

UHF doctoral student bags Professor MN Kamat Merit Award at International Symposium

Arjun Chauhan, a PhD student of Department of Biotechnology at the Dr Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni bagged the prestigious Professor MN Kamat Merit Award for Best Oral Presentation at Pune. The award was presented at the International Symposium on Fungal Biology: Advances, Applications and Conservation, and 45th Annual Meeting of Mycological Society of India (MSI). The National Fungal Culture Collection of India and MACS'



Agharkar Research Institute, Pune, organized the symposium.

Researchers from different countries participated and presented research papers pertaining to fungal biology. Professor DL Hawksworth, a world-renowned mycologist from Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, London, presented the award. The award carries a memento, merit certificate and a cash prize for doctoral research.

Arjun presented his research on 'Isolation, Cloning and in-Silico Analysis of B-Tubulin Gene from Apple Leaf Blotch Fungus *Marssonina coronaria* and its Applicability in Rapid Detection of the Disease'. The other

authors of the paper are Dr Manju Modgil, Dr JN Sharma, Dr MV Rajam, and Dr Sundaresha Siddappa.