

Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology

Academic Year 2017-2018

The following are the accomplishments of the staff and the students of Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology during the academic year 2017 -18.

- Dr. R. Ravindhran conducted DBT sponsored 5 day workshop on Crop Genome Editing using CRISPR Cas9 in Sept. 2017.
- 10 of UG and PG students of the Department received Loyola Minor Research Project and the sum received under the scheme is Rs. 1,45,000/-
- UG students of the Department won the overall winner's trophy in ASTERA held at Stella Maris College and LANTANA in Ethiraj College, the intercollegiate competition. Mr. CamilRex and Harikrishnan won the second prize in Enviro Quiz organized at WCC.
- Mr. Camil Rex also won the second prize in poetry competition in Deep Woods at MCC.
- Rev. Dr S. Ignacimuthu S.J. delivered C.R. Babujee endowment lecture on "Marker Assisted Selection and Breeding in Finger Millet for Phosphorous Use Efficiency". Dr D. Aravind, National Institute of Siddha delivered Rev. Fr. Rapinat endowment lecture on "Botanical Remedies of Siddha and Ayurveda". Dr K. Kathiravan, Department of Biotechnology, University of Madras delivered Prof. Edmund Manohar Raj endowment lecture on "Diagnosis of Plant Viruses Using Nano Technological Tools".
- At present, Dr. J. Joel Ganadoss is organizing DBT sponsored 21 day training program on "Techniques in Microbial Biotechnology and Molecular Biology".