Science Setu Webinars by NIPGR

"Plant-Microbe Symbiosis: An Avenue to Sustainable Agriculture"

Press-Note

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Resource person: Dr. SenjutiSinharoy 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 level to get an exposure to high-level research.

Dr. Pinky Agarwal, Scientist, NIPGR gave welcome note on this event. Resource person: Dr. SenjutiSinharoy Scientist IV, NIPGR, began her talk by giving an introduction to the mechanism of symbiosis. She discussed about the early evolution of land plants and their impact on animal evolution. She explain the evolution of arbuscularmycorrhizal symbiosis as well as root nodule symbiosis. She stressed about the common signaling pathway that control AM symbiosis across the plant lineage. She explained about common toolkit that has been used for the AM symbiosis and Root nodule symbiosis. She describe the Nitrogen –Fixing Clade: depicting the phylogenetic relation of Nodulating Plant Species.She focused on the process of root nodule symbiosis by citing five step mechanism and explain whole process under these steps. With the help of a small video she explained symbiosome formation in model legume Medicago. She discussed the discoveries took place over the years, and the path taken by scientists to engineer root nodule symbiosis to make cereal fix their nitrogen from the air. In the end, Dr. Sinharoy described the research going on in her lab, and how to understand the tremendous diversity that exists among the infection mechanism, nodule structure, and nitrogen fixation efficiency among nodules. She

conclude her talk. She concluded her talk by citing scope for research in the field of symbiosis and how scientists can use it to engineer in non-fixing crops.Faculty of Science and total 50 science students from KanyaMahaVidyalaya, Jalandhar attended the event. Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Scientists, NIPGR attended the questions of the participants and gave vote of thanks. It was an intellectual and exciting experience for all the participants.































































