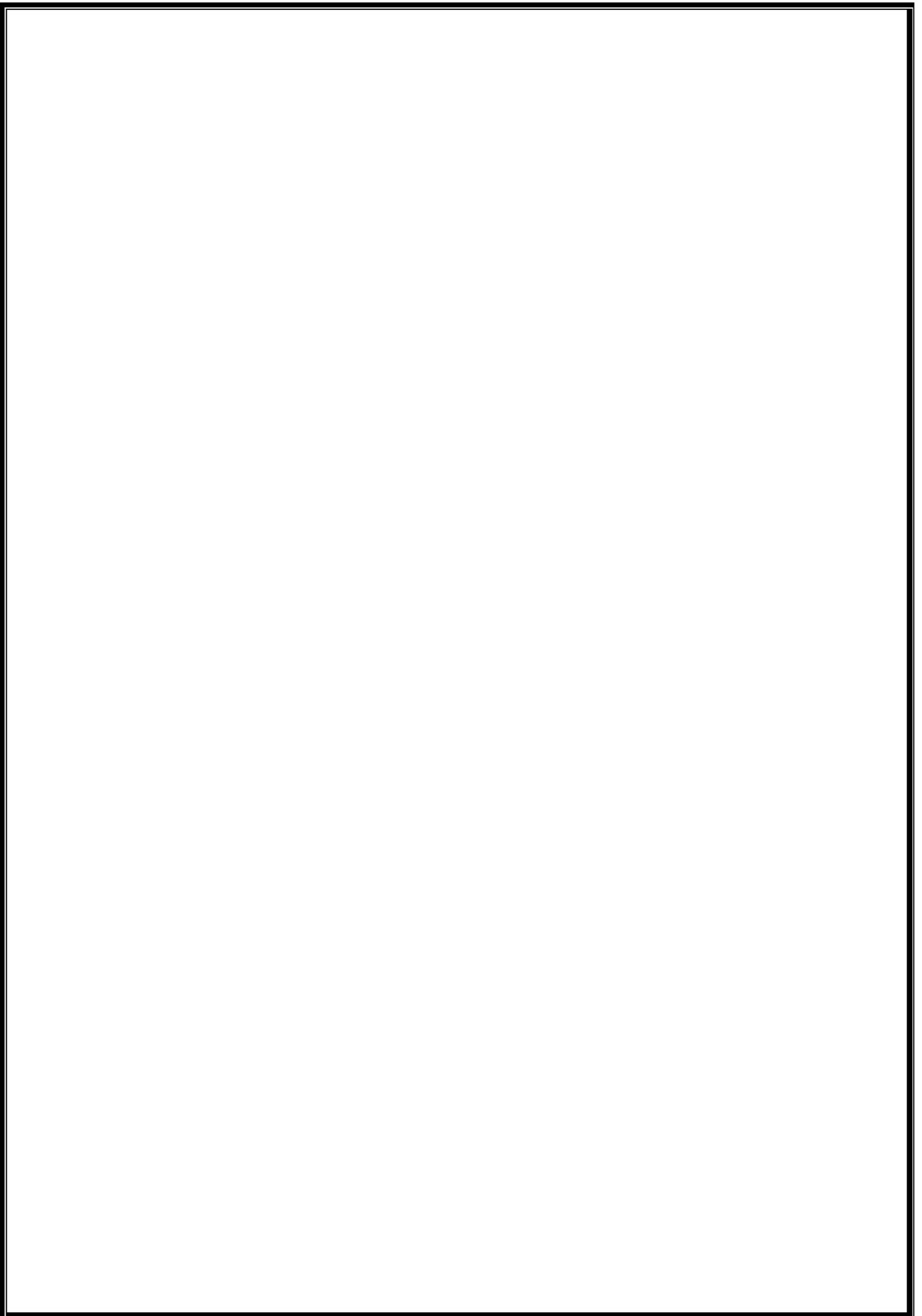
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Date : 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019  
Venue : Conferenc Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Science Campus

**Speakers**

- ★ **Prof. Mukesh Doble**  
IIT Madras, Chennai
- ★ **Prof. Kunyu Zhang**  
Tianjin University, China

**Patron**  
**Prof. N. Rajendran**  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Alagappa University

**Co-Patron**  
**Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu**  
Registrar,  
Alagappa University

- ★ **Prof. Dong-Po Song**  
Tianjin University, China
- ★ **Dr. Sundhakar Muniyasamy**  
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Establishment of Alagappa University Bioplastic Manufacturing Facility (AUBPMF) & Biodegradation Testing Facility (AUBPTF)

Collaborative Initiative between Alagappa University and CSIR, South Africa



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