

Dr. N. Amaresan is working on Microbial Diversity and Identification of agriculturally important microorganisms for the past 10 years. During this period, he has isolated more than 1000 bacterial strains, characterized for their antagonistic property against various plant pathogens, plant growth promoting properties, and identified potential isolates using Biolog (Microbial Identification System) and 16S rDNA sequencing. Besides antagonistic bacteria, he has also isolated 102 mycoparasitic fungi (Trichoderma spp.), characterized for antagonistic activity and identified based on morphology and sequencing of ITS region revealed that presence of 18 different Trichoderma spp. in Andaman Islands and reported four species as first time in India. Apart from antagonistic resources, he also explored plant pathogenic resources in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He is a good researcher having a wide knowledge in Microbiology and has been working in various allied fields of microbiology mainly plant-microbe interactions, bioremediation, plant pathology and others. To his scholastic distinction, he has published more than 30 research articles and books of national and international journals repute. He has submitted more than 300 gene sequences to NCBI, GenBank and deposited 100 microbial cultures in NBAIM, UP & GSBTM, Gujarat. He is also a part of various scientific societies for disseminating and gaining the scientific intellect.

In view of his contributions to Agricultural Microbiology, which are of both fundamental and applied value, Dr. N. Amaresan is awarded by AMI, the Young Scientist Award in Agricultural Microbiology for the year 2016 on this day of November 25, 2016.

(Prof. Pratyoosh Shukla)

(Prof. Sunil Khanna)
President

Congratulation **Dr. N. Amaresan** for being awarded **Young Scientist award in Agricultural Microbiology** from prestigious Association of Microbiologists of India during the 57th Annual Conference and International Symposium of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) held from 24-27, November 2016, Guwahati University, Assam.

We wish him many more such achievement in his life.

