

Report: Webinar on Empowering Budding Scientists on 2nd August, 2019

Department of Biotechnology (DBT) conducted a webinar on 2nd August, 2019 with the aim to promote biotechnology by reaching out to a larger audience. This included students, young researchers and scientists from across the country. From Devi Ahilya University, 18 Students of School of Biotechnology also attended the webinar. They registered for the Webinar one day in advance, and could attend it on 2nd August 2019 by logging in. Each student was provided a desktop with internet and earphones. It helped them to understand opportunity to engage, stimulate interaction and apprise the scientific community of not only the latest schemes and programmes of the department and also keep them abreast of current research trends by domain experts.

Dr. R.N.K. Bamezai, former professor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered a talk regarding key activities of MHRD. He explained about post graduate teaching programs, fellowships for doctoral and post doctoral research and training programs of DBT such as DBT-BITP (Biotech Industrial training program), DBT- Karnataka finishing School Program and skill Vigyan program. Dr. Arvind Duggal (Adviser, DBT) discussed the statistical data of DBT supported PG courses, doctoral research under DBT- JRF program, DBT-RA program and various training programs. The mode of selection for various programs of DBT was discussed by Dr. Manoj Singh Rohilla (Scientist 'E' DBT). He also discussed about various certificate and diploma courses under skill Vigyan. Link for Other opportunities like Ramalingaswami re- entry fellowship, DBT- Energy Bioscience Overseas fellowships, Newton Bhabha PhD placement programme, Khorana programme for scholars was also shared with audience. At the end, audience poll is conducted to know about the interest of audience in various programs.

This was a very good experience for our students to participate in such Webinar. We will try to organize more Webinars on relevant topics in future also. We felt that to actually participate in the Webinar by asking questions, we need to have mikes also with each computer. SBT will arrange for these in near future.