

National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi

## **DBT-NIPGR examining potential for anti-COVID drugs from plant products**

The Department of Biotechnology's New Delhi-based National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR) is looking into ways by which it could contribute to the global efforts to come out with new interventions to effectively tackle the COVID 19 pandemic sweeping the world. A team of researchers at the Institute led by Dr. Ashutosh Pandey is working to find drugs against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The group is rigorously exploring plant natural products, specifically flavonoids that are potentially anti-viral in nature. The potential activity of the identified molecule/s against SARS-CoV-2 will be tested in collaboration with the Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad.

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