

Central University of Jammu faculty received prestigious award in the 12th Jammu Kashmir Science Congress-2017

It's a matter of prestige for the Central University of Jammu that **Dr. Deepak Bhardwaj** and **Dr. Vikas Srivastava**; Assistant Professors in the Department of Plant Sciences received **Best Oral Presentation Award** in the **12th Jammu & Kashmir Science Congress-2017**, held in University of Jammu from 2nd to 4th March 2017.

Dr. Deepak Bhardwaj won first prize for oral presentation in the section of 'Biochemistry, Microbiology, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics' for the paper entitled "**G-protein beta subunit (*PsGβ*) interacts with Glycine Rich RNA binding protein (*PsGRRBP*) to regulate nuclear functioning**", while **Dr. Vikas Srivastava** won the second prize for oral presentation in the section of Botany and Agriculture for the paper entitled "**Investigation of Interaction and Modulation of Chickpea WRKYs in Development and Stress**".

Also, **Ms. Mehak Mahajan**, Senior Technical Assistant in the Biosciences division of CUJ, won the second prize for oral presentation in the 'Environmental Sciences and Forestry' section for the paper entitled "**Studies on the Accumulation of Heavy Metals in *Channa punctatus* and *Channa marulius*, Inhabiting River Basantar, Jammu.**

All the awardees received the award from **Shri Jenab Sajad Gani Lone**, Honorable Minister for Social Welfare, ARI & Trainings and Science & Technology, Jammu and Kashmir; **Dr. Surinder Singh**, Director, National Institute of Biologicals, Noida, Uttar Pradesh; **Prof. Geeta Sumbali**, Organizing Secretary, JKSC-2017, University of Jammu; **Prof. D.S Jamwal**, Co-Organizing Secretary, JKSC-2017, University of Jammu; **Prof. Rajni Dhingra**, Dean Faculty of Science, University of Jammu; **Prof. Jigar Mohammed**, Dean Research Studies and, **Prof. Keshav Sharma**, Registrar, University of Jammu.