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Areas of specialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic improvement of freshwater prawn <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i> • Breeding, hatchery technology and grow-out culture of <i>M. rosenbergii</i> • Physiology of osmoregulation in penaeid prawns. • Cryopreservation of embryos and larval stages of <i>M. rosenbergii</i>.
Current areas of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic improvement of giant freshwater prawn <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i> through selective breeding. • Development of high quality captive broodstock of <i>M. rosenbergii</i>. • Quality seed production of <i>M. rosenbergii</i>
Foreign Deputation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the training programme on "Quantitative Genetics Applied to Fish Improvement" organised by Worldfish Centre at Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand during 10-21 October 2005.
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Highlights of Research Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiation and implementation of a genetic selection programme based on family selection to develop a fast growing strain of freshwater prawn <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>. • Involved in establishing a captive broodstock bank for the production of good quality seed of freshwater prawn <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i> in a 2 ha area in the Instructional fish farm of College of Fisheries, Nellore. • Developed and standardized protocols for reliable production of full sib families of freshwater prawn <i>M. rosenbergii</i> for selective breeding programme. • Standardization of an individual (visible implant alphanumeric tag) as well as batch tagging technique (visible implant elastomer tag) in juvenile freshwater prawn <i>M. rosenbergii</i>. • Developed and standardized a package of practices for the development of captive broodstock of freshwater prawn <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>. • Development of an enzymatic digestion method for the individual separation of viable embryos of <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i> for cryopreservation studies.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and standardization of a semi closed, two-phase hatchery technology for sustainable seed production of <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>. • Development of a package of practices for grow out production of freshwater prawn <i>M. rosenbergii</i> • Developed and standardized an indoor high-density rearing system for <i>M. rosenbergii</i> post larvae in a commercial level hatchery. • Developed an enzymatic digestion method for the individual separation of viable embryos of <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i> for cryopreservation studies. • Developed an outdoor nursery rearing system of post larvae of <i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i> in earthen ponds.
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