

## **Dr. Ashish Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences awarded the INSA Medal for Young Scientist (2015)**



Dr. Ashish Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences has been awarded the INSA Medal for Young Scientist (2015) by the Indian National Science Academy.

The INSA Medal for Young Scientist, considered to be the highest recognition of promise, creativity and excellence in a young scientist for notable research contributions in the field of Science and Technology, is made annually to those distinguished for these attributes as evidenced by their research work carried out in India. He was selected for the award in recognition of his discovery and functional characterization of the homologue of eukaryotic Origin Recognition Complex (ORC) subunits in Plasmodium. He identified the presence of proliferating cell

nuclear antigen (PfPCNA) Interacting Protein (PIP) motif in PfOrcl and confirmed the physical interaction between PfORC and PfPCNA by interaction studies and complementation assay.

Dr. Gupta had previously been awarded the prestigious Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award (IYBA) for the year 2014 by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, New Delhi for his work in the area of parasite biology, the US Army Postdoctoral fellowship award for his work on Breast cancer and Prof. M.B. Mirza Award for the year 2014 by Indian Society for Parasitology for the best published research work done in the field of Parasitology at the 25th National congress of Parasitology held at CDRI-Lucknow.