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# **Education:**

- Ph.D. in Food Process Engineering, IIT Kharagpur
- M.Tech. in Food Process Engineering, IIT Kharagpur
- B.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering, College of Agricultural Engineering, Jabalpur

# **Research Focus:**

Food Process Engineering, Microwave Heating, Puffing of Grains, Grain processing

# **Publications:**

### **Research** Article

- Swarnakar, A. K., Devi, M. K., and Das, S. K. (2014). Popping characteristics of paddy using microwave energy and optimization of process parameters. International Journal of Food Studies, 3-45-59.
- Swarnakar, A. K., Kumar R., and Shrivastava, S. P. (2018). Design and development of aonla stone (seed) removing cum slicing equipment. Journal of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry, 7(3)-27-30.
- Swarnakar, A. K., Srivastav, P. P., & Das, S. K. (2019). Optimization of preconditioning process of pressure parboiled brown rice (unpolished) for microwave puffing and its comparison with hot sand bed puffing. Journal of Food Process Engineering, 42(3), e13007.

- Swarnakar, A. K., Srivastav, P. P., & Das, S. K. (2020). Optimization of pressure parboiling conditions and pre-puffing moisture content of brown rice (unpolished rice) for microwave puffing and its comparison with hot sand bed puffing. International Journal of Food Studies, 9, SI1–SI16.
- Swarnakar, A. K., Srivastav, P. P., & Das, S. K. (2020). Puffing characteristics of pressure parboiled brown rice in microwave oven and optimization of process parameters. Journal of Agricultural Engineering, 57(2), 127-137.
- Swarnakar A. K. (2019). Shelf life estimation of preconditioned brown or unpolished rice (Oryza sativa) and its effect in microwave puffing. Asian Journal of Dairy and Food Research, 38(3), 231-236.
- Swarnakar, A. K., Mohapatra, M., & Das, S. K. (2022). A review on processes, mechanisms, and quality influencing parameters for puffing and popping of grains. Journal of Food Processing and Preservation, 46(10), e16891.
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- Swarnakar, A. K., Kumar, G., Kumar, A., & Das, S. K. (2023). Changes in sensorial and microstructural characteristics of puffed brown rice in hot sand bed puffing with change in preconditioning. Agricultural Engineering International: CIGR Journal, 25(4), 222-235.

#### **Book Chapter**

- Verma, D. K., Billoria, S., Mahto, D. K., Swarnakar, A. K., and Srivastav P. P. (2017). Effect of thermal processing on nutritional composition of green leafy vegetables: a review, Engineering Interventions in Food and Plants, APPLE ACADEMIC PRESS, 157-194.
- Swarnakar, A. K., and Dalbhagat, C. G. (2023). Mixing, Unit Operations in Food Processing, Scientific Publication, 87-98.
- Dalbhagat, C. G., Swarnakar, A. K., Raigar, R. K., and Mishra, H. N. (2023). Extrusion Technology, Unit Operations in Food Processing, Scientific Publication, 299–322.

 Swaranakar, A. K., Banerjee, S., & Raigar, R. K. (2024). Food Texturization. In Future Crops and Processing Technologies for Sustainability and Nutritional Security, CRC Press, (pp. 103-118).

#### Book

• Swarnakar, A. K. and Das, S. K. (2018). Microwave Popping of Paddy, LAMBERT ACADEMICS PUBLISHING.

# Academic Experience:

- Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology, GITAM University (August 2022 – August 2024)
- Assistant Professor, Food Technology Department, Ganpat University, Gujarat (January 2020 December 2021)

### **Awards & Recognitions:**

- MHRD Scholarship for Post-Graduation, Govt. of India (GATE 2011)
- Qualified NET by ICAR (2017)

# **Professional Memberships:**

• Life Member, Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers

### **Conferences:**

- Devi, M. K., Swarnakar, A. K., and Das, S. K. (2015). Popping of paddy in domestic microwave oven: Effect of sample factor and oven factor on popping characteristic. Poster presented in IFT 15 held in Chicago, Illinois, USA on July 11-14, 2015.
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- Swarnakar, A. K. and Das, S. K. (2018). Puffing characteristic of brown rice (unpolished rice) in microwave oven. Poster presented in ICRAFT 2018 IIFPT, Thanjavur - Tamilnadu, India held on August 17-18, 2018.

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