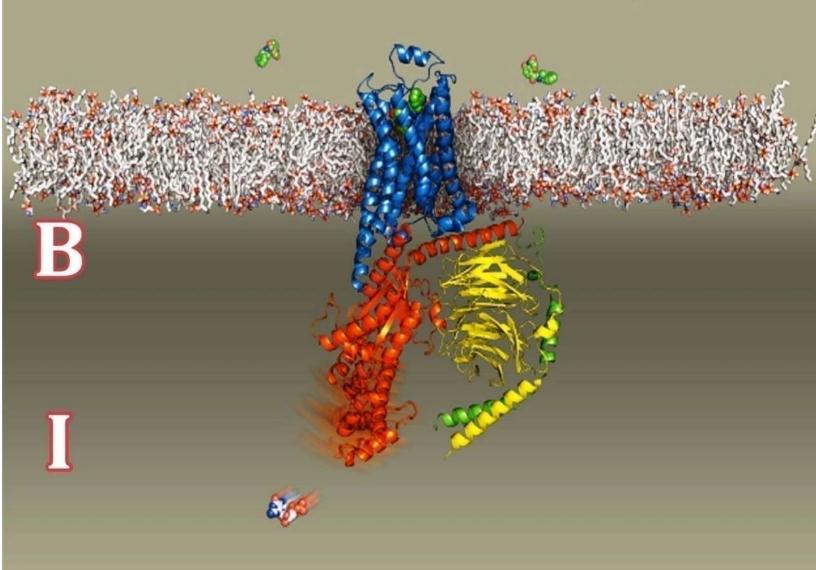


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Message from the Chief Editor



Dear all,

I am very happy to note that Department of Bioinformatics is bringing out the "e- Magazine" e-Bioinformatics Magazine (BIM) for the academic year 2013-14. Each year, the magazine outlines the progress that the department has made during the previous academic year and recapitulates all events, showcasing the various activities of the department. This year has passed swiftly in a blur of achievements and accomplishments, and I would like to congratulate and extend my best wishes to all those who have worked hard to ensure that the magazine is published with a treasure trove of memories. To me, the magazine will always be an event-filled journal, chronicling another exciting year that will be cherished by our department students, research scholars and staffs in the years to come. Through this magazine, I would like to greet the entire Bioinfo family.

I hope this magazine will be a treasure for those associated with Bioinformatics area and will help in providing a platform for sharing experiences and learning in this area. I once again congratulate the Department of Bioinformatics and the entire team on this endeavour and wish the "e-Magazine" all success.

Heartly congratulations to the editorial team and I am thankful to all the authors who have send their articles who made this magazine so informative. I heartly congratulate and convey my best wishes to all faculty, students, Research scholars for a successful future. Wish you all the best!!!!

Sunil Kumar Tripathi Chief Editor

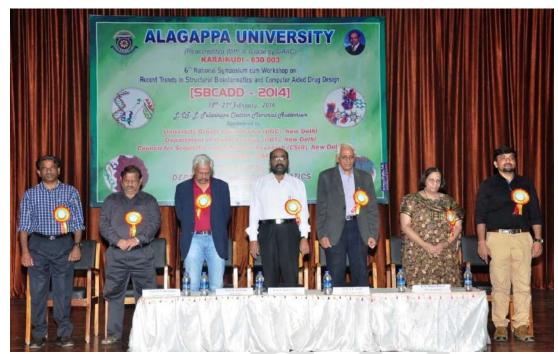
Department Events

6th National Symposium cum Workshop on "Recent Trends in Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design (SBCADD-2014)

SBCADD'2014 is a Symposium cum Workshop which focuses on enriching the growing scientific community consisting of budding young minds acting as a driving force in their research and also amalgamates researchers from all over india and outside to strengthen the connections in all fields of Bioinformatics. This symposium cum workshop is being organized from 18th to 21st Feb 2014. This four day event will feature primary lectures, Poster presentation and workshop to a number of scientists and academicians dealing with basic science and allied parallel research. The main aim is to share the ideas and knowledge about the molecule, its interaction with the drug and awareness on new drug development. The occasion was glorified by Dr. S. Kaliyamoorthy the Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee of Alagappa University, Dr. T. P. Singh Distinguished Biotechnology Research Professor AIIMS New Delhi, Dr. B. Jayaram Coordinator, IIT Delhi, Dr. Manju Bansal, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Dr. D. Velmurugan, Professor & Head, CAS in Crystallography & Biophysics.

Eighteen Eminent Scientists and experts from various premier institutes such as IISc Bangalore, AIIMS New delhi, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, NIPER, MKU Madurai, University of Madras, VIT Vellore, Pondicherry University, Anna University and Schrodinger U.S.A delivered talks that are thought-provoking and were of much use to young budding scientists. Furthermore, more than 152 participants were gained in hands-on training sessions provided by Application Scientists from Schrödinger, USA in many areas of Structural Bioinformatics, Computer Aided Drug Design Problem solving sessions along with demonstrations incorporated as a part of the Symposium cum Workshop will familiarize the participants with molecular modeling and drug discovery tools. SBCADD'2014 would provide an excellent opportunity to keep up with the cutting-edge research and also serve as a platform for delivering new lead molecules more quickly at lower cost through *in silico* methods facilitate target identification, structure prediction and lead/drug discovery.









Glimpses of SBCADD 2014 moments

World Creativity Day 21.04.2014

World Creativity Day was celebrated by the Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University on 21st April 2014. Dr. Karuthiah Pandian I.A.S (Retd), Director, Bharathidasan Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli was the Chief Guest. In Plenary address, he requested the students to reveal their individuality for enhancing the quality of research to meet the global standards. Dr. Subas Chandra Bose, Member-Vice Chancellor officiating Committee, Alagappa University described the importance of the existing rules for the Human resource and Management are for the welfare of the society. Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Dean-Faculty of Arts delivered the Key-note address and Prof. Gurumallesh Prabhu, Special Officer (Planning) provided the felicitation address. Earlier Prof. J. Jeyakanthan welcomed the gathering and explained the importance of celebrating World Creativity Day. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Associate Professor proposed the vote of thanks.





World creativity day was celebrated on 21st April

Conference Attended

UGC-ASC

Dr. J. Jeyakanthan delivered a lecture on High Throughput X-ray Crystallography organized by the Academic Staff College, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore during 5th July 2013.

Workshop on Molecular Modeling & Drug Design

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh attended the workshop and delivered a talk on Current trends in Pharmacoinformatics at PSG College Coimbatore during 14th -20th July 2013.

State level seminar on Advanced Bio Chem Development (ABCD-2013)

Dr. J. Jeyakanthan delivered a lecture on Structural biology and Bioinformatics at Sri Sarada Niketan College for Women, Karaikudi, during 21 August 2013.

Conference on Recent Advances in Computational Drug Design.

Mr. K. Gopinath, Mr. C. Sathish Kumar, Ms. D. Sasikala, Mr. D. Prabhu and Ms. J. Prajisha attended and presented poster at Conference on Recent Advances in Computational Drug Design IISC, Bangalore during 16th -17th September 2013.

2nd IITM- Tokyo Tech Joint Symposium on Techniques and Application of Bioinformatics

Mr.Guru Raj Rao, Mr.Richard Maridasse and Mr.Sanjay Kumar Choubey under the guidance of Dr. J. Jeyakanthan attended and presented poster at 2nd IITM- Tokyo Tech Joint Symposium on Techniques and Application of Bioinformatics IIT Madras during 27th -28th September 2013.

American Society for Borne and Mineral Research (ASBMR) Annual meeting

Dr. M. Karthikeyan attended and presented paper at American Society for Borne and Mineral Research (ASBMR) Annual meeting Baltimore, Maryland, USA during 4th-7th October 2013.

International Seminar on Recent Trends in Aquatic Animal Biotechnology (RTAAB 2013)

Dr. P. Srinivasan and his student A.Sudha attended the International Seminar on Recent Trends in Aquatic Animal Biotechnology at Dept of animal Health & Management, Alagappa University during 21st-22nd October 2013.

42nd National Seminar on Crystallography

Dr. J. Jeyakanthan attended and delivered a lecture on Structural and Functional studies of Leucine Responsive Regulatory protein at 42^{nd} National Seminar on Crystallography AIIMS New Delhi during 8^{th} - 10^{th} November 2013.

54th Annual Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI-2013)

Ms. D. Sasikala under the guidance of Dr. P. Srinivasan attended and presented poster at 54th Annual Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI-2013) during 17th-20th November 2013.

International Conference on Biomolecular Simulations & Dynamics: Recent Advances & Future Perspectives

Dr. P. Kirubikaran attended the International Conference on Biomolecular Simulations & Dynamics: Recent Advances & Future Perspectives at IIT Madras 28th -30th November 2013.

International Science Congress-2013

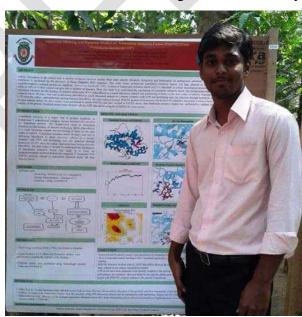
Mrs. A. Sudha, Ms. Vanajothi attended the International Science Congress-2013 Karunya University during 8th -9th December 2013.

Pheonix- Macromolecular Structure Solution Workshop 2014

Dr. J. Jeyakanthan had attended Pheonix- Macromolecular Structure Solution Workshop at University of Madras 21st January 2014.

Recent Trends in Macromolecular Structure and Function (ISRTMSF-2014)

Dr. J. Jeyakanthan along with his two Ph.D Students Mr. D. Prabhu and Ms. J. Prajisha had attended and presented a poster at "Recent Trends in Macromolecular Structure and Function" at University of Madras, Chennai, India during 22nd–24th January, 2014.



National Workshop on Molecular Modelling

Mr. D. Prabhu has attended the National Workshop on Molecular Modelling organized by University of Madras on 25th January 2014.

Recent trends in Macromolecular Crystallography

Dr. J. Jeyakanthan along with his two Ph.D Students, Ms. Prajisha. J and Ms. Jayashree Biswal had attended and presented oral presentation at "Recent Trends in Macromolecular Crystallography" at Pondicherry University Puducherry, India during 12th-13th March, 2014.

National Conference on Innovations, Implementations and Controversies of Animal Biotechnology

Dr. P. Srinivasan attended the National Conference on Innovations, Implementations and Controversies of Animal Biotechnology at Bharathidasan University during 20th & 21st March, 2014.

Insightful Preaching's and Enrichment Program



Invited talk by Dr. C.J. Chen, Professor and Division Head, Life Science Group, Scientific Research Division, National Synchrotron Radiation Research Centre, Taiwan on 28th March, 2013



Visiting Faculties Prof. D. Velmurugan, University of Madras, Chennai (21st – 23rd December, 2013); Dr. V. Subramanian, CLRI, Chennai (24th – 25th December, 2013) and Dr. K. Gunasekaran, University of Madras, Chennai (21st – 22nd October, 2013) to deliver lectures for the PGDSP programme.



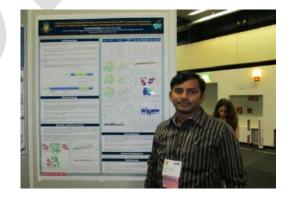
Eminent Scientists Prof. T.P Singh, AIIMS and Prof. Manju Bansal, IISc Bangalore visited and delivered plenary lectures at SBCADD'2014 on 18th February, 2014.

DBI as a Springboard Consultancy for Research Training and Technical Exposure

The abundance of enriched computational and experimental facilities at Department of Bioinformatics a collective sum of revenue has been generated from the consultancy services provided to many students hailing from different institutions to complete their M.Sc Dissertation thesis and carry out their part of Doctoral Research based on their objectives and requirement

1.	Ms. M. Gowri	Sri Ramachandra University	$17^{th} - 30^{th}$ July, 2013
2.	Mr. U. Dinesh Babu	SASTRA University	14 th – 30 th August, 2013
3.	Dr. N. Ramesh Kannan	Srimad Andavan Arts and Science College	21 st – 31 st January, 2014

Students Achievements



Dr. Karnati Konda Reddy's poster presentation at ISMB/ECCB Conference, Berlin, Germany from July, $21^{st} - 23^{rd}$, 2013

Research Projects

S. No.	Principal	Project Title	Period		Funding	Amount
	Investigator		From	То	Agency	₹ (in lakhs)
		Structure and functional studies on PH0140 protein from <i>Pyrococcus horikoshii</i> OT3	07/2012	06/2015	UGC	12.90
		Structural and Functional analysis of Orotate Phosphoribosyl transferase (TTHA1742) and Dihydroorotate Dehydrogenase (TTHA0779) from Thermus thermophilus HB8	07/2012	06/2015	DBT	50.25
1.	Dr. J. Jeyakanthan	Structure determination of CPS and ATCase of Thermus thermophilus HB8 and identification of potential inhibitors	09/2012	08/2015	DBT	32.16
		Structural and Functional Studies of Translation Initiation factors from Pyrococcus horikoshii OT3	01/2013	05/2016	DBT - Twin	77.00
	Structural and Functional Studies of Purine Biosynthesis complex from Pyrococcus horikoshii OT3	07/2013	08/2016	DST	48.98	
		Shape and chemical feature based 3D-Pharmacophore Model generation, Virtual Screening and MESP studies to identify Potential	02/2011	01/2014	UGC	7.48

	Leads for Antifungal				
	Azoles.				
	Computational	05/2011	04/2014	DST	18.95
	Screening of CDK2				
	Inhibitors by				
	Combined approach				
	of Pharmacophoric				
	study, QPLD and				
	Molecular Dynamics				
	Simulation analysis QM/MM partial	03/2012	03/2015	CSIR	16.02
	QM/MM partial charges, binding	03/2012	03/2013	CSIK	10.02
	pocket contours				
	analysis and FEP				
	calculation for				
	designing potent				
	inhibitors of HTLV-				
	Protease: A de novo				
	drug design approach				
	Molecular	07/2011	07/2014	UGC	7.64
	characterization,				
	molecular docking				
	and biocontrol effect				
	of Vibrio				
	bacteriophages from				
	shrimp aquaculture				
	environment				
	Diversity of	08/2012	08/2015	ICMR	16.33
	Salmonella specific				
	bacteriophages in				
	Tamilnadu and				
	screening potent				
	phages to treat salmonellosis				
	Development of	08/2012	08/2015	DST-	23.44
	Microarray for the	00/2012	00/2013	FAST	2J.44
	detection of Bacteria /			TRACK	
	Bacteriophages and			IMACK	
	controlling measures				
	against pathogenic				
	bacteria from shrimp				
	aquaculture				
	environment				
	Investigation of	02/2011	01/2014	CSIR	15.98
	binding of HA Protein				
	with sialic acid ligand				

base lead		
identification of		
neuraminidase		
inhibitor of H1N1		
2009 influenza virus		

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Student's/Scholar's Corner

Scientific BrainBank

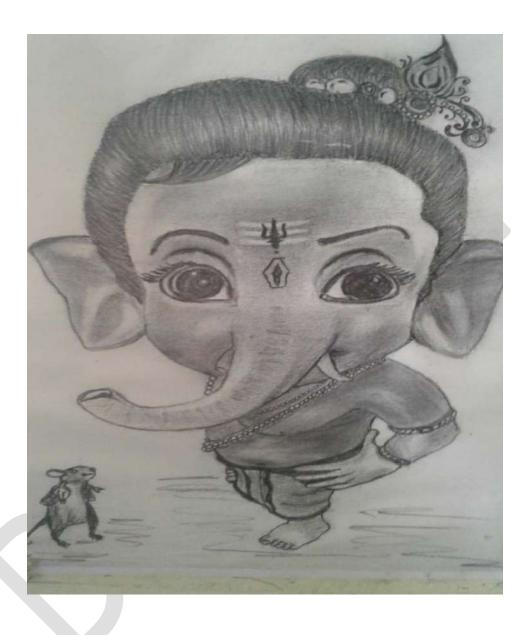
Journal Club has been initiated and followed as a regular practice where the research scholars are made to present on recent research topic of their interest for about 45 - 60 minutes and thereafter deliberations on the much hyped subject leads to the stimulation of thought provoking process and formation of novel ideas for their research doings.

Journal club Schedule

Name	Title of the Paper	Date
Mr. D. Prabhu	Structure based functional inference of hypothetical	05-07-2013
	proteins from mycoplasma hyopneumoniae	
A. Sudha	Anti-inflammatory and Anticancer activities of extracts	12-07-2013
	and compounds from the mushroom Inonotus obliquus	
Kh. Dhanachandra	RYR3 gene polymorphisms and cardiovascular disease	19-07-2013
Singh	outcomes in the context of antihypertensive treatment	
R. Vanajothi	Green tea epigallocatechin-3-gallate protects against	26-07-2013
	oxidative stress-induced nuclear translocation of P53	

	and apoptosis in retinal pigment epithelial cells, ARPE-19	
Sunil Kumar Tripati	Molecular modeling studies on cell cycle regulatory protein and its inhibitors towards therapeutic target for cancer	02-08-2013
P. Kirubakaran	Mechanism of Taq DNA Polymerase inhibition by fulberene derivatives: Insight from computer simulation	16-08-2013
Karnati Konda Reddy	Insights into the Glycyl radical enzyme active site of benzyl succinate synthase A computational study	23-08-2013
Selvaraj. C	Molecular Dynamics simulation study and hybrid pharmacophore model development in human LTA4H inhibitor design	30-08-2013
Gopinath. K	Mispred: a reasource for identification of erroneous protein sequence in public databases.	6-09-2013
Nachiappan. M	Molecular dynamics approach to probe the allosteric inhibition of PTP1B by chlorogenic and cichoric acid	13-09-2013
Rajamanikandan. S	An inhibitory compound produced by pseudomonas with effectiveness of V.harveyi	20-09-2013
Sathish Kumar. C	Green synthesis of biopolymer-silver nanoparticle nanocomposite: An optical sensor for AMMONIA detection.	27-09-2013
Sindhu. T	Scutellarin from Scutellalia baicalensis scepresses adipogenesis by upregulating PPARα in 3T3-L1 cells	04-10-2013
Sureka. K	Structure of PIN-domain protein from Pyrococcus horikoshii OT3	11-10-2013
Sasikala. D	Characterization of induced staphylococcus aureus bacteriophage SAP-26 & its anti-biofilm activity with rifampicin	18-10-2013
Suryanarayanan. V	An innovative strategy for dual inhibitor design and its application in dual inhibition of human thymidylate synthase and dihydrofolate reductase enzymes	25-10-2013
Karthiga. A	Investigating citrullinated proteins in tumor cell lines	08-11-2013
Stalin. N	Isolation and characterization of five lytic bacteriophages infecting a vibrio strain closely related to vibrio owensii	22-11-2013
Prabhu. D	Hypoxia increases antibiotic resistance in pseudomonas aeruginosa through altering the composition of multi drug efflux pumps	29-11-2013
Sureka. K	Crystal structure of cryptosporidium parvum pyruvate kinase	29-11-2013
Renganayaki. M	Complex genetic orgin of Indian populations and its implications	06-12-2013
Prajisha. J	Mycobacterium tuberculosis shikimate kinase inhibitors: Design and simulation studies of the catalytic turn over	13-12-2013

Student's Corner



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Press releases

THE HINDU . THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

Emphasis on extensive research

Special Correspondent

KARAIKUDI: S. Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, has called upon students to carry out extensive research on structural biology and bioinformatics by developing drugs for killer-diseases.

Inaugurating the four-day sixth national symposium cum India Institute of Medical Sciworkshop on 'Recent trends in ences (AIMS) in New Delhi

computer-aided drug design' here on Wednesday, he said scientists and research scholars should work in a dedicated manner to tap the potential of bioinformatics in solving the problems faced by the medicinal chemist.

Prof. T.P. Singh of the Department of Biophysics at All

structural bioinformatics and stressed the need for human resource development in the areas of bioinformatics and computer-aided drug design.

Prof. B. Jayaram, Coordinator, School of Biological Sciences, IIT-Delhi, explained the crucial role bioinformatics tools played in designing toxic-free drug molecule. Prof. Manju Bansal of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, said human genome sequence and biologi-

cal databases were great resources in specialised biology.

Prof. D. Velmurugan of Crystallography and Biophysics department in University of Madras focused on structural bioinformatics and X-ray crystallography and its contribution in the field of drug designing.

All bioinformatics software could be used as a filtration tool for the identification of new drugs, he said.



உடல் நலம் குறித்த ஆராய்ச்சிக்கு போதிய நிதி ஒதுக்குவது இல்லை

தேசிய கருத்தரங்கில் தகவல்

காரைக்குடி, பிப்,21: உடல் நலம் குறித்த ஆராய்ச்சிக்கு போதிய நிதி ஒதுக்குவது இல்லை என தேசிய கருத் தரங்கில் தெரிவிக்கப் பட்டது.

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக உயிர் தகவ லியல் துறை சார்பில் கட்ட மைப்பு உயிரி தகவலியல் மற்றும் கணினி சார்ந்த மருந்து கண்டு பிடிப்புகள் குறித்த தேசிய அளவிலான கருத்தரங்கு துவக்க விழா நடந்தது. உயிரி தகவலியல் துறை தலைவர் ஜெய காந்தன் வரவேற்றார்.

பல் கலைக் கழக துணை வேந்தர் பொறுப்புக்குழு தலைவர் கலிய மூர்த்தி துவக்கி வைத்து பேசுகையில், மூலக் கூறுகளின் செயல்பாடுகள் பற்றி அறிந்து கொள்வ தற்கும், மனித வள மேம் பாட்டிற்கும் கம்ப்யூட்டர் சார்ந்த மருந்து கண்டுபி டிப்பு துறை பல புதிய வழி முறைகளை உருவாக்கி தருகிறது. அறிவியல் வல்லு நர்கள் இத்துறையில் மிகவும் ஈடுபாட்டுடன் செயல்பட வேண்டும் என்றார்.

ஸ் நோட்டிங்கர் அமைப்பின் துணை தலைவர் ரகு பேசுகையில், உயிரி தகவல் தொழில் நுட் பத்தில் புதிய

ஆராய்ச்சி மேற்கொள்ள அறிவியி வேண்டும். ஆராய்ச்சி மூலக்கூற தொழில் கூடங்கள் பியல் துள உருவாக்க வேண்டும். சீனாவில் உயிர் தொழில் நுட்ப வளர்ச்சிக்கு அதிகஅ வியல் மற் ளவில் நித ஒதுக்கப்பட்டு தொழில்நுட்ப கூடங்கள் அதிக அளவில் உருவாக்கப் பட்டுள்ளன. ஐ.டி துறை மற்றும் வின்வெளி ஆராய்ச் சிக்கு அதிக

அளவில் நிதி ஒதுக்கப்பட்டு புதிய கண்டுபிடிப்புகள் உரு வாக்கப்படு கின்றன. ஆனால் உடல் நலம் ஆராய்ச் சிக்கு இது போன்று அதிக அளவில் நிதி ஒதுக்கப்படுவது இல்லை என்றார்.

இதல் அகில இந்திய மருத்துவ அறிவியல் நிறுவ னத்தின் உயிரி இயற்பியல் துறை பேராசிரியர் டிபிசிங், உயிர் அறிவியல் துறை இந்திய தொழில் நட்ப நிறு வன ஒரு ங்கி ணைப்பாளர் ஜெயராமன், பெங்களூரு இந்திய அறிவியல் கழகத்தின் மூலக்கூறு உயிரி இயற் பியல் துறை பேராசிரியர் மஞ்சுபன்சால், சென்னை பல்கலைக்கழக படிக வியல் மற்றும் உயிர் இயற் பியல் துறை தலைவர் வேல் முருகன் உள்பட பலர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். இணைப் பேரா சிரியர் சஞ்சீவ் குமார் நன்றி /சிவகங்கை நகராட்சியில் கலப்பு உரக்கிடங்கின்

சிவகங்கை நகராட்சியில் கழிப்பறை वाम्डी थ्रनंन वीष्ठिमीनं ननंननीर्म क्रिक्न

'அவுட்சோர்சிங்' மூலம் வருக் வரும் உயிரி தகவல் தொழில் நுட்ப பணிகள்

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இந்தியாவில், உயிரி தகவல் தொழில் நுட்ப பணிகள், 'அவுட் சோர்சிங்' முறையில், மேற்கொள் ளும் முறை பெருகி வருவதாக 'ஸ்கோர்டிங்கர்' துணை தலைவர் ரகு பேசினார்.

கழக உயிரி தகவல் துறை சார்பில், 'கட்டமைப்பு உயிரி தகவலியல், மற் றும் கணினி மருந்து கண்டுபிடிப்புக டிக்க வேண்டுமானால், பல்கலை ளின் நவீன வளர்ச்சி' குறித்த தேசிய கருக்கரங்கு பொறுப்பு குழு தலைவர் கலிய மூர்த்தி தலைமையில் நடந்தது.

இதில் ரகு பேசியதாவது: மனித உடலில் 23 ஆயிரம் புரதங்கள் உள்ளன. ஒவ்வொரு புரதமும் ஒவ் வொரு பணியை செய்கிறது. 23 ஆயி ரம் புரதங்களின் முப்பரிமாண மூலக் கூறு வடிவமைப்பை கண்டுபிடிக் நோய் தாக்கத்துக்கு, உரிய மருந்து கும் மேற்பட்ட கம்பெனிகள், கட்டுரைசமர்ப்பித்தனர்.

களை கண்டுபிடிக்க முடியும்.

ஆனால், 4 சதவீதம் புரதங்களுக்கு முப்பரிமாண மூலக்கூறு அமைப்பே கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டு உள்ளது. ஒரு புரதத்துக்குரிய முப்பரி மாண வடிவமைப்பு கண்டுபிடிக்க, ். காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலை முதல் 10 ஆயிரம் கோடி வரை அமைக்கவேண்டும். இதற்கு செலவாகிறது.

அளவில் உள்ள பழைய பாடத்திட் துணைவேந்தர் டங்கள் களையப்பட வேண்டும்.

இந்தியாவில், அவுட்சோர்சிங் என்றார். முறையில், உயிரி சம்பந்தமான, ஆராய்ச்சிக்கு தேவையான பணிகள் செய்யப்படுகிறது. இளைஞர்களின் திறமை இதற்கு தொழில் நுட்ப நிறுவன ஒருங்கி செலவழிக்கப்படுகிறது.

மருந்துகள் பன்னாட்டு கம்பெனி முருகன்பங்கேற்றனர். 50க்கும் மேற் தால் தான், இவற்றால் ஏற்படும் கள், பெயரில் வெளி வருகிறது. 12க் பட்ட மாணவர்கள்

வெளிநாட்டு உயிரி தகவல் துறைக்கு பணி செய்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது. இது பெருகி கொண்டே வருகிறது

இதை மாற்ற, இந்திய அளவில் பல்கலைக்கழகங்களின் ஆராய்ச்சி திறனை மேம்படுத்த வேண்டும். 15 ஆண்டு வரை ஆகிறது. 8 ஆயிரம் பல்கலை கழக ஆராய்ச்சி நூலகம்

மத்திய, மாநில அரசும், அறிவி இவற்றை விரைவாக கண்டுபி யல் துறைக்கு தேவையான கட்ட மைப்பை மேற்கொள்ள முன் வர வேண்டும். ஆராய்ச்சி தொழிற் கூடங்கள் உருவாக வேண்டும்,

துறை தலைவர் ஜெயகாந்தன் வர வேற்றார். எய்ம்ஸ் பேராசிரியர் சிங், இந்திய உயிரி அறிவியல் துறை இந்திய ணைப்பாளர் ஜெயராம், பேராசிரியர் ஆனால், கண்டுபிடிக்கப்படும், வேல்முருகன், சஞ்சீவ்குமார், பால ஆராய்ச்சி



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