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WORKSHOPS AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

23rd to 30th November 2022

A Faculty development program titled as "Professional Scientific Development Program" was organized under the DBT Star College Scheme from 23rd to 30th November 2022. Dr. Sanjib Ganguly of the Department of Chemistry served as the convener. Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta was the Co Convener.





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NATIONAL LEVEL WORKSHOP ON GUT MICROBIAL ANALYSIS

13th and 14th June 2023

A two day hands on training program on “Gut Microbiome Analysis” was organised by the Department on the 13th and 14th of July 2023. Eight deputed scientists from the Anthropological Survey of India (ANSI); GoI along with the Head of office Dr. Harshawardhana; participated in the workshop. Dr. Sayak Ganguli, who actively works in the field of gut microbiome, served as Coordinator for the workshop. Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta, HOD, Biotechnology and Dr. Mahashweta Mitra Ghosh from the Department of Microbiology, served as resource persons. Research scholars of both the Departments rendered the requisite technical support. The workshop was held at the Central Research Facility with the full support of Prof. Rina Ghosh. At the end of the workshop the participants participated in an interactive session with respected Principal, Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio SJ





ALUMNI SEMINAR SERIES

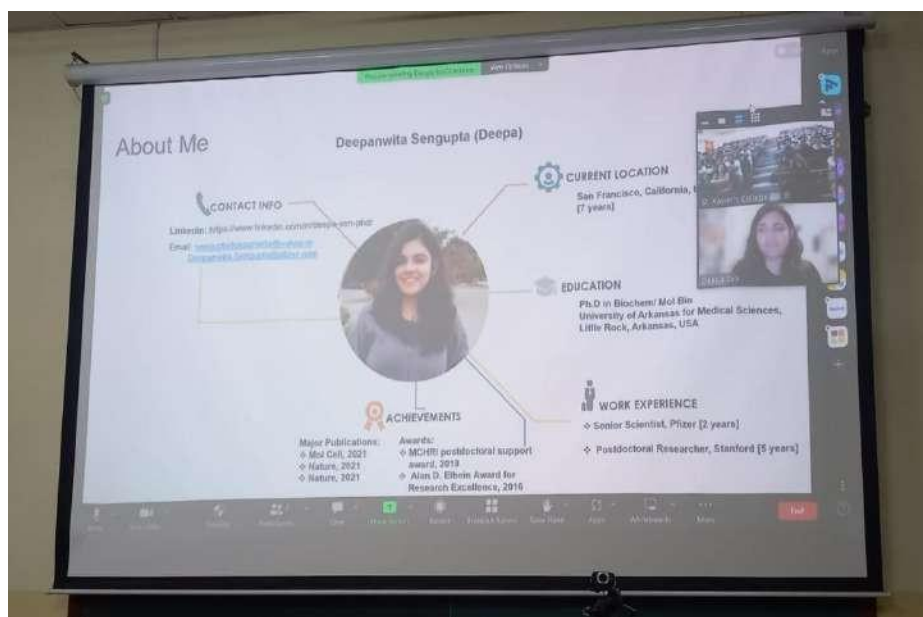
The Department has initiated a series of alumni seminar and interactive sessions from the current academic year. Alumni of the Department, currently placed at different national and international institutions of repute have been invited to deliver their presentations on their respective areas of research and the senior most batches semester 9 and semester 7 are participating wholeheartedly in the sessions which are being organized efficiently by Dr. Uma Siddhanta, and Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta.

Sl. No.	Date & Time	Room No.	Name	Batch	Current Affiliation	Broad Area of Presentation
1.	11/08/23 (Friday) 10-11a.m.	34	Deepanwita Sengupta, PhD.	2006-11	Senior Scientist, Pfizer, San Francisco, USA	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
2.	22/08/23 (Tuesday) 3.00pm-4.00p.m.	MCV-2	Tamal Roy, PhD.	2006-11	Research Associate, Science of Intelligence Cluster, Technical University Berlin;	Behavioral Ecology and Evolution
3.	01/9/23 (Friday) 10-11a.m.	34	Rukmini Mukherjee, PhD.	2006-11	Scientist II, Walter Lab, Bay Area Institute of Science, Altos labs, Redwood City, California, USA.	Mitochondrial Dynamics and Quality Control
4.	12/09/23 (Tuesday) 3.00pm-4.00p.m. (Offline)	MCV-2	Rohini Dutta, PG Diploma in Patents Law, Registered Patent Agent	2007-12	Patent Attorney at S. Majumdar & Co.	Intellectual Property Rights.
5.	19/09/23 (Tuesday) 3.00pm-4.00p.m.	MCV-2	Juby Mathew, PhD.	2007-12	Application Scientist, Syft Technologies, Christchurch, New Zealand	Immunotherapy
6.	17/10/23 (Tuesday) 3.00pm-4.00p.m.	MCV-2	Stephanie Roshni Kaypee, PhD.	2006-11	Research Scientist, Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan	Epigenetics



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SOME SNAPSHOTS OF THE PROGRAMS



Presentation By: Dr. Deepanwita Sengupta



Presentation By: Dr. Rukmini Mukherjee



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Presentation By: Dr. Tamal Roy



Presentation By: Ms Rohini Dutta



Presentation By Dr. Udayaditya Sarkar



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EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION

30th August 2023

Dr. Sayak Ganguli and Dr. Arindam Bakshi, organized the Educational Excursion to Vivekananda Institute of Biotechnology, Nimpith, where students of Semester VII enjoyed the hands on demonstration and theoretical discussions on practical and commercial applications of Biotechnology- such as Biofertilizer development and application, Mushroom cultivation, Honey Processing and Plant Micropropagation. They also performed a practical on Quadrat Studies on the campus.





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INDUSTRY VISIT

22nd and 23rd September 2023



Dr. Souvik Roy and Dr. Arindam Bakshi accompanied students of Semester V for an industry visit to East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited on 22nd and 23rd September 2023. The students enjoyed their visit as they were provided with required insights on how a pharmaceutical industry functions and the processes associated with it.





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NEP CURRICULUM BASED INTERNSHIP WORKSHOP

29th and 30th May 2024

The Postgraduate and Research Department of Biotechnology collaborated with “Andragogy Life Sciences” for organizing a comprehensive Hands-on training program titled **"Nurturing the RNA"**. This program is specially designed for students with a background in life sciences and aims to provide them with valuable practical experience in the field.





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NEP CURRICULUM ASSOCIATED INDUSTRY VISIT

4th JUNE 2024

Dr. Souvik Roy and Dr. Arindam Bakshi accompanied students of Semester II for an industry visit to **Diamond Beverages Private Limited** on 4th June 2024. The students enjoyed their visit as they were provided with required insights on how a beverage industry functions and the processes associated with it.





FIELD TRIPS FOR RESEARCH

EVENT DESCRIPTION	IMAGE
Research Team from the lab of Dr. Sayak Ganguli, visited the tribal settlements of <i>Purulia</i> and adjoining areas for collection of samples as part of the project in collaboration with Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta. The team was supported by the SDo Mr. Monojit Basu during the collection schedule.	
Field trip to Indian Sunderbans for collection of plant and soil samples for bioprospecting studies. A) With MSc Dissertation students and scholars at Satjelia island, Indian Sunderbans in 2022 B) With MSc Dissertation students and scholars at Hamilton Island, Indian Sunderbans in 2022 C) With MSc Dissertation students and scholars at Kumirmari, Indian Sunderbans for sample collection in 2023 D) With MSc Dissertation students and scholars at Kumirmari, Indian Sunderbans for sample collection in 2023	



OTHER OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

FIELD TRIPS FOR RESEARCH

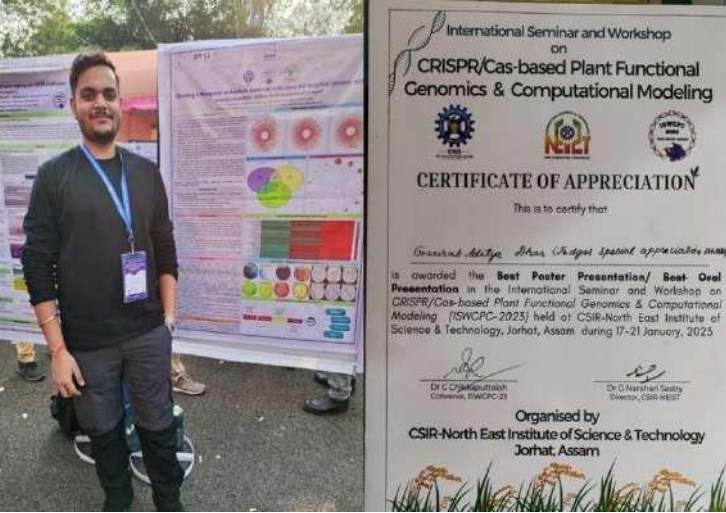
EVENT DESCRIPTION	IMAGE
Research Team from the lab of Dr. Sayak Ganguli visited the Indian Sunderbans as part of a Field trip core uninhabited islands for collection of plant and soil samples for Bioprospecting studies. 30 th March 2024	
Research Team from the lab of Dr. Sayak Ganguli visited the Sagar island of Indian Sunderbans as part of a Field trip in collaboration with Paribesh Unnayan Parishad for a research based livelihood development project on the 14 th of June 2024	



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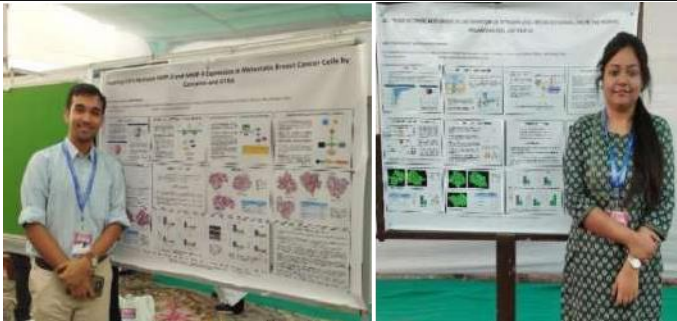
ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATION BY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

EVENT DESCRIPTION	IMAGE
Best Poster Award One Day International Seminar on Recent Trends in Microbiology on 18th May 2022 at VJRC, Kolkata [Poster presenter Mr. Rohan Pal, BMBT, SEM 10 student under the supervision of Dr. Sayak Ganguli]	
Preeti Khan, working under the supervision of Dr. Ronita Nag Chaudhuri, presented her work in the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Conference held at Seattle, Washington, USA, in 2022.	
Judges' Special Appreciation Award. "Creating a Mangrove endophyte bacterial collection for targeted genome editing." International Seminar and Workshop on CRISPR/Cas-based Plant Functional Genomics & Computational Modelling, organized by CSIR - North East Institute of Science and Technology, Jorhat, Assam (17th to 21st January 2023): Gaurab Aditya Dhar.	



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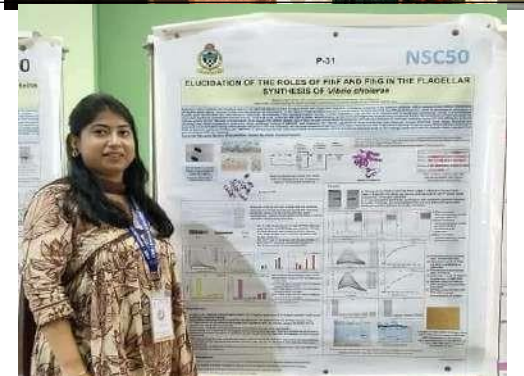
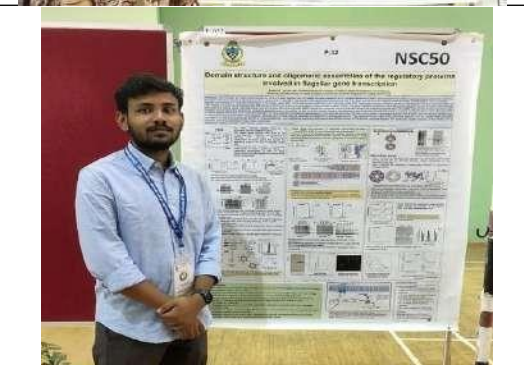
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	IMAGE
1. Best Poster Award (UG and PG students category): Arunima Bhattacharya; @ICCCGC, Kolkata; 26th and 27th August 2022 2. 3rd Prize in Poster (Research Scholar Category): Sarmistha Mukhopadhyay @ICCCGC, Kolkata 26th and 27th August 2022 3. Second Prize in Young Researcher (s) Category: Nabarun Dawn and Souptik Ghosh @ICCCGC, Kolkata, 26th and 27th August 2022 All the above awards were won by scholars and students working under Dr. Sayak Ganguli	
Mr. Anirban Roy, and Ms. Indira Chakraborty, Research Scholars working under Dr. Aniruddha Banerji presented their work at the International Conference of the Indian Association for Cancer Research 2023	
Mr. Saptarshi Dutta, Research Scholar working under the supervision of Dr. Ronita Nag Chaudhuri, presented his work at ISBT_2023 and was awarded the 1st prize in Poster presentation (Research Scholar category)	



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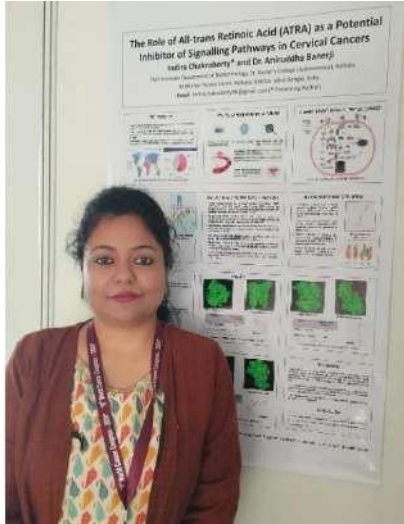
EVENT DESCRIPTION	IMAGE
2 nd Prize in Oral presentation was received by Shrestha Chakraborty working under the Supervision of Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta in ISBT, 2023 held at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata on 12-13th October, 2023	
3 rd Prize in poster presentation was received by Indrila Saha working under the Supervision of Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta in ISBT, 2023 held at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata on 12-13th October, 2023	
Ms. Ruchira Das, working under the supervision of Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta, presented her work at the 50 th meeting of Indian Crystallographic Association held at IMTECH Chandigarh (NSC50); November 2023	
Poster presentation by Arnab Das working under the Supervision of Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta in NSC50, held at CSIR-IMTECH, Chandigarh during November, 2023	



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EVENT DESCRIPTION	IMAGE
Ms. Drishti Mandal under the supervision of Dr. Ronita Nag Chaudhuri, was awarded the third prize in Oral Presentation at the International Conference on Current Trends and Future Prospects of Plant Biology (CTFPB - 2023) organized by Department of Plant Sciences, School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad, 2023	
Mr. Anirban Roy working under the supervision of Dr. Aniruddha Banerji was awarded the First prize in Poster Presentation at Bio Colloq: One Day Conference on Inter-Disciplinary Biological Sciences, organized by Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College (Autonomous), Rahara & Academy of Biodiversity Conservation, Jan 2024	
Ms Indira Chakraborty working under the supervision of Dr. Aniruddha Banerji presented a poster at 8th World Cancer Congress-2024, organized at JNU Convention Centre, New Delhi, March 2024.	



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Invited Lecture of Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta, on “Structural insights into the TCS, made of σ^{54} -dependent transcription activator FlrC, and sensor histidine kinase FlrB, that regulates flagellar synthesis of *Vibrio cholerae*” – India Biophysical Society, Kolkata Chapter 14th May 2025, at S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences



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Invited Lecture of Dr. Ronita Nag Chaudhuri, on “Orchestration of histone modifications: the chromatin code for transcription regulation” – Transcription Assembly Meeting 2025, 19th to 21st March 2025, Bose Institute, Kolkata



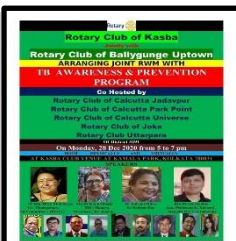
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Resource Person,
Liberalism in Tagore's
Work, Akashvani Kolkata



Resource Person,
TB Awareness &
Prevention, Rotary
Club of Kasba, Kolkata



Invited Lecture,
Awareness on MDR-TB &
Assessment of the
Potency of Garlic as a
Natural, Anti-TB
Phytomedicine, West
Bengal State University



Judge,
Poster
Competition,
Vivek Utsav,
Sarsuna College,
Kolkata



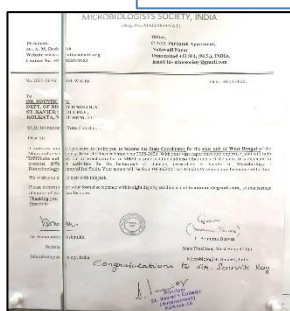
THE
MICROBIOLOGISTS
SOCIETY, INDIA
(MBSI) BEST
TEACHER Award



Bharat Jyoti
Puraskar Award



Teaching Excellence Award,
from Nozarax Audentias (OPC) Pvt.
Ltd., an ISO 9001:2015 certified
Academic Organization registered
under Ministry of Corporate Affairs
and Ministry of Micro, Small and
Medium Enterprises, Government
of India



State Coordinator,
THE MICROBIOLOGISTS
SOCIETY, INDIA (MBSI)
for the State Unit of West Bengal



Oral Presentation
[1st Prize],
Assessing Public
Health and Sanitation
Status In India, ITLS
Academy, Lucknow &
Microbiologist Society
of India



Essay Writing
Competition
[2nd Prize],
How Science
Should Be Taught?
Ministry of Science
& Technology,
Govt. of India &
CSIR



3rd BEST POSTER
AWARD,
International
Conference on
"Emerging Trends
in Bio-engineering
and Food
Technology
(ETBFT-2025)



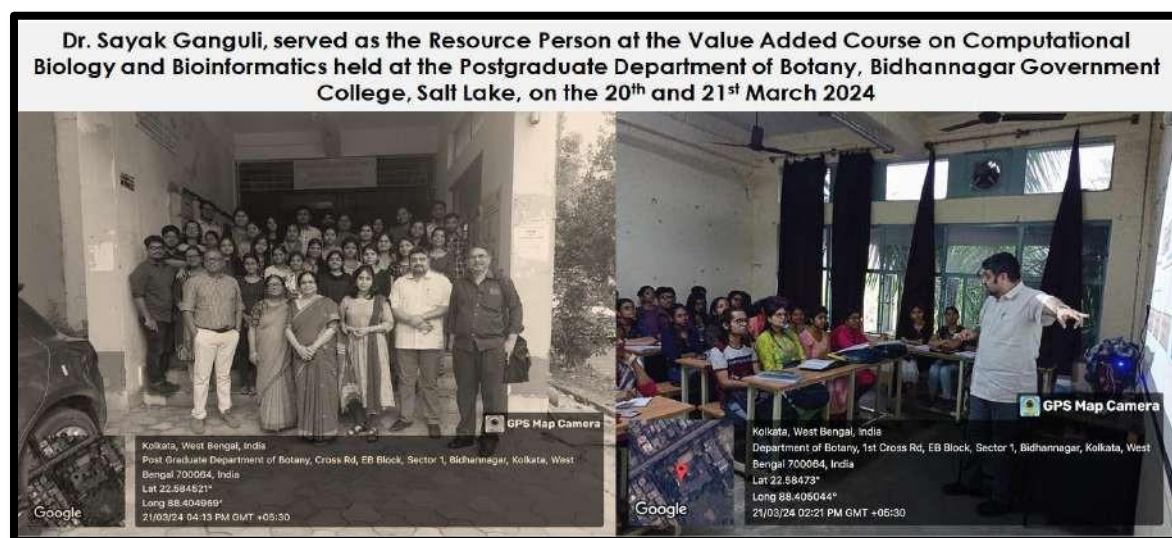
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Lecture Title: "Community Genomics–A paradigm for Environmental Monitoring"



Presentation Title: "Bioinformatics – From Sequence to Function" – extensive hands on practical session was also conducted during the Course sessions



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Invited lecture of Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta in 50th National Seminar on Crystallography (NSC50) on 23rd November, 2023 at IMTECH, Chandigarh



Lecture Title: "Structural insights into the roles of three regulatory proteins FlrA, FlrB and FlrC in flagellar gene transcription of motile bacteria"



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Awards and Recognition

- Dr. Ronita Nag Chaudhuri has been elected as a Fellow of the West Bengal Academy of Science & Technology (WAST) in January, 2025



Chairing of Sessions, Oral and Poster Presentations

1. **Dr. Jhimli Dasgupta** chaired a Plenary Session at the International Symposium on Biotechnology (ISBT)-2023, organized by the Post-Graduate & Research Department of Biotechnology, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata;
2. **Dr. Aniruddha Banerji** served as the Convenor (Proceedings Committee) and conducted the Session on the release of the "Proceedings of the International Symposium on Biotechnology"
3. **Dr. Souvik Roy** chaired two scientific Sessions at the International Symposium on Biotechnology (ISBT)-2023, organized by the Post-Graduate & Research Department of Biotechnology, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata;
4. **Dr. Priyanka De**, chaired a plenary Session at the International Symposium on Biotechnology (ISBT)-2023, organized by the Post-Graduate & Research Department of Biotechnology, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata;
5. **Dr. Ditipriya Hazra** chaired a plenary session at the International Symposium on Biotechnology (ISBT)-2023, organized by the Post-Graduate & Research Department of Biotechnology, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata;
6. **Dr. Arindam Bakshi** chaired a plenary session at the International Symposium on Biotechnology (ISBT)-2023, organized by the Post-Graduate & Research Department of Biotechnology, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata;
7. **Dr. Souvik Roy**, received the **BEST ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD (NATIONAL-LEVEL AWARD)** on "Assessing Public Health and Sanitation Status to promote Preventive Healthcare In India" at a National Conference on "Current Industrial Trends in Life Science Research", 2023, organized by ITLS Academy, Lucknow and Microbiologists Society, India
8. **Dr. Souvik Roy** presented a paper On "Garlic – A Novel Green Pharmacy for TB & MDR-TB" at the International Seminar on "Microbes and Social Equity (ISMS)", 2023, organized by the Department of Microbiology & IQAC, Bankura Sammilani College, Bankura, West Bengal, and sponsored by Microbiologists Society of India (MBSI; Reg. No. MAHA/4814/SAT)
9. **Dr. Souvik Roy** presented a paper On "Bacteria & Cosmetics –the 'Industry' connect!" at the International Conference on "Scope of Microbiology beyond Academia: Industry,

Entrepreneurship and More”, 2024, organized by Department of Microbiology, Placement Cell & Microbiology Alumni Association, Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College, in collaboration with Microbiologists Society of India;& E-YUVA Centre, Adamas University (Supported byBIRAC)

10. **Dr. Souvik Roy** presented a Poster titled “Microbial Organic Compounds in Cosmetics & Perfumes: A Comprehensive Peep-through!” at the International Symposium on ‘Modern Perspectives of Chemistry in Biology’, organized by the Department of Chemistry, St.Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata.



11. **Dr. Souvik Roy** participated and completed the UGC-sponsored Short-Term Course on ‘Research Methodology in Science and Technology’, organized by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), University of Calcutta, from 6th February 2024 –12th February 2024.
12. **Dr. Sayak Ganguli** served as a National Advisory Committee Member and Session Chair for the International Conference on Drug Design and Discovery organized by Jadavpur University Bioequivalence Unit and Eminent College of Science and Technology held at Barasat on 27.02.2025 and 28.02.2025
13. **Dr. Sayak Ganguli** served as a Session Chair at the International Conference on Chemical and Environmental Sciences 2024 and 2025 for sessions on Computational Modelling organized by University of Engineering and Management.



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SYMPOSIUM

ISBT2023: International Symposium on Biotechnology organized by Post Graduate and Research Department of Biotechnology of SXC, Kolkata on 12th - 13th October, 2023

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SXC-INTRAMURAL GRANT AWARDEES

1. Dr. Sayak Ganguli(2023,2024)
2. Dr. Arindam Bakshi(2023)
3. Dr. Ditipriya Hazra(2023)
4. Dr. Souvik Roy(2023)