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Milestones in Plant Genomics

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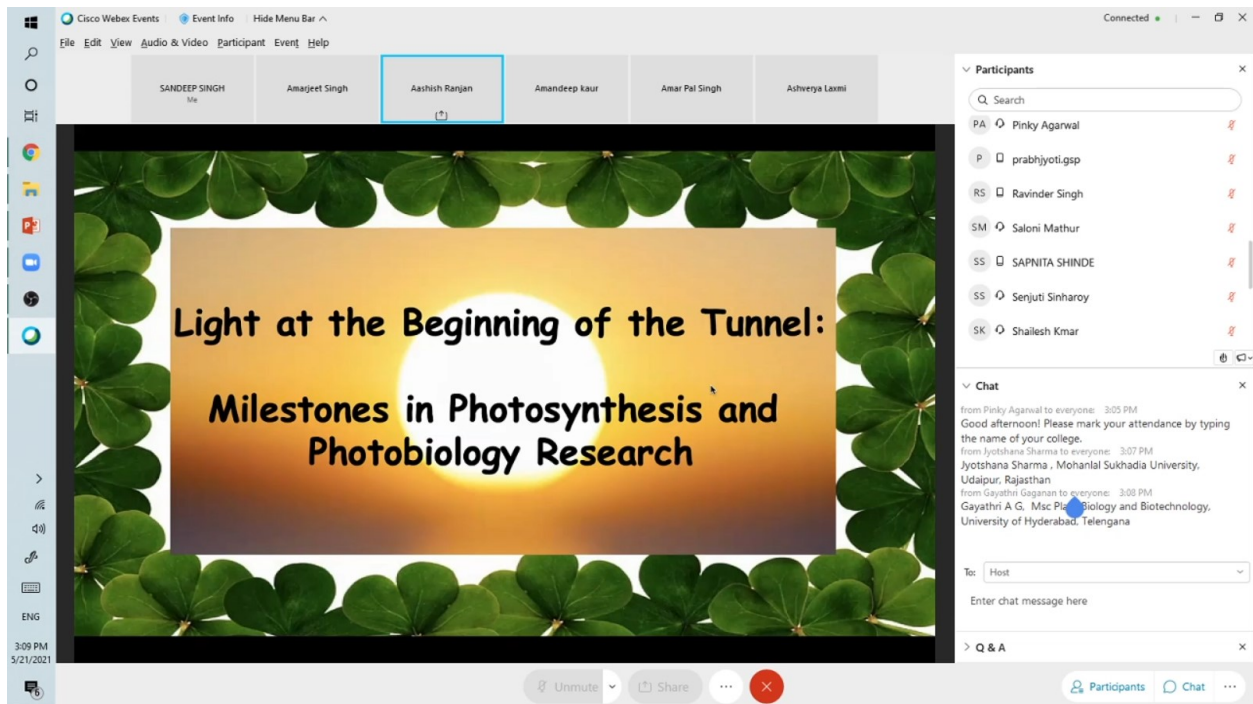
**Topic: “Light at the beginning of the tunnel -
Milestones in Photosynthesis Research”**

Resource person: Dr. AashishRanjan, Scientist IV, NIPGR

The Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, has planned “Science Setu” as a virtual platform to connect research Institutes with undergraduate students. Under this, our college has been assigned to National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi. NIPGR is an autonomous institution aided by the Department of Biotechnology. Research at NIPGR focuses on functional, structural, evolutionary and applied genomics of plants, including crop plants. Through the Science Setu program, our students and faculty virtually connect with NIPGR, New Delhi and got to know about the multifarious kinds of plant based research. It is a unique opportunity for science students at undergraduate and postgraduate level to get an exposure to high-level research.

Dr. Pinky Aggarwal, Scientist, NIPGR gave welcome note on this event. **Resource person: Dr. AashishRanjan, Scientist IV, NIPGR** started his lecture by stating the importance of light in our daily life cycle, on human physiology. He discussed about the regulation of light in plant life cycle as energy as well as information. He told about the key processes involved in plants during photosynthesis. He focused on the photosynthesis as an energy entry point in the biosphere from where all the required energy is distributed throughout biosphere. He discussed about the 10 nobel prizes in the field of photosynthesis during 20th century. He also discussed about the history aspects of photosynthesis like its discovery, identification of photosynthetic structures, their working and their connections with other plant structures. He also talked about the process of carbon fixation through photosystems, their detailed explanation and generation of carbohydrates and atmospheric oxygen. He further discussed the dark side of photosynthesis like photorespiration and dual activity of enzyme RUBISCO. He concluded his lecture by discussing about the genetic engineering of C3 plants for enhancing their photosynthetic yield like that of

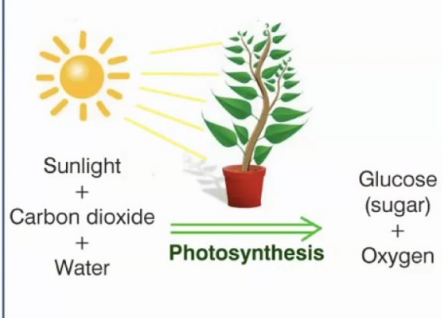
C4 plants. He also gave example of C4 rice project regarding the same. Faculty of Science and total 63 science students attended the event. Dr. Pinky Agarwal, Scientist, NIPGR attended the questions of the participants and gave vote of thanks. It was aknowledgeable and exhilarating experience for all the participants.



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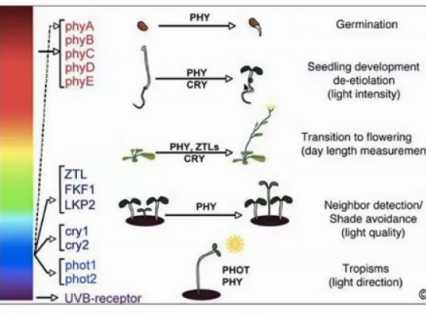
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Light for energy



Photosynthesis

Light as an information



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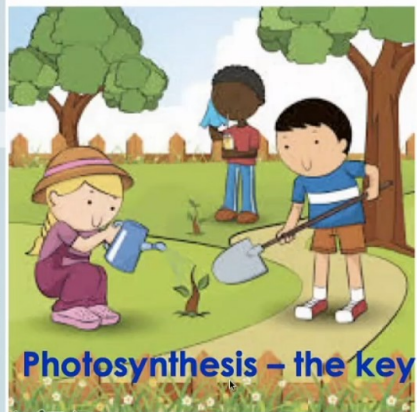
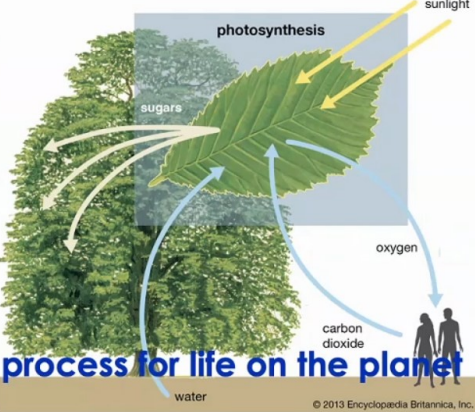
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Who is the Savior: Plant or Human

Photosynthesis – the key process for life on the planet

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SANDEEP SINGH | Amarjeet Singh | **Aashish Ranjan** | Alok Sinha | Amar Pal Singh | Ashvarya Laxmi

Two photosystems connected by an electron transport chain

The diagram illustrates the electron transport chain in photosynthesis. On the left, a vertical axis shows the redox potential in eV, ranging from -1.5 (Strong reductant) to 1.0 (Strong oxidant). Electrons from the photolysis of water ($2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 4 \text{H}^+ + \text{O}_2$) are transferred to Photosystem II (PSII), which has a primary donor P680^* and a primary acceptor P680 . Electrons then move to Plastoquinone (PQ), then to the Cytochrome b_6/f complex (Cyt b_6/f), then to Plastocyanin (PC), and finally to Photosystem I (PSI), which has a primary donor P700^* and a primary acceptor P700 . At PSI, electrons are used to reduce NADP^+ to NADPH. A purple box highlights that the electron transport chain generates a proton-motive force that drives ATP production.

Participants (27):

- NIPGR (Host)
- Aashish Ranjan
- Alok Sinha
- Amar Pal Singh
- Amarjeet Singh
- Ashvarya Laxmi
- AVINASH SINGH
- Chiranj Lal
- Dr Ashwani Kumar
- Gayathri Gaganan
- Jyotshana Sharma
- Manoj Majee
- Muthappa Senthil-Kumar
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Applying photosynthetic insights towards solar electricity and fuels

The slide discusses the application of photosynthetic insights towards solar electricity and fuels. It features two main images: a sun and solar panels. Text on the left states: "The energy that reaches the earth from the sun in an hour is equivalent to 'all the energy humankind currently uses in a year'". Text on the right states: "Solar panels make electricity that is hard to store". Below the solar panels, it says: "The goal of artificial photosynthesis is to develop cheap, durable ways to make fuels from sunlight (like a leaf)".

Participants (63):

- SANDEEP SINGH (Me)
- Aashish Ranjan

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- from Chiranj Lal to everyone: 4:07 PM very nice sir
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Developing biomimetic systems for photosynthesis

The four fundamental steps that comprise photosynthesis can be engineered using catalysts

1. Light harvesting

2. Charge separation

3. Water oxidation

4. Proton reduction

Copolit, R.J., Girdler, A.T., Molina, P.I. and Coiro, L. (2013). The use and misuse of photosynthesis is the quest for novel methods to harness solar energy to make fuel. *Phil. Trans. Royal Soc. A: Mathematical Physical Engineering Sci* 371: 20110001 by permission of the Royal Society.

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It's not that easy bein'
green... but it is
essential for life on
earth!

Thank You

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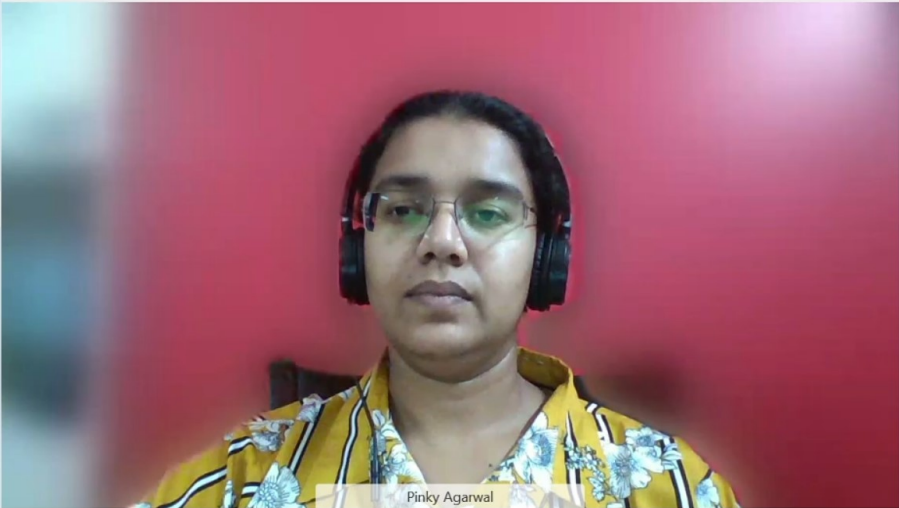
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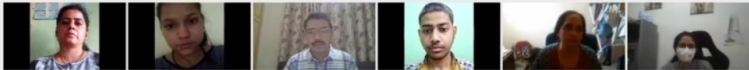
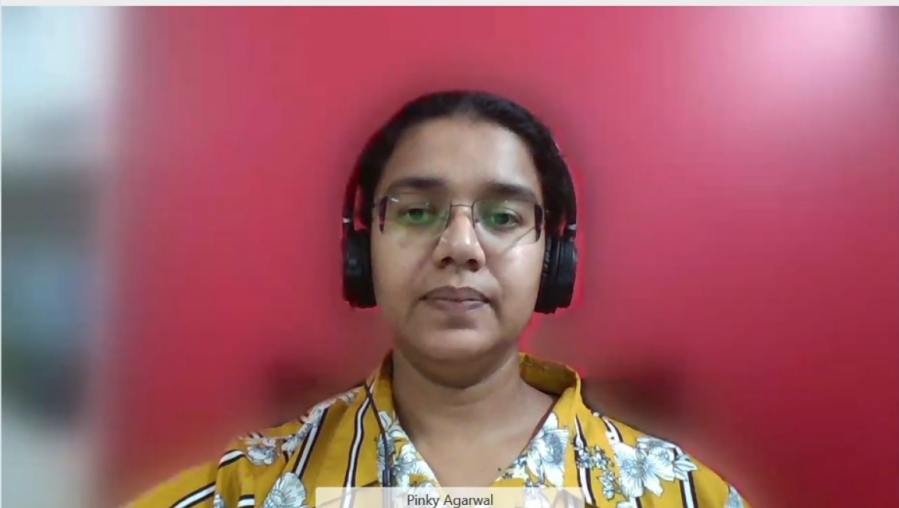
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