

# Faculty Profile of Prof. Sanjay Kapoor

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Ph.D.		Department o	f Botany, Univ	ersity of Delhi		1992
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Career Profile						

Functional Genomics of Reproductive Development in Rice:

The process of sexual reproduction in plants is one of the most important developmental event that not only is essential for propagation to next generation but also is important for human sustenance as plant seed/fruits resulting from in crop plants are used for human consumption. Three landmark events, (1) meiosis that marks the transition of sporophytic to gametophytic phase of development, (2) predetermined number of mitotic divisions giving rise to two sperm cells in pollen and a seven-celled embryo sac in the ovule and (3) starch accumulation in pollen grains prior to anther dehiscence, determine the success and fidelity of sexual reproduction. In this project, we aim to generate knowledge on molecular aspects of regulation of reproductive development in rice and develop precision tools for manipulation of biotechnologically relevant traits.

Characterizing the molecular-physiological basis of pollen abortion upon prolonged high temperature stress

Pollen development is a key heat-sensitive process in a variety of plant species, including mono- and dicots, and is pivotal for yield in many crops. The cause of lowered pollen viability under elevated temperature conditions has not yet been identified, but literature points at an important role for the tapetum and phytohormone signaling. In this project, we will combine phytohormone analyses and transcriptomics with modification of genetic backgrounds to establish in detail how the hormone, RNA-interference and anther-identity pathways in tomato and rice interact and are impacted by elevated temperature. Finally, we will address how the classical heat-shock-protein system interacts with the these pathways. Based on the results we will propose a molecular-physiological model for high

temperature-induced pollen defects. We expect the project to contribute genetic and chemical targets and tools for improving resilience of crops to heat stress. Since stress-induced male sterility is a widespread and seemingly conserved phenomenon in plants, the findings of this project might prove relevant to other systems.

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Administrative Assignments

Member of the Telephone/Networking Committee for South Campus Member of the Security Committee of South Campus Member Task Force on Re-engineering

Areas of Interest / Specialization

Molecular Analysis of Reproductive Development; Functional Genomics Understanding impact of Heat Stress on Pollen Development

Subjects Taught

Molecular Cell Biology Photosynthesis Prokaryotic Gene regulation Structure and function of Eukaryotic Genomes

**Research Guidance** 

List against each head (If applicable)

Supervision of awarded Doctoral Thesis
Supervision of Doctoral Thesis, under progress
Supervision of awarded M.Phil dissertations
Supervision of M.Phil dissertations, under progress

### Publications Profile

List against each head (If applicable) (as Illustrated with examples)

- 1. Books/Monographs (Authored/Edited) --
- 2. Research papers published in Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals (58)
- 3. Research papers published in Academic Journals other than Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals (13)
- 4. Other publications (Edited works, Book reviews, Festschrift volumes, etc.) 2 Patents; 5 Patents pending

## **Publications:**

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- **12.** Kanwar P, Sanyal SK, Tokas I, Yadav AK, Pandey A, Kapoor S, Pandey GK (2014) Comprehensive structural, interaction and expression analysis of CBL and CIPK complement during abiotic stresses and development in rice. Cell Calcium.
- 13. Sharma M, Singh A, Shankar A, Pandey A, V Baranwal V, Kapoor S, Tyagi AK, Pandey GK (2014) Comprehensive Expression Analysis of Rice Armadillo Gene Family During Abiotic Stress and Development. DNA Research, dst056
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- 27. Kumar R, Sharma MK, Kapoor S, Tyagi AK, Sharma AK (2012) Transcriptome analysis of rin mutant fruit and in silico analysis of promoters of differentially regulated genes provides insight into LeMADS-RIN-regulated ethylene-dependent as well as ethylene-independent aspects of ripening in tomato. Molecular Genetics Genomics. doi: 10.1007/s00438-011-0671-7
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- **29.** Sharma R, Agarwal P, Ray S, Deveshwar P, Sharma P, Sharma N, Nijhawan A, Jain M, Singh AK, Singh VP, Tyagi AK and Kapoor S (2012) Expression dynamics of metabolic and regulatory components across stages of panicle and seed development in indica rice. Functional & Integrative Genomics 12(2):229-248.
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- **40.** Raghuvanshi, S., Kapoor, M., Tyagi, S., Kapoor, S., Khurana, P., Khurana, J., and Tyagi, A. (2010). Rice genomics moves ahead. Molecular Breeding 26, 257-273.
- **41.** Gaur, R., Grover, T., Sharma, R., Kapoor, S., and Khare, S.K.(2010). Purification and characterization of a solvent stable aminopeptidase from Pseudomonas aeruginosa: Cloning and analysis of aminopeptidase gene conferring solvent stability. Process Biochemistry 45, 757-764.
- **42.** Sharma R, Mohan Singh RK, Malik G, Deveshwar P, Tyagi AK, Kapoor S, and Kapoor M (2009). Rice cytosine DNA methyltransferases - Gene expression profiling during reproductive development and abiotic stress. FEBS Journal 276, 6301-6311.
- **43.** Bovill WD, Deveshwar P, Kapoor S, and Able JA (2009). Whole genome approaches to identify early meiotic gene candidates in cereals. Functional and Integrative Genomics 9, 219-229.
- **44.** Vij, S., Giri, J., Dansana, P.K., Kapoor, S., and Tyagi, A.K. (2008). The receptor-like cytoplasmic kinase (OsRLCK) gene family in rice: organization, phylogenetic relationship, and expression during development and stress. Molecular plant 1, 732-750.
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- **56.** Kapoor, S., Maheshwari, S.C. and Tyagi, A.K. (1994). Developmental and light-dependent cues interact to establish steady-state levels of transcripts for photosynthesis related genes (psbA, psbD, psaA and rbcL) in rice (Oryza saliva L.). Current Genetics 25:362-366.
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  - b. Australlia patent, No. 779285, 2005.1.13,
  - c. Korea Patent No.455620, 2004.10.26.,
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- **73.** Method of making sterile petunia plants by transformation with a nucleic acid encoding a zinc finger transcription factor'
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**77.** Kapoor Sanjay, Tyagi K. Akhilesh and Priyanka Deveshwar (2011). Tissue-specific promoter and uses thereof. India No. 1146/DEL/2011 (Pending)

Conference Organization/ Presentations (in the last three years)

List against each head (If applicable)

- 1. Organization of a Conference 1
- 2. Participation as Paper/Poster Presenter 6

#### Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

- 2012-2014 Role: Principle Investigator; <u>A DST-JSPS Indo-Japanese collaborative project</u> on "Elucidation of Mechanical Basis of Plant Gene Regulation for promotion of Plant Utilization. Indo-Japanese Joint Project between University of Delhi South Campus and Nagoya City University, Nagoya Japan.
- 2009 2012; Role: Co-Principle Investigator; Funding National Agriculture Innovation Project. BIOPROSPECTING OF GENES AND ALLELE MINING FOR ABIOTIC STRESS TOLERANCE
- 2009 2014; Role: Principle Investigator; Funding DBT. <u>National Consortium for Functional Genomics of Rice</u> (NCFGR): Phase II; Functional Analysis of Gene Regulatory Networks During Flower and Seed Development in Rice.
- 2008 2011; Role: Principle Investigator; Funding DBT. Screening of Biotechnologically Useful Enzymes in Halophiles/Haloalkaliphiles from Coastal Areas of Gujarat: Molecular and Functional Characterization for Industrial Applications. A collaborative Project Between UDSC, IIT Delhi and Saurashtra University.
- 2007 2012; Role: Co-Team Leader; Funding: DBT. <u>Center of Excellence</u> (DBT): Development of High Throughput Approaches to Understand Molecular Basis of Heterosis in Rice for Precision Breeding: A collaborative project between University of Delhi South Campus and Maharashtra Hybrid Seed Company Ltd.
- 2007 2011; Role: Principle Investigator; Funding DST. Control of Floral Organ Development by Methylome Profiling Using High Density Microarrays in Rice. A collaborative project between UDSC and GGS Indraprastha University.
- 2007 2010; Role: Principle Investigator; Funding: <u>DST-DEST-Australia-India Strategic Research Fund</u>. Meiosis in wheat and rice: are the interactions and regulation of this process conserved between other diverse eukaryote organisms? Indo-Australian Joint Project between University of Delhi South Campus and Adelaide University, South Australia.
- 2004-2009; Role: Principal Investigator; Funding: DBT. Identification and functional analysis of transcription factors and signal transduction components involved in the regulation of reproductive floral-organ development in rice.

Awards and Distinctions

- 1. Science and Technology Agency Japan -- Foreign Scientist (1997-1999)
- 2. JSPS (Japan society for the Promotion of Science) -- Post-doctoral fellowship (1995-1997).
- 3. Japanese Government ("Monbusho"—Ministry of Education and Culture) Fellowship (1992-94).
- 4. Member, Editorial board, Journal of Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology (2010 ~)
- 5. Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India (December 7, 2013~)

### Association With Professional Bodies

- 1. Editorial Board member, Rice (2019~)
- 2. Associate Editor, Journal of Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology (2010  $^{\sim})$
- 3. Memberships: Japanese Society for the promotion of Science (JSPS), Japan

## **Other Activities**

**Vice Precedent**: MOSAI, Monbusho Scholar Association of India (an Indo Japan professional and cultural ties promoting organization)

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