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PRESS RELEASE: Prof. Gaurav Ahuja Named EMBO Young Investigator, Joins Esteemed Community of Scientists

6th December 2023, [New Delhi] – IIIT-Delhi proudly announces that Professor Gaurav Ahuja has been selected as one of the 26 outstanding scientists to join the prestigious EMBO Young Investigator Programme. This initiative, which supports exceptional young group leaders in the early stages of their independent careers, has welcomed Prof. Ahuja into a distinguished community of more than 700 current and former awardees.

The EMBO Young Investigator Programme, renowned for identifying and fostering rising stars in the scientific community, has chosen Prof. Ahuja for his groundbreaking research project, titled "Functional Elucidation of the Dark Molecules of Life." Through this initiative, starting in January 2024, Prof. Ahuja will receive comprehensive financial and practical support, enabling him to advance his cutting-edge research.

Prof. Ahuja expressed his gratitude, stating, "I am honored and excited to be selected as an EMBO Young Investigator. This prestigious recognition not only validates the importance of our research on the dark molecules of life but also opens up avenues for collaboration and learning on a global scale. I look forward to contributing to the vibrant community of EMBO Young Investigators and advancing scientific knowledge in my field."

Fiona Watt, EMBO Director, emphasized the importance of early career connections, stating, "The Young Investigator Programme aims to catalyze such interactions by offering scientists opportunities to build international networks and explore different ways of doing science. The exceptional young scientists joining the programme will, no doubt, have a tremendous impact in their respective research fields in the years ahead."

The EMBO Young Investigator Programme provides a range of benefits, including networking opportunities, leadership skills training, responsible research practices, support for lab members, and access to core facilities at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL).

Prof. Ahuja, along with the 25 other new EMBO Young Investigators, will contribute to expanding the current enrollment on the EMBO Young Investigator Programme to 151 researchers. The programme's success rate in 2023 was 13%, and eligible candidates must have less than four years of experience in independent research positions, demonstrating an excellent track record of scientific achievements.

About EMBO: EMBO is an organization of more than 2,000 leading researchers that promotes excellence in the life sciences in Europe and beyond. The major goals of the organization are to support talented researchers at all stages of their careers, stimulate the exchange of scientific information, and help build a research environment where scientists can achieve their best work.

For further details about the EMBO Young Investigator Programme, including eligibility criteria and the application process, please visit: www.embo.org/funding/fellowships-grants-and-career-support/young-investigator-programme