

transcriptomic approach; CSIR; Prof. S. R. Sikdar (Division of Plant Biology); Rs. 23,82,800/-; 3 years.

- **Understanding the mechanisms underlying mycobacterial lipoarabinomannan inhibition of macrophage apoptosis**; DBT; Prof. J. Basu (Department of Chemistry); Rs. 57,32,000/-; 3 years.
- **Generation of salt-tolerant rice plants : A translational approach**; DBT; Prof. A. N. Lahiri Majumder (Division of Plant Biology); Rs. 4,08,99,000/-; 5 years.
- **Regulation of microRNA transcription and biogenesis by fungal-stress in tomato**; DBT; Dr. Pallob Kundu (Division of Plant Biology); Rs. 62,26,000/-; 3 years.
- **Role of alternative sigma factors in gene regulation of Mycobacterium tuberculosis**; DBT; Dr. Jayanta Mukhopadhyay (Department of Chemistry); Rs. 40,72,000/- 3 years.
- **Identification of amino acid residues involved in substrate specificity of bacterial ring hydroxylating dioxygenases using bioinformatics approach**; DBT; Dr. T. K. Dutta (Department of Microbiology); Rs. 31,75,600/-; 3 years.
- **Immunomodulatory role of Arabinosylated Lipoarabinomannan against Visceral Leishmaniasis**; DBT; Prof. Subrata Majumdar (Division of Molecular Medicine); Rs. 73,97,000/-; 3 years.
- **Transport Properties of Double Perovskite Oxides**; DRDO; Prof. T. P. Sinha (Department of Physics); Rs. 9,64,000/-; 2 years.
- **Dissection of the pathway of innate immune subversion by the early secreted antigen-6 (ESAT-6) of Mycobacterium tuberculosis**; DST; Prof. J. Basu (Department of Chemistry); Rs. 53,72,800/-; 3 years.
- **Stress induced regulation of extracytoplasmic sigma factors in mycobacteria**; DST; Prof. M. Kundu (Department of Chemistry); Rs. 40,64,400/-; 3 years.
- **Study on white spot syndrome virus (WSSV) prevalence and diversity of disease resistant population among wild giant black tiger shrimp (*Penaeus monodon*) of the entire coastal area of India**; MoES; Dr. N. Mandal (Division of Molecular Medicine); Rs. 56,84,320/-; 3 years.

STAFF NEWS

Appointments :

Academic

- Dr. Debjani Roy joined as Asstt. Professor in Bioinformatics Center on December 11, 2009.
- Dr. Wriddhiman Ghosh joined as Faculty Fellow in Microbiology Department on December 14, 2009.
- Dr. Achintya Singha joined as Faculty Fellow in Physics Department on February 22, 2010.
- Dr. Kuladip Jana joined as Scientist-C in Division of Molecular Medicine on March 12, 2010.
- Dr. Atin Kr. Mondal joined as Asstt. Professor in Division of Molecular Medicine on April 20, 2010.
- Dr. Kaushik Biswas joined as Asstt. Professor in Division of Molecular Medicine on May 31, 2010.
- Dr. Mahadeb Pal joined as Associate Professor in Division of Molecular Medicine on July 07, 2010.

- Dr. Supriya Das joined as Asstt. Professor in Physics Department on September 09, 2010.
- Dr. Soumen Roy joined as Asstt. Professor in Chemistry Department on September 15, 2010.
- Dr. Abhijit Chatterjee joined as Faculty Fellow in Physics Department on September 20, 2010.
- Dr. Zhumur Ghosh joined as Faculty Fellow in Bioinformatics Center on November 03, 2010.

Non-academic

- Ms. Yashodhara Yadav joined as Jr. Lab. Asstt. in Darjeeling Campus on March 15, 2010.
- Sri Swaroop Biswas joined as Jr. Lab. Asstt. in P. D. Laboratory on April 26, 2010.
- Smt. Noreen Bhattacharjee joined as Asstt. Registrar in Administration on May 12, 2010.
- Sri Achintya Mukherjee joined as Accountant in Administration on September 09, 2010.
- Sri Mantu Bhattacharyya joined as Office Supdt. in Administration on September 15, 2010.
- Ms. Ananya Raha joined as Jr. Library Assistant in Library on November 4, 2010.

Retirements :

- Prof. B. Bhattacharyya, Sr. Professor (Dept. of Biochemistry) retired on superannuation on December 31, 2009.
- Sri Thakur Gond, Bearer (P.M.C.G. Section) compulsory retirement on November 16, 2009.
- Sri Madhusudan Mitra, Office Supdt. (Administration) retired on superannuation on January 31, 2010.
- Sri Alok Kr. Kundu, Tech. Officer (Workshop) retired on superannuation on January 31, 2010.
- Prof. D. N. Sengupta, Sr. Professor (Dept. of Botany) retired on superannuation on February 28, 2010.
- Sri Sujit Kr. Ghosh, Asstt. Registrar (S.A.I.F.) retired on superannuation on February 28, 2010.
- Prof. Sabita Bhattacharyya, Professor (Dept. of Botany) retired on superannuation on March 31, 2010.
- Sri R. K. Kundu, Asstt. Registrar-II (Administration) retired on superannuation on April 30, 2010.
- Sri Bharat Pr. Ram, Helper-E (Dept. of Physics) retired on superannuation on July 31, 2010.
- Sri Narayan Ch. Datta, Technical Officer (Dept. of Biochemistry) retired on superannuation on July 31, 2010.
- Sri Hare Krishna Thoyal, Helper-E, (Administration) retired on superannuation on August 31, 2010.
- Sri Kalipada Hait, Asstt. Registrar (Library) retired on superannuation on October 31, 2010.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

XXXIV All India Cell Biology Conference and Symposium on 'Quantitative Biology : From Molecules to Cells'. December 4 to 6, 2010. Contact : Prof. Joyoti Basu, Chemistry Department.

Workshop / Training of young scientist to be held during January 2011 under the ICMR Centre for Plant DNA Fingerprinting and Bioprospecting. Contact : Prof. Swati Sen-Mandi, Division of Plant Biology.