



## **DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY**

Department activities (June 2022-July2023)

A National Workshop on "Understanding qualitative analysis of carbohydrates" was organized by Department of biochemistry, Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi (under the aegis of IQAC and DBT Star college scheme) on 8th September, 2022 (<u>https://ihe.du.ac.in/department-of-biochemistry-presents-national-workshop-on-qualitative-analysis-of-carbohydrates/</u>). The event was attended by more than 30 students of Vivekanand college and Lakshmibai college. The students were given hands-on experience to the various experiments conducted to qualitatively analyse various carbohydrates forms. The event was appreciated a lot by the attendees. Dr Archana Burman and Dr Sandeep Yadav, Department of Biochemistry, IHE were the resource persons and other faculty members helped in organizing the event.





1. A Seminar on "**Career perspectives in Bioinformatics**" was conducted by the department on 20th October, 2022 in the college. Dr Sandeep Dhandha, Bioinformatics research Scientist, St. Jude Children's hospital, USA was the esteemed speaker, <u>https://ihe.du.ac.in/the-department-of-biochemistry-presents-career-perspectives-in-bioinformatics-by-dr-sandeep-dhandha-bioinformatics-research-scientist-st-jude-childrens-hospital-usa-on-20-10-2022/. The seminar was attended by the various undergraduate students of the college and students gained information about the evolving subject of Bioinformatics and how an expertise in the subject can support their career in the upcoming times. Dr Dhandha answered the queries of the students and students were very satisfied with the information provided to them.</u>



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3. A Hands on workshop on "Quantitative analysis of Carbohydrates" was conducted as a part of the community outreach activity for the undergraduate students by Department of biochemistry, Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi (under the aegis of IQAC and DBT Star college scheme) on 21st October, 2022 (https://ihe.du.ac.in/the-department-of-biochemistry-organizes-a-hands-on-workshop-on-quantitative-analysis-of-carbohydrates/). The event was attended by more than 30 students of Vivekanand college and Lakshmibai college. The students were given hands-on experience of the various experiments conducted to quantitatively estimate the carbohydrate content in the given unknown samples using the titrimetric method. The event was appreciated a lot by the attendees.





4. A Faculty Development program on "Research Ethics and Plagiarism" was conducted on 31st October, 2022 in the college premises for the undergraduate students of the college by Prof Gaurav Singh, School of Education, Central University of Haryana (<u>https://ihe.du.ac.in/department-of-biochemistry-organises-a-faculty-development-program-on-research-ethics-and-plagiarism-on-31st-october-2022-at-10am/</u>). He emphasized on the importance of the design and implementation of research, the use of various resources and research outputs, scientific misconduct and the regulation of research.He also emphasized on the importance of how plagiarism should be avoided and the methods by which it can be assessed in the documents. The students appreciated the seminar and gave a positive response.



5. A Capacity enhancement workshop was performed on "Data Management" on 3rd February, 2023 by Mr. Ankit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, Laxmibai College, University of Delhi (<u>https://ihe.du.ac.in/department-of-biochemistry-presents-a-capacity-enhancement-program-on-data-management-on-3rd-february-2023/</u>). The workshop was done to support the skill enhancement course of Basic IT Tools. The students from various courses of the college attended the workshop and gained insightful information about the subject.



- 6. An International online symposium on "Chronobiology and mental Health" on collaboration by the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute (SICI) was conducted online on 6th-7th March, 2023 via zoom platform. 313 participants registered for the conference. (<u>https://ihe.du.ac.in/department-of-biochemistry-presents-an-online-international-symposium-on-chronobiology-and-mental-health-on-6th-7th-march-2023/</u>). A total of 10 resource persons from India and Canada were invited as resourse persons including:
- 1. Prof Nader Ghasemlou, Queen's University, Canada
- 2. Prof Nicolas Cermakian, McGill University, Canada
- 3. Prof Floiran Storch, McGill University, Canada
- 4. Prof Vinod Kumar, University of Delhi
- 5. Prof Nar Singh Verma, KGMU, Lucknow
- 6. Prof Shalie Malik, University of Lucknow
- 7. Prof Sandipan Ray, IIT, Hyderabad
- 8. Prof Nisha Kannan, IISER, Thiruvananpuram
- 9. Prof Ramandeep, AIIMS, New Delhi
- 10. Prof Rachna Bhargava, AIIMS, New Delhi

Various interesting and informative topics like circadian clock and cognitive performance, applications of chrono-medicine, circadian rhythms in the chronic pain, health and therapeutics, role of caffeine in sleep and circadian rhythm, circadian disruption in schizophrenia, reciprocal relationship between circadian disruption and vast majority of mental disorders like bipolar disorders, depression and anxiety were discussed. Light was also thrown on the role of clock genes, dopamine, ambient light and sleep on mood regulation. The symposium was attended by students, faculty members and doctors from all over the globe. Feedback was taken from the participants which was very encouraging. Participants greatly appreciated the resource persons and the organizing team. E-Certificates were provided to all the participants.







7. An Intercollege **poster making competition and Quiz** (**Synapse 23**), was organized by Anveeshan, Biochemistry Society of IHE, on 10th April, 2023. The poster presentation was on the topic 'Junk DNA: Is it really junk?' and a quiz competition on general biochemistry and life sciences was organized. The participants included the students from various colleges like Sri Venkateswara College, Deshbandhu College, Daulat Ram College, Gargi College, Ramjas College, etc from a spectrum of different departments including Biochemistry, Zoology, Food Technology, Life Science. They presented their posters in an impressive manner, effectively conveying the wealth of knowledge to the enthusiastic audience. Each presentation was followed by a rigorous round of questions by the panel of judges which included the esteemed faculty of Biochemistry, Institute of Home Economics. The poster presentation competition was concluded with the announcement of the winners for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> positions with cash prizes, as well as the on-the-spot recognition of two special mentions for their outstanding performance. Additionally, all the remaining students were encouraged and commended for their efforts. The Winners of the Poster presentation competition were: 1st prize -Urvi Singh, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, 2nd prize-Ananye, Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi. For the Quiz competition the winners were: 1st prize-Enya, Rutba, Institute of Home Economics and 2nd prize -Sathi, Prateek, Deshbandhu College.



## Educational visits of the students

BSc (Hons) Biochemistry Semester V students visited National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR) along with Dr. Sandeep Yadav and Dr. Bhupender Kumar. The students also visited National Institute of Immunology (NII) along with Dr. Nalini Moza Wali on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Semester V students also visited the Electron microscopy facility of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) along with Dr. Meenakshi Vachher and Dr. Taruna Arora on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.



National Institute of Immunology



Electron microscopy facility, AIIMS



National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR)