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Research/teaching interests: Satellite Oceanography

• In-situ and remote sensing applications for advance understanding of the polar sea-ice, ocean-iceatmosphere interaction, ocean color, and marine phytoplankton blooms in a warming climate.

• Retrieval and validation of oceanic environmental products from satellite observations to monitor the physical and biological processes in the marine environment.

• Exploration of sea floor features using multibeam swath bathymetric survey and satellite altimetry.

Academic background

2001-2007: Ph.D (Marine Science) from Berhampur University/NRSC, ISRO. Thesis title: Studies on the retrieval, validation and applications of geophysical parameters from MSMR onboard Indian Remote Sensing Satellite (IRS P4).

1999-2001: M.Phil (Marine Science), Berhampur University, India.

1996-1998: M.Sc (Oceanography, Specialization: Remote Sensing), Berhampur University, India.

Peer-Reviewed Scientific Publications

- Jena, B., Kshitija, S., Bajish, C. C., Turner, J., Holmes, C., Wilkinson, J., Rahul M, Thamban, M., (2024). Evolution of Antarctic sea ice ahead of the record low annual maximum extent in September 2023. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 51, e2023GL107561. https://doi.org/10.1029/2023GL107561 (IF: 5.576).
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- Bajish, C. C., **Jena, B.,** Anilkumar, N., (2021). Is the Indian monsoon rainfall linked to the Southern Ocean sea ice conditions? *Weather and Climate Extremes,* 34, 100377 (**IF: 7.761**).
- Anilkumar, N., Jena, B., JV George., P. Sabu., S. Kshitija., M Ravichandran., (2021). Recent Freshening, Warming, and Contraction of the Antarctic Bottom Water in the Indian Sector of the Southern Ocean. *Frontiers In Marine Science* 8, DOI: 10.3389/fmars.2021.730630 (IF: 5.247).
- Anilkumar, N., Ravichandran, M., **Jena, B.**, (2020). Indian Scientific Expeditions to the Southern Ocean: Comprehensive surveys to understand atmospheric, physical, and biogeochemical processes. *Deep-Sea Research-II*, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2020.104860 (**IF: 2.887**).
- Mishra, R.K., Naik, R.K., Vankara, V., Jena, B., AnilKumar, N., Soares, M., Sarkar, A., et al., (2020). Phytoplankton biomass and community composition in the frontal zones of Southern Ocean. *Deep-Sea Research-II*, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2020.104799 (IF: 2.887).
- Turner, J., Guarino, M. V., Arnatt, J., Jena, B., Marshall, G., Phillips, T. et al., (2020). Recent decrease of summer sea ice in the Weddell Sea, Antarctica. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 47, e2020GL087127. https://doi.org/10.1029/2020GL087127. (IF: 5.576).
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Editorial Board

- Guest Editor, Deep-Sea Research-II (Elsevier)
- Associate Editor, Remote Sensing in Earth System Sciences (Springer)
- Journal of Water Resources and Ocean Science.

Awards/Honours

• Received Ministry of Earth Science (Government of India) Award: Merit Scientist for the year 2020 for outstanding contribution in the field of Polar Science and Technology.

• Fellowship awarded by National Remote Sensing Centre, ISRO, during 2001-2005.

Scientific expeditions for National/International programmes

- 2010: Dy. Chief Scientist in Akademik Boris Petrov for Indian EEZ survey and mapping.
- 2010: Chief Scientist in ORV Sagar Kanya (SK 273) for Indian EEZ survey and mapping.
- 2010: Chief Scientist in ORV SK 275 for Indian EEZ survey and mapping.
- 2011: Chief Scientist in ORV SK 286 for Indian EEZ survey and mapping.
- 2012: Chief Scientist in ORV SK 292 for Indian EEZ survey and mapping.
- 2012: Chief Scientist in ORV SK 299 for hydrothermal studies.

2012: Chief Scientist in Akademic Nikolay Strakhov for hydrothermal studies.

2015: Member of the 34th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica.

2020: Member of the 11th Indian Scientific Expedition to Southern Ocean.

Research/Project Experience

Current international projects:

• **Project 9:** Drivers and Effects of Fluctuations in Sea Ice in the Antarctic (DEFIANT). Funding Institution: British Antarctic Survey (Cambridge, United Kingdom), Natural Environment Research Council-DEFIANT NE/W004747/1. This project is aimed to foster collaborative efforts and enhance step change understanding of the factors influencing fluctuations in sea ice within the Antarctic region.

• **Project 8:** Ocean observations and indicators for climate and assessments (ObsSea4Clim). The project was sanctioned by MoES (MoES/EU/Horizon Europe/1/2022-PC) and the European Union (EU) on 05/04/2024 to improve sustained and multipurpose observations vital to European and global climate requirements.

Previous projects:

• **Project 7:** Variability of remote sensing reflectance of the waters around Antarctic continent– implications to retrieval of chlorophyll-a from an optical sensor for studying biogeochemical cycle in the high latitude waters. **Role:** Principal Investigator. Participated in scientific expedition to Antarctica.

• **Project 6:** Hydrothermal mineralization study in the Indian Ocean. **Role:** Chief Scientist for carrying out scientific operations for exploration of seafloor massive hydrothermal sulfide ore deposits in the Central Indian Ridge and South-west Indian Ridge.

• **Project 5:** Swath bathymetric multibeam survey and mapping of the exclusive economic zone of India. **Role:** Chief Scientist for cruise/survey planning, data acquisition, processing, quality evaluation, map preparation and interpretation of seabed morphology/ Bathymetry retrieval from satellite altimeter.

• **Project 4:** Development of marine geo-scientific database (MGSDB) at NCPOR. **Role:** Overall coordination.

• **Project 3:** Generation of Ocean color and mixed layer primary production climatic atlas over the North Indian Ocean using IRS-P4 (OCM) data. **Role:** Processed entire mission record of IRS-P4 OCM-1 for chlorophyll-a and ocean primary production atlas generation.

• **Project 2:** Synergistic study of AVHRR SST and IRS-P4 OCM chlorophyll for generation of integrated PFZ forecast. **Role:** Cruise participation for collection of in-situ bio-optical data, evaluation of bio-optical models, development of algorithms for retrieval of biophysical parameters from satellite data.

• **Project 1:** Retrieval and validation of geophysical parameters from IRS-P4 (MSMR) for studying climatic anomalies of the north Indian Ocean. **Role:** Development of algorithms for retrieval and

validation of SST and wind from IRS-P4 (MSMR).

Innovative content of work done

• The largest and most prolonged polynya (Maud Rise, Southern Ocean) since the 1970s appeared in 2017. The formation was due to the combined influence of the seamount, cyclonic ocean eddies, negative wind stress curl, and the large-scale anomalous atmospheric circulation.

• Entire mission records of multiple ocean-color satellite observations indicated unprecedented phytoplankton blooms in the Maud Rise, with the carbon fixation rates reached up to 415.08 mg C m⁻² day⁻¹. The bloom appearance leads it to a site of sink of atmospheric CO₂ through biological pumping.

• The sea-ice expansion in Antarctica was due to significant strengthening of the westerly wind that induced northward transport of the low saline and cold water, accompanied with the upper ocean cooling through an overall loss of net heat flux.

• Record decrease of sea-ice/multi-year ice in the Weddell Sea was linked to both mechanical forcing and thermodynamic processes.

• Characterized the South Indian Ocean oligotrophic gyre (SOG) and detected its expansion. More than 80% of the SOG region is warming significantly under circumstance of overall gain of net heat flux.

• Carried out Indian EEZ survey and reported the morphology of seamounts and submarine channels.

• Worked as a Chief Scientist in various expeditions and carried out scientific operations for acquisition of geophysical, geological, and oceanographic parameters in the Central-Indian-Ridge & Southwest-Indian-Ridge. The outputs were used to file the India's application to International Seabed Authority (ISBA) for grant of license to explore hydrothermal sulfide deposits.

• Global and regional optimized algorithms applied to satellite observations over the Southern Ocean underestimates Chl-*a* upto a factor of 2.9; significantly when *in-situ* values exceeded ~0.3mg/m³. Diagnosed causes of uncertainties w.r.t phytoplankton pigment composition and packaging.

• Development of Marine Geo-scientific Database (MGSDB) at NCPOR.

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Recognised Ph.D guide

- Mangalore University
- Bharathidasan University
- Pune University

Other important contributions

- (a) Research guidance
- (b) Acted as reviewer for

02 (Ph. D pursuing), 26 (M. Sc/M. Tech completed) 11 Journals

- (c) Total no. of field/sea-going days for in-situ data collection : ~540 days (Participated in various cruises onboard MV Ivan Papanin, ORV-Sagar Kanya, Akademic Boris Petrov, Sagar Poorvi, Sagar Paschim, SA Agulhas).
- (d) Coordinated two sessions in National Conference on Polar Sciences, one session in "36th IGC: A Unique Opportunity for advancement in Geo-sciences", three sessions in International Indian Ocean Science Conference (IIOSC) 2022. A session convenor in SCAR 2022.
- (e) Member of various committees on: Procurement of scientific instruments, Recruitment of Research Scientist, Tender committee meetings.

Software Skills*

Programming skills Image Processing/GIS	: IDL, EML Scripting, CDO, GRADS. : ArcGIS, ERDAS Imagine, ENVI, SeaDas, CARIS HIPS/SIPS,
Fledermaus. Statistical packages	: GRADS, ODV, Statistica, Minitab, SPSS, Surfer, Grapher, Tecplot
* Excellent experience in sea-ice, thermal & ocean color data analysis.	

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