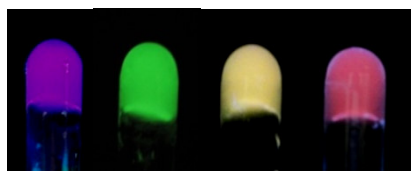


# Dr. Uday Maitra

**Name:** Uday Maitra

**Where does he work:** Department of Organic Chemistry,  
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

**What does he do:** We make jelly like substances (“gels”) from naturally available materials, which have applications in many fields. See an image of luminescent gels of various colors made by us.



**Where and what did he study:** PhD and MPhil from  
Columbia University, New York, USA  
MSc from IIT Kanpur; BSc from Presidency College,  
Kolkata



**What are your interests (in your job, and outside):** Apart from research, I am also interested in Teaching, and in Chemical Education. In particular, I like/try to use innovative methods to get students interested in topics which otherwise appear “boring”!

**My ‘other’ interest is cooking simple and nutritious food (‘kitchen chemistry’)!**