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MY STORY

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATH?

I wanted to be a University professor 😊.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

I am conducting research on bioactive compounds produced due to the interaction of the insect killing worms, their mutualistic bacteria and the insect pests. And how these compounds can be applied in agroforestry industry, pharmaceutical, cosmetics etc.



WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE FIELD IN TERMS OF NEW AND EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES?

It is a wide multidisciplinary field with a lot of potential.

WHAT PARTICULAR SKILLS, TALENTS AND QUALITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO BE EFFECTIVE IN YOUR CAREER?

Knowledge in entomology and insect killing worms or nematology in general.

What type of person / personality would enjoy this kind of career?

Anyone interested in academia.

IS THERE A FUTURE in this career?

It is a wide multidisciplinary field with a lot of potential.

SOME ADVICE

Learn under a multidisciplinary environment.



HIGHLIGHTS

Definitely my studies! I started with a BSc in Horticulture. This is where I became aware of the need for crop protection and chose Nematology as an advanced research field.

I completed my MSc in Nematology and specialised in nematodes in the agroecosystem.

Then I did a PhD with special interest in insect killing worms which has led to my current research interests on metabolites.

What part of this career do you personally find most satisfying?

It is all satisfying.