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Dr Manoj Kumar

Dr Manoj Kumar serves as a Scientist at the ICAR – Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology, located in Mumbai. He attained his MSc and PhD in Biochemistry from ICAR – Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in New Delhi. Dr Kumar has been awarded the esteemed ‘Prime Minister Fellowship Award’ and the ‘ICAR – IARI Gold Medal’ in recognition of his exceptional research during his doctoral studies. Dr Kumar was also awarded the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) Twitter Contest Award 2022 in the Cotton Research category during the commemoration of World Cotton Day 2022. In recognition of his substantial contributions to the fields of agriculture and cotton, including its by-products, Dr Kumar was honoured with the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) – Young Scientist Award for 2023. During his involvement in an externally funded project from the Science for Equity, Empowerment, and Development (SEED), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, he successfully obtained ultra-low gossypol protein from cottonseed. He was also selected as one of the candidates for the ICAC-Research Associate Program 2023. Dr Kumar has published more than 150 articles in peer-reviewed international journals and has been ranked among the top 2% of scientists worldwide, according to the list released by Stanford University in collaboration with Elsevier.