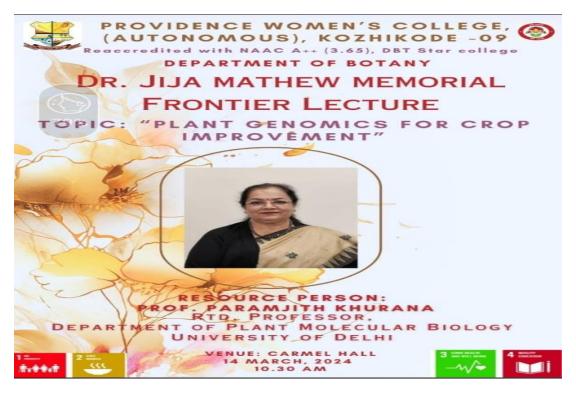
Frontier Lecture on Plant genomics for crop improvement was led by Prof. Paramjith Khurana, Department of molecular biology, University of Delhi on 14/03/2024







Date: 14 March 2024 Venue: MV Hall

Organized By: Department of Botany

Participants: 51 students from I UG, IPG and II PG Botany Students

As part of the research initiative to promote knowledge in scientific fields, a Frontier Lecture on "Plant Genomics for Crop Improvement" was delivered on 14 March 2024 by Professor Paramjith Khurana, a renowned expert and Retired professor from the Department of Molecular Biology, University of Delhi. The primary objective of the lecture was to introduce students, researchers, and faculty members to the field of plant genomics and its applications in sustainable agriculture and global challenges. Prof. Khurana highlighted the pivotal role of plant genomics in addressing global food security challenges.

She explained how advances in genomic technologies have enabled the development of crop varieties with enhanced yield, resilience to climate change, and resistance to pests and diseases. Specific examples were discussed on genomic interventions in staple crops like rice, wheat, and maize. Prof. Khurana underscored the importance of genomic selection, marker-assisted breeding, and gene editing techniques, such as CRISPR-Cas9, in modern agriculture.Research on developing crops with enhanced drought resistance to mitigate the impact of climate change. The session concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session, where the students discussed the ethical, economic, and environmental implications of genetic tools in agriculture. Professor Khurana provided thoughtful responses, addressing concerns and inspiring participants to explore plant genomics.

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