

Faculty and scholar of Botany Department of Central University of Jammu bags prestigious awards in the area of Agricultural sciences

Dr. Deepak Kumar, Assistant Professor of Department of Botany, Central University of Jammu has been conferred with “**Young Scientist Award-2017**” in recognition of his outstanding performance and contribution along with optimum dedication and sincerity towards the Life Science Research and Educational community by Scientific Planet Society, Dehradun.

Currently, Dr. Kumar laboratory is interested in understanding the mechanisms involved in abiotic and biotic stress tolerance in plants and studying modulation of gene expression in various systems applying the transgenic approach for functional validation of potential genes involved in stress tolerance in crop plants and understanding the molecular and biochemical circuitry operative under such stress conditions. Previously, Dr. Kumar received Certificate of Excellence award for his outstanding contribution in the field of Plant stress Physiology, Metabolic Engineering, Functional Genomics and Plant Tissue Culture by Academy of Plant Sciences of India.

In another achievement for the Department, Dr. Meenakshi Raina, Research Fellow associated with Dr. Kumar conferred with Best oral presentation award in the area of Agricultural and Environmental Biotechnology at International Conference on Advances in Biosciences and Biotechnology - ICABB-2018, Noida, New Delhi.

The Department of Botany, Central University of Jammu (CUJ), came into existence in 2016. The vision of the Department is to advance plant science research and develop quality human resource for societal welfare. Currently, the faculty has brought expertise from diverse and dynamic areas of plant science research including plant metabolism, stress biology, plant immunity, transgenic technology and related thrust areas.

Prof. Ashok Aima, Vice chancellor, CUJ has congratulated both for bringing laurel to the University.