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Educational Qualifications						
Degree	Institution				Year	
Ph.D.	Jamia Hamdard (Hamdard University), Delhi				1998	
M.Phil.	University of Delhi (M. Phil Botany)				1993	
PG	University of Delhi (M. Sc Botany)				1992	
UG	University of Delhi (B.Sc Botany)				1990	
Career Profile						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor: (February 17, 2016- till date): Department of Botany, University of Delhi, Delhi-110 007 • Associate Professor (February 17, 2013-February 16, 2016): Department of Botany, University of Delhi, Delhi-110 007 • Assistant Professor (February 16, 2010-February 16, 2013): Department of Botany, University of Delhi, Delhi 110 007 • Lecturer / Assistant Professor (August 1999 – February 2010): Department of Biotechnology, Faculty of Science, Jamia Hamdard, Delhi- 110 062 • Post-doctoral Fellow (September 2002-August 2004): “Comparative genomics in Brassicaceae: Analyses of microRNA and other regulatory elements involved in development” Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology, Tuebingen, Germany; Professor Detlef Weigel, Director, FRS • Post-doctoral Fellow (1999; May-July): “Comparative genomic analysis of self-incompatibility loci in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> and <i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i>” Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA; Section of Plant Biology; Supervisor: Professor Mikhail Nasrallah • Research Associate: November 1998-April 1999: TERI, New Delhi, 						
Administrative Assignments						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member, BRS, Faculty of Science, University of Delhi, Delhi 2. Member, Departmental Research committee, Dept. of Botany, University of Delhi 3. Secretary-Treasurer, International Society for Plant Morphologist (ISPM) (December 2020 onwards) 4. Member, Laboratory furniture purchase committee, Dept. of Botany, University of Delhi 5. Member, Internet committee, Dept. of Botany, University of Delhi 6. Member, Departmental Webpage committee, Dept. of Botany, University of Delhi 7. Coordinator, M.Sc End semester Examination (2018-2020) 8. Member, Ph.D admission committee, Dept. of Botany, University of Delhi (2015-continue) 9. Member, M.Phil admission committee Dept. of Botany, University of Delhi (2017-continue) 10. Editor, The Botanica, publication of DUBS (2017-2020) 11. Member, Committee of courses for CBCS/FYUP/Under-graduate/Post-graduate programme 12. Council Member, Faculty of Science, University of Delhi, Delhi 						

13. Member, Project Implementation Group, FIST-II, Dept. of Botany, University of Delhi

Areas of Interest / Specialization

1. Evolution of plant morphological diversity and adaptive variation: role of miRNA and transcription factor genes, and cis-regulatory elements
2. Impact of polyploidization on regulatory genes, genetic networks, and regulatory diversification
3. Genome organisation of plants; Molecular and functional diversity
4. Trait modification strategies for crop improvement

Subjects Taught

Theoretical and practical aspects of the following subjects:

- i) Cell and Molecular Biology
- ii) Cell and Developmental Biology
- iii) Contemporary Concepts and topics in Cell Biology
- iv) Advances in Archaeogoniatae
- v) Bio-informatics

Time table of the subjects taught during the current semester

S.No.	Subject	Days	Time	Classroom
1	3004: Cell and Molecular Biology (3 rd semester)	1. Wednesday 2. Thursday Online mode (Theory / Practical)	Theory / Practicals Wednesday (8.45AM-1.00PM) Thursday (1.30-5.45PM)	Theory: Online mode Practical: Online mode
2	4001: Cell and Developmental Biology (4 th semester)	1. Monday Online mode (Theory / Practical)	Theory /Practical Monday (9.00AM-1.00PM and 1.30PM-5.30PM)	Theory: Online mode Practical: Online mode
3	4013: Advances in Archaeogoniatae (4 th semester)	1. Saturday 2. Online mode (Theory / Practical)	Theory /Practical Monday (9.00AM-1.00PM and 1.30PM-5.30PM)	Theory: Online mode Practical: Online mode
4	Dissertation (4 th semester)	Tutorial and Discussion	Tutorial and Discussion (one student)	Online mode

Research Guidance

Post-doctoral:

1. Dr. Meenakshi Dangwal (UGC; DS Kothari fellow; CSIR-SRA): Identification and molecular characterization of OVATE Family Protein during reproductive stages in *Oryza sativa*

Doctoral Thesis (selected; last five years)

Awarded (as supervisor)

1. Ms. Gauri Joshi: Comparative Genomics of *MIR319* across Brassicaceae, sequence and functional diversification of *MIR319* associated cis-elements from *Brassica juncea* (2019)
2. Saurabh Anand: Evolutionary and Functional analysis of *MIR159* and selected MYBs in mediating stamen development in *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Brassica* species (2019)
3. Ms. Neer Komal Singh (2017) Genomic Organisation and Evolution Across Brassicaceae, and Functional Characterization of *FATTY ACID ELONGASE 1* from *Brassica juncea* (2017)
4. Ms. Aditi Jain (2017) Analysis of Synteny and Regulatory Diversification in *miR164* and its Targets from Polyploid Brassica species (2017)

Supervision of Doctoral Thesis, under progress

1. Ms. Ekta Bhardwaj
2. Mr. Mukund Lal
3. Ms. Nishu Chahar
4. Ms. Shobha Yadav
5. Ms. Richa Shukla

6. Ms. Ekta Pokhriyal

M.Phil

Awarded:

1. Ms. Ila Bhardwaj (2013)
2. Ms. Ritwika Kar (2013)
3. Ms. Priyanka Rathore (2015)
4. Ms. Ekta Bhardwaj (2016)
5. Mr. Mukund Lal (2016)
6. Ms. Nishu Chahar (2017)
7. Ms. Neha (2020)
8. Ms. Ekta Pokhriyal (2021)

Under progress:

None

Publications Profile

Research Articles

1. Gauri Arora nee Joshi, Chetan Chauhan, **Sandip Das** (2021) Sequence and functional analysis of MIR319 promoter homologs from *Brassica juncea* reveals regulatory diversification and altered expression under stress. *Molecular Genetics and Genomics* 296: 731–749
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4. Chetan Chauhan, Gauri Joshi, Darshna Chaudhary and **Sandip Das** (2020) Sequence and functional analysis of cis-elements associated with MIR159 loci from *Brassica juncea* reveal functional diversification and complex transcriptional regulation. *Plant Growth and Regulation*. 90: 279–306
5. Banisha Phukela, Geeta R, **Sandip Das**, Rajesh Tandon (2020) Ancestral segmental duplication in Solanaceae is responsible for the origin of CRCa-CRCb paralogues in the family. *Mol. Genet. and Genomics*. **295**: 563–577
6. Anand S, Lal M and **Sandip Das** (2019) Comparative genomics reveals origin of MIR159A-MIR159B paralogy, and complexities of PTGS interaction between miR159 and target GA-MYBs in Brassicaceae. *Mol. Genet. and Genomics* ;294:693–714
7. Tyagi S, Majumdar P A, Mayee P, Shivaraj S.M, Anand S, Singh A, Madhurantakam C, Sharma P, **Das S**, Kumar A and Singh A (2018) Natural structural variants of *Brassica* FT depict differential interaction with *Arabidopsis* FD and influence multiple agronomic traits in rapeseed mustard. *Plant Science* 277: 251–266
8. Joshi G, Chauhan C and **Sandip Das** (2018) Microsynteny analysis to understand evolution and impact of polyploidization on MIR319 family within Brassicaceae. *Development, Genes and Evolution*. 228(6): 227–242
9. Dangwal M and **Das S** (2018) Identification and analysis of OVATE family members from genome of the early land plants provides insights into evolutionary history of OFP family and function. *Journal of Molecular Evolution* 86(8): 511-530
10. Saurabh Anand, Mukund Lal and **Sandip Das** (2018) Identification of pre-meiotic and post-meiotic stages of pollen, standardization and validation of a modified method for RNA isolation from anther, pistil and developing seed of *Brassica rapa*. *International Journal of Plant Reproductive Biology*. 10(2): 178-183
11. Swati Singh, **Sandip Das**, R. Geeta (2018) A segmental duplication in the common ancestor of Brassicaceae is responsible for the origin of the paralogs KCS6-KCS5, which are not shared with other angiosperms. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution* 126:331-345

12. Chetan Chauhan, Gauri Joshi, Darshna Chaudhary and **Sandip Das** (2018) An improved method for rapid analysis of promoters using modified sonication-assisted transient assay. *3Biotech* April 2018, 8:198
13. Aditi Jain, Saurabh Anand, Neer K Singh, **Sandip Das** (2018) Sequence and Functional Characterization of MIRNA164 Promoters from Brassica Shows Copy Number Dependent Regulatory Diversification Among Homeologs. *Functional and Integrative Genomics*. Volume 18, Issue 4, pp 369–383
14. Chandan Barman, Vineet Singh, **Sandip Das** and Rajesh Tandon (2018) Floral contrivances and specialized pollination mechanism confer strong influence to elicit mixed-mating in *Wrightia tomentosa* (Apocynaceae); *Plant Biology* 20: 546–554
15. Gunjan Sirohi, Karuna Kusumanjali, Ritesh Kumar, Aditi Jain, P. S. Srivastava and **Sandip Das** (2018) Synteny analysis and functional characterization of miR165a from *Brassica* species. *Acta Physiologia Plantarum*. 40: 16.
16. Neer K. Singh, Saurabh Anand, Aditi Jain and **Sandip Das** (2017) Comparative Genomics and Synteny Analysis of KCS17-KCS18 Cluster Across Different Genomes and Sub-genomes of Brassicaceae for Analysis of Its Evolutionary History. *Plant Mol Biol Rep*. 35:237–251
17. Rathore P, R. Geeta and **Sandip Das** (2016) Microsynteny and phylogenetic analysis of tandemly organized miRNA families across five members of Brassicaceae reveals complex retention and loss history. *Plant Science*. 247: 35-48
18. Jain A and **Sandip Das** (2016) Synteny and comparative analysis of miRNA retention, conservation, and structure across Brassicaceae reveals lineage- and sub-genome-specific changes. *Funct. Integr. Genomics*. 16:253-268
19. Deans AR, Lewis SE, Huala E, Anzaldo SS, Ashburner M, Balhoff JP, Blackburn DC, Blake JA, Burleigh JG, Chanet B, Cooper LD, Courtot M, Csořsz S, Cui H, Dahdul W, **Das S**, and Mabee PM (2015) Finding our way through phenotypes. *PLoS Biology* 13(1): e1002033.
20. Showkat Hussain Ganie, Zahid Ali, **Sandip Das**, Prem Shankar Srivastava and Maheshwar Prasad Sharma (2015) Genetic diversity and chemical profiling of different populations of *Convolvulus pluricaulis* (convolvulaceae): an important herb of ayurvedic medicine. *3 Biotech* 5:295–302
21. Gunjan Kumari, Karuna Kusumanjali, Prem Shankar Srivastava, **Sandip Das** (2013) Isolation and expression analysis of miR165a and REVOLUTA from *Brassica species*. *Acta Physiologia Plantarum*. 35: 399-410
22. Shivane Kaul, **Sandip Das** and P. S. Srivastava (2013) Micropropagation of *Ajuga bracteosa*, a medicinal herb. *Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants* 19 (2): 289-296
23. Ya-Long Guo, Marco Todesco, Jörg Hagemann, **Sandip Das**, and Detlef Weigel (2012) Independent FLC Mutations as Causes of Flowering-Time Variation in *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Capsella rubella*. *Genetics* 192(2): 729-739
24. Sahu D, Saroha A, Roy S, **Das S**, Srivastava PS, Das HR (2012) Suramin ameliorates collagen induced arthritis. *International Immunopharmacol*. 12(1): 288–293
25. Karuna Kusumanjali, Gunjan Roy, P.S. Srivastava and **Sandip Das** (2012) Sequence conservation and divergence in miR164C1 and its target, CUC1, in Brassica species. *Plant Biotechnology Reports*: 6:149–163
26. Maryam Sarwat, **Sandip Das** and Prem S. Srivastava (2011) Estimation of genetic diversity and evaluation of relatedness through molecular markers among medicinally important trees: *Terminalia arjuna*, *T. chebula* and *T. bellerica*. *Molecular Biology Reports* 38:5025–5036
27. Maryam Sarwat, **Sandip Das** and Prem S. Srivastava (2011) AFLP and SAMPL markers for characterization of genetic diversity in *Terminalia arjuna*: a backbone tree of Tasar silk industry. *Plant Syst Evol* 293:13–23
28. Singh A, Niraj K. Nirala, **Sandip Das**, Alka Narula, M. V. Rajam, P. S. Srivastava (2011) Overexpression of odc (ornithine decarboxylase) in *Datura innoxia* enhances the yield of scopolamine. *Acta Physiologia Plantarum*. 33(6):2453-2459
29. Singh A, Nirala NK, Narula A, **Sandip Das** and Prem S. Srivastava (2011) Isolation and characterization of Ty1-copia group of LTRs in genome of three species of *Datura*: *D. innoxia*, *D. stramonium* and *D. metel*.

- Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants. 17(3): 255-261
30. Sumiya Jamshieed, **Sandip Das**, M. P. Sharma, P. S. Srivastava (2010) Difference in in vitro response and esculin content in two populations of *Taraxacum officinale* Weber. Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants 16 (4): 353-358
 31. Srivastava Toolika, **Sandip Das**, Sopory SK and Srivastava PS (2009) A reliable protocol for transformation of *Catharanthus roseus* through *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants 15 (1): 93-98
 32. Norman Warthmann*, **Sandip Das***, Christa Lanz and Detlef Weigel (2008) Comparative analysis of miR319A locus in Arabidopsis and related Brassicaceae. (* **Joint First author**) Molecular Biology and Evolution. 25: 892-902
 33. Maryam Sarwat, **Sandip Das** and P S Srivastava (2008) Analysis of genetic diversity through AFLP, SAMPL, ISSR and RAPD in *Tribulus terrestris*, a medicinal herb. Plant Cell Reports; 27: 519-528
 34. Singh A, **Das S** and Wilson N (2007) Genomics and IP: An Overview. Journal of Intellectual Property Rights 12(1): 57-71
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 40. Kapila R, **Das S**, Srivastava PS, Lakshmikumaran M (1996) A novel species-specific tandem repeat DNA family from Sinapis arvensis : Detection of telomere-like sequences. Genome 39: 758-766
 41. Bhatia S, **Das S**, Jain A and Lakshmikumaran M (1995) DNA fingerprinting of *Brassica juncea* cultivars using micro-satellite probes. Electrophoresis 16: 1750-1754

Review articles:

1. Maryam Sarwat, Gowher Nabi, **Sandip Das**, Prem Shankar Srivastava (2012) Molecular markers in medicinal plant biotechnology: past and present. Critical Reviews in Biotechnology. 32: 74-92

Book Chapters:

1. Ekta Bhardwaj, Richa Shukla, **Sandip Das*** (2021) Plant roots and mineral nutrition: an overview of molecular basis of uptake and regulation, and strategies to improve nutrient use efficiency (NUE). In: Bhoopander Giri, Mahaveer P Sharma (eds) "Plant Stress Biology", Springer Nature
2. Anandita Singh and **Sandip Das*** (2021) Slicing Messengers by Artificial Designs: Artificial MICRORNA Induced Gene Silencing in Polyploid Plants For Functional Genomics And Trait Modification. In: G. Tang et al. (eds.), RNA-Based Technologies for Functional Genomics in Plants, Concepts and Strategies in Plant Sciences, . Springer Nature https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-64994-4_6
3. Mukund Lal, Ekta Bhardwaj, Nishu Chahar, Meenakshi Dangwal, **Sandip Das*** (2020) (Trans)Gene Flow: Mechanisms, Biosafety Concerns And Mitigation For Containment. In: Tandon R, Shivanna K R, Kaul M (eds): Reproductive Ecology of Flowering Plants: Patterns and Processes. Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd. ISBN: 978-981-15-4209-1
4. Swati Singh, Sandip Das and R. Geeta (2018) ROLE OF CUTICULAR WAX IN ADAPTATION TO ABIOTIC STRESS - A MOLECULAR PERSPECTIVE. In S. M. Zargar, M. Y. Zargar (eds.), Abiotic Stress-Mediated Sensing and Signaling in Plants: An Omics Perspective, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-7479-0_5: Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd. pp 155-182

5. Aditi Jain, Gauri Joshi, Chetan Chauhan, Sandip Das (2018) Abiotic Stress Response In Plants: A Cis-Regulatory Perspective. In S. M. Zargar, M. Y. Zargar (eds.), Abiotic Stress-Mediated Sensing and Signaling. In Plants: An Omics Perspective, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-7479-0_6 Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd.. pp:183-205 Saurabh Anand, Neer K Singh, and Sandip Das (2017) Small RNAs: I: Role as Developmental and Adaptive Regulators in Plants. In: Sajad Majeed Zargar, and Vandna Rai (eds) Plant OMICS and Crop Breeding. Apple Academic Press/ CRC Press; New Jersey, USA. Pp: 115-161
6. Neer K. Singh, Saurabh Anand, and Sandip Das (2017) Small RNAs: II: Mode of Action and Potential Applications in Plant Improvement. In: Sajad Majeed Zargar, and Vandna Rai (eds) Plant OMICS and Crop Breeding. Apple Academic Press/ CRC Press; New Jersey, USA. Pp: 163-200
7. Sandip Das (2014) DNA Damage and Repair. In e-book (e-Pathshala; An MHRD Project under its National Mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT)) on Botany/Molecular Biology; Paper Coordinator: S B Babbar (<http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/browse.php?&category=343>; <http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/ahl.php?csrno=4>) Released on August 14, 2014
8. Sandip Das (2014) Recombination. In e-book (e-Pathshala; An MHRD Project under its National Mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT)) on Botany/Molecular Biology; Paper Coordinator: S B Babbar (<http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/browse.php?&category=343>; <http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/ahl.php?csrno=4>) Released on August 14, 2014
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- micropropagated plants. In: Ashwani Kumar and N.S. Shekhawat, (Eds) Plant Tissue Culture and Molecular Markers: Their Role in Improving Crop Productivity: I.K. International Publishers, pg: 93-108
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Popular / General Articles:

1. Ekta Bhardwaj and Sandip Das (2016) Recent advances in designing synthetic and bi-directional plant promoters. *The Botanica* 66: 12-18
2. Mukund Lal and Sandip Das (2016) MYB transcription factors and their putative roles in Brassica gynoecium development. *The Botanica* 66: 63-69
3. Swati Singh, R Geeta and Sandip Das (2016) Genetic elements involved in cuticle biosynthesis and regulation, with emphasis on plant fatty acid elongase (3 keto acyl CoA synthase) – A review. *The Botanica* 66: 125-143
4. Sandip Das (2015) Sequencing and Bioinformatics: A Primer. *The Botanica* 64 & 65: 10-14
5. Saurabh Anand, Neer K Singh and Sandip Das (2015) Insights into anther development is necessary for crop improvement. *The Botanica* 64 & 65: 143-150

Publications in the Last one year

Research Articles

1. Gauri Arora nee Joshi, Chetan Chauhan, **Sandip Das (2021)** Sequence and functional analysis of MIR319 promoter homologs from *Brassica juncea* reveals regulatory diversification and altered expression under stress. *Molecular Genetics and Genomics* volume 296: 731–749
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Popular / General Articles: None

Conference Organization/ Presentations (last three years)**Organizing member:**

1. UGC sponsored Faculty Development Programme in Life Sciences; January 25-February 08, 2021; Department of Botany, and, CPDHE, University of Delhi (Course co-coordinator)
2. UGC sponsored Refresher Course in Life Sciences; July 17-August 06, 2018; Department of Botany, and, CPDHE, University of Delhi (Course co-coordinator)
3. 3rd Plant Proteomics workshop/training programme; 17-24 December, 2017; Department of Botany, University of Delhi
4. XXVII Annual Conference Of Indian Association For Angiosperm Taxonomy & International Symposium On "Plant Systematics: Priorities And Challenges". Department of Botany, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007, India November 10-12, 2017

Invited talks (last three years)

1. Organisation Of Microrna Gene Cluster, Transcriptional Regulation, And Functional Genomics Of Micrnas In Polyploid Brassica Species. (2021) Sandip Das, Aditi Jain, Ekta Bhardwaj, Priyanka Rathore, Saurabh Anand, Chetan Chauhan. 42nd Annual Meeting of Plant Tissue Culture Association (India) & International Symposium on Advances In Plant Biotechnology And Genome Editing-2021 (APBGE-2021) (April 8-10, 2021), ICAR-Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology, Ranchi-834010, India
2. **MICRORNA GENOMICS: EVOLUTIONARY TRAJECTORY, ORGANISATIONAL AND REGULATORY DIVERSITY - LESSONS FROM BRASSICACEAE** (2020) AMU CENTENARY CELEBRATION; Department of Botany; Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh Webinar on Plant microRNA Research; October 27, 2020
3. Evolutionary history and functional analysis of MIRNA gene families from Brassicaceae: polyploidy driven divergence and its consequence on gene regulation (2020) National Symposium On Trends In Plant Biotechnology & Agriculture; 41st Meeting of PTCA(I) TIET, Patiala 06-08th February 2020
4. Understanding floral transition and flower development- implications for crop improvement (2019) DBT Star College Program; Hansraj College; UNIVERSITY OF DELHI; September 23, 2019
5. Polyploidy, Genome Evolution And Functional Diversification: Insights From Comparative Analysis Of Regulatory Elements (2019) International conference on trends in plant sciences and agrobiotechnology 2019 AND 40TH Meeting of PTCA(I); IIT-Guwahati, February 14-16, 2019
6. Comparative Analysis Of Organisation, Evolutionary History And Function Of Regulatory Elements: Insights Gained From Brassicaceae (2018) National symposium on plant biotechnology 2018: recent trends in plant propagation, genetic improvement & industrial applications; And 39th Annual Meeting Of PTCA; 16th To 18th February 2018, AFRI, Jodhpur
7. Sequence analysis: annotation and alignment strategies: an overview (2018) Sandip Das. Recent trends in Bioinformatics; DDU College, Delhi University; January 31, 2018
8. Plant cuticle: evolution, structure, and function of cuticular waxes (2017) Swati Singh, R Geeta and Sandip Das. 3rd Plant Proteomics Workshop: Mining Proteome & Deep Proteome (by sub-cellular proteome analysis, depletion, affinity enrichment) and beyond. Department of Botany, University of Delhi; December 21, 2017

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

Ongoing:

1. Characterization of role of miR159 in male-meiosis and filament elongation in *Brassica juncea* and *Arabidopsis thaliana*: strategies for crop improvement (DBT; August 2019-August 2022)

Completed:

2. Identification of trans-factors interacting partners of promoters of a miRNA-transcription factor module from *Brassica juncea* (DBT; Govt. of India) (July 2017-January 2021)
3. "Molecular analysis of the promoter elements associated with *Brassica* miRNA genes" (DBT, Govt. of India;) (2012-2016)
4. RNAi mediated modification of oil quality in *Brassica*" Subproject under the DBT consortia project on "Development... Wheat" (DBT, Govt. of India) (2011-2015)
5. Characterization of developmentally regulated promoters from *Brassica* species (UGC) (2011-2014)
6. Assessment of genetic diversity of two medicinal plants *Terminalia* and *Tribulus* through AFLP. (DBT; Govt. of India) (2002-2005)
7. Isolation and characterization of transcription factor and microRNA genes from *Brassica* and investigation into molecular basis of morphological variation. DBT; Govt. of India) (2006-2009)
8. Trait manipulation using microRNA genes in *Brassica juncea*" Subproject under the DBT consortia project on "Development Wheat" (DBT; Govt. of India) (2007-2010)
9. UK-India Partnering Award for *Enhancing Oilseed Crop Improvement through Genomic Approaches* (Indian Co-Partner; In collaboration with Dr. Graham King, Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, UK, and Dr. Ian Bancroft, John Innes Center, Norwich, UK; Funding agency- (BBSRC), UK)
10. Molecular analysis of regulatory genes and associated cis elements (DU R&D) 2.5 Lakhs 2010-2011
11. Molecular and functional analysis of regulatory genes (DU R&D) 2.5 Lakhs 2011-2012
12. Informatics, Molecular and Functional Analysis of Regulatory Genes. (University of Delhi, R&D grant) 2012-2013
13. Functional Analysis of regulatory elements from *Brassica* Species. (DU R&D) 2.8 Lakhs 2013-2014
14. Investigations into role of miRNAs and MYBs in development. (DU R&D) 3.0 Lakhs 2014-2015
15. Transcriptome and cis-elements characterization of miRNAs and their targets. (DU R&D) 3.0 Lakhs 2015-2016

Awards and Distinctions

1. Max Planck Institute post-doctoral fellowship, at the Max Planck Institute for Development Biology, Department of Molecular Biology, Tuebingen, Germany (2002-2004; Professor Detlef Weigel)
2. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA Post-doctoral fellowship [Professor Mikhail Nasrallah, Department of Plant Biology, Cornell University, USA (1999)]
3. JRF/SRF from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Govt. Of India; 1993-98
4. National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by Agricultural Recruitment Services Board (ARSB) in 1994

Association With Professional Bodies**Memberships of Academic Bodies**

1. Indian National Science Congress (Life member)
2. Society for Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology, India (Life member)
3. Nominated Member: Plant Tissue Culture Association (India)
4. Indian Botanical Society (Life member)
5. Delhi University Botanical Society (Life member)
6. International Society of Plant Morphologists (Life member)

Other Activities**Reviewing:**

- Project reviewer for DBT, SERB-DST
- Manuscript reviewer for PLoS One, J Bioscience, IJGPB, Phytomorphology, Biotechnology Journal, Molecular Biology Reports, PMBP, Plant Science, FIGE, BMC Genomics, Acta Physiologiae Plantarum, Critical Reviews in Biotechnology, Biologia Plantarum, Scientific Reports, PCR, etc.

Advisory Committees and Boards:

Signature of Faculty Member