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1. NATIONAL-LEVEL COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS – E CELL FEST

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY, PAYYANUR COLLEGE, PAYYANUR

National-level competition for students - E Cell Fest (an IIT Kharagpur event)

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Two-day workshop Novel Synthesis and Biofunctionalisation of GNPs & AgNs for anticancer activity

The Department of Botany at Payyanur College, Payyanur, hosted the first round of a nationallevel competition for students in association with E Cell Fest (an IIT Kharagpur event) on January 11th and 12th, 2019. The competition took the form of a two-day workshop based on the topic' Novel Synthesis and biofunctionalisation of GNPs & AgNs for anticancer activity'. At the end of the workshop, five students were selected to participate in the second round, which was scheduled to be held at IIT Kharagpur.

Aims:

- 1.To promote innovation and scientific research in the field of nanotechnology and cancer therapy.
- 2.To encourage students to explore novel approaches to combat cancer using nanoparticles.
- 3.To foster collaboration between educational institutions and industry experts.

Participants are required to synthesize gold nanoparticles (GNPs) and silver nanoparticles (AgNs) using innovative methods in the first round of competition. Following this, the nanoparticles will be subjected to biofunctionalization with specific ligands or molecules intended to augment their potential as anticancer agents. Subsequently, the biofunctionalized nanoparticles will undergo in vitro assessments to determine their effectiveness in impeding the growth of cancer cells. The program will also include an investigation into the safety and compatibility of these nanoparticles with non-cancerous cells, which is an integral part of second round. Industrial Training Expert Ms. Jyoti Bala conducted the workshop, and, in the end, the following five students were chosen. Unfortunately, due to their

university examinations overlapping with the competition date, they were unable to attend the second round held at IIT Kharagpur. The program was in association with makeintern.com, which provides opportunities for students to excel in scientific skills.





LIST OF STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE SECOND ROUND - IIT KHARAGPUR EVENT

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Inaugural session





Workshop sessions



The faculties of the Botany Department and the Trainer with the students selected for the second round.



