Nominations are invited for the following 2 prizes:

(1) **Dr R. B. Ekbote prize**: The prize is in recognition of significant research contribution in the various areas of Botany including Agricultural Botany, Plant Breeding/Genetics and Cytogenetics and consists of a citation and a token cash award of Rs 5000.

(2) **Shri V. P. Gokhale prize**: The prize is in recognition of significant research contribution in the various areas of Mycology and Plant Pathology in general, preferably work done in the area of wheat rust research, diseases of cotton and other grains and cereals and consists of a citation and a token cash award of Rs 5000.

The prizes would be awarded on **18 November 2005** during the Founder’s day function.

Nominations of interested scientists may be sent for the above two prizes separately giving the details like name of the candidate, address for correspondence, institutional affiliation, educational qualifications from 1st degree onwards, special honours/awards/prizes, professional career with designation of post(s) held, names of two referees with addresses who can be contacted for writing reference on your behalf, brief statement about significant (basic and applied) research contributions made by the candidate in last five years (not more than 250 words), list of publications during the last ten years, future plans for research and extension work (not more than 250 words). The emphasis is on the research work carried out during last five years. Nominations should reach the Hon. Secretary, MACS by **30 September 2005**.

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**TEMPORARY POSITION AVAILABLE**

Applications are invited from candidates for a position of **Junior Research Fellow** in the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India funded research project entitled ‘**A study on the transforming growth factor-β signaling intermediate, SMAD3, in human cervical cancer**’, at the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology. The duration of the Project is three years and the post is coterminus with the project.

**Essential qualifications**: M.Sc. degree (minimum 55% marks) in Biochemistry/Biotechnology of any branch of animal/medical sciences. Net qualification with experience in mammalian cell culture and/or molecular biology desirable.

**Emoluments**: Rs 8000 + 15% HRA

Suitably qualified candidates are advised to send their application, on plain paper with a copy of the full resume and attested photocopies of credentials and experience, to the undersigned on or before **30 August 2005**.

Sd/-

Controller, RGCB