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# SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS CONDUCTED BY DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

1. Event: Seminar

2. Title of the Event: Rosalind Franklin Seminar Series

**3. Date & Duration:** 19<sup>th</sup> Sepetember, 2025 (3:30 pm – 6 pm)

4. Objective/Motivation of the Event:

Transient receptor potential (TRP) channels are a family of ion channels known for their role in plasma membrane signalling. However, recent studies highlight their critical involvement in regulating the structure and function of intracellular organelles, particularly mitochondria and lysosomes. These organelles are essential for cellular energy production, homeostasis, and waste clearance, with their dysfunction linked to numerous diseases.

The seminar aims to bring together learned professionals, faculty members, research scholars and students to discuss and understand the emerging role of TRP channels in mitochondrial dynamics and lysosomal function. Specifically, it focuses on how TRP channels influence: regulate calcium signalling, oxidative stress, and mitochondrial bioenergetics, impacting processes like fission, fusion, and apoptosis. Disruption of these processes contributes to neurodegenerative diseases, cancer, and cardiovascular conditions.

- **5.** Theme of the Event: Exploring the role of TRP channels in regulating organelle dynamics and their impact on mitochondria- and lysosome-related diseases.
- 6. Funding Agency: NA
- 7. Funds Received (In Rs.): NA
- 8. Technical Session (Details)
  - i. No. of Technical sessions conducted: 01
- **9. Title of the Technical sessions:** "TRP channels as regulators for sub-cellular organelle structure and functions: Importance in mitochondria and lysosome mediated pathophysiology"
- **10.** Chairperson of the technical session: Prof. Raj Kumar Joshi (Head, Department of Biotechnology)
- **11. Resource persons (Details):** Prof. Chandan Goswami, School of Biological Sciences, National Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhubaneswar

### 12. Participants Details (Indicate Numbers only)

i. Scientists/Faculty/Members of industry: 7

ii. Ph. D. Scholars: 13

iii. Students: 89

#### 13. Outcomes of the Event:

The 12<sup>th</sup> Rosalind Franklin series titled "TRP channels as regulators for sub-cellular organelle structure and functions: Importance in mitochondria and lysosome mediated pathophysiology" was an enlightening experience which provided information about the significant role of the TRPV sub-family of ion channels, particularly TRPV3 and TRPV4, in cellular and organelle function. The TRPV group is notable for its thermo-sensitivity, with certain members, like TRPV1, being regulated by temperature and exhibiting "thermo-gated behaviour." Mutations in these channels can lead to channelopathies, a group of disorders caused by dysfunctional ion channel activity. Prof. Goswami referred to the 2021 Nobel Prize awarded to Prof. David Julius for his pioneering work on TRPV1, the "Capsaicin Receptor," emphasizing the importance of TRPV channels in sensory functions and temperature sensitivity. Focusing on the lab's recent findings, Prof. Goswami shared research on the presence of TRPV4 in a subset of mitochondria and TRPV3 in lysosomes. The research demonstrated that TRPV4 regulates several mitochondrial processes, including morphology, fission-fusion dynamics, ER-mitochondrial contact points, metabolism, and mitochondrial temperature. Similarly, TRPV3 was shown to influence lysosomal functions, notably regulating lysosomal pH and Ca<sup>2+</sup> levels. Prof. Goswami further suggested that these findings point to a critical involvement of TRPV4 in several channelopathies, including Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease and various forms of Skeletal Dysplasia. Additionally, mutations in TRPV3 were linked to Olmsted Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder, which Prof. Goswami proposed could be classified as a lysosomal disorder. At the end of the event, students were equipped with knowledge about the role of TRP channels in regulating mitochondrial and lysosomal functions, and their impact on cellular homeostasis in health and disease. The event concluded with remarks by Prof. Raj Kumar Joshi on the significance of TRP channels in mitochondrial dynamics, lysosomal function, and potential therapeutic targets for diseases associated with organelle dysfunction.

#### 14. Recommendations (if any):

The organizing committee was very pleased with the overall execution of the event in a smooth and successful manner.

## 15. Selected Photographs: Enclosed



Prof. Raj Kumar Joshi and Prof. Chandan Goswami at the 12<sup>th</sup> Rosalind Franklin Seminar Series



Prof. Chandan Goswami delivering the lecture on "TRP channels as regulators for sub cellular organelle structure and functions: Importance in mitochondria and lysosome mediated pathophysiology"



Audience during the event



Felicitation of esteemed speaker by Prof. Raj Kumar Joshi and faculty members of the department



Group photo of esteemed speaker with faculty members, research scholars and students.

# ATTENDANCE SHEET

Date: 19.09.25

Event name: ROSALIND FRANKLIN SEMINAR SERIES

Speaker: Prof. Chandan Goswami, School of Biological Sciences, NISER, Bhubaneswar.

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