

Genetics and Molecular Biology Division

Group name: **Computational Biology**

Group works on:

- **Assembly annotation and analysis of Transcriptom and Genomes**
- **Regulatory Motifs search and analysis**
- **Identification and functional characterisation of SNPs**
- **Metabolic Pathways construction and analysis**
- **Tools development**

Objectives:

- **To filter out biologically relevant information from the Transcriptomic and genomic data being analysed.**
- **To develop new bioinformatics tools for the analysis of large scale sequencing data**

Achievements:

up to 11th Five year Plan:

- ✓ *Analysis of microarray and transcriptomic data of drought tolerant and resistant varieties of cotton.*
- ✓ *Analysis of the transcriptome of two germplasms of poppy and identification of genes involved in papaver biosynthesis pathway.*
- ✓ *Analysis of the transcriptomic data of Withania somnifera for the identification of genes involved in withanolide biosynthesis pathway.*
- ✓ *Analysis of transcriptomic data Azadirachta indica (Neem) for the identification of genes putatively involved in the Azadirachtin biosynthesis pathway.*
- ✓ *Complete assembly of the Chloroplast genome of Jatropha curcas.*
- ✓ *Development of DNA barcoding software OFR.*

In 12th five year plan:

- ✓ *Analysis of cotton HMPR libraries for diversity analysis and development of the Cotton Database (<http://www.ncgd.nbri.res.in>)*
- ✓ *Analysis of two stages of banana fruit transcriptome to identify genes and pathways involved in banana fruit ripening.*

Ongoing projects: NBRI In house projects:

- ❖ **Genomics of Medicinal plants and Agronomically Important Traits (PlantGen)**
- ❖ **Root biology and its correlation to sustainable plant development and soil fertility (RootSF)**

Outside agencies like DBT / DST / MOEF etc.:

Foreign Collaborations: None

Areas open for collaboration:

Transcriptome and genome analysis

Lab Publications:

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9. A. Tyagi, **S.K. Bag**, V. Shukla, S. Roy, R. Tuli, Oligonucleotide frequencies of barcoding loci can discriminate species across kingdoms, PLoS One 5 (2010) e12330.
10. S. Roy, A. Tyagi, V. Shukla, A. Kumar, U.M. Singh, L.B. Chaudhary, B. Datt, **S.K. Bag**, P.K. Singh, N.K. Nair, T. Husain, R. Tuli, Universal plant DNA barcode loci may not work in complex groups: a case study with Indian berberis species, PLoS One 5 (2010) e13674
11. Kumar S, **Asif MH**, Chakrabarty D, Tripathi RD, Trivedi PK (2011). Differential expression and alternative splicing of rice sulphate transporter family members regulate sulphur status during plant growth, development and stress conditions. Funct Integr Genomics. (2):259-73.
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