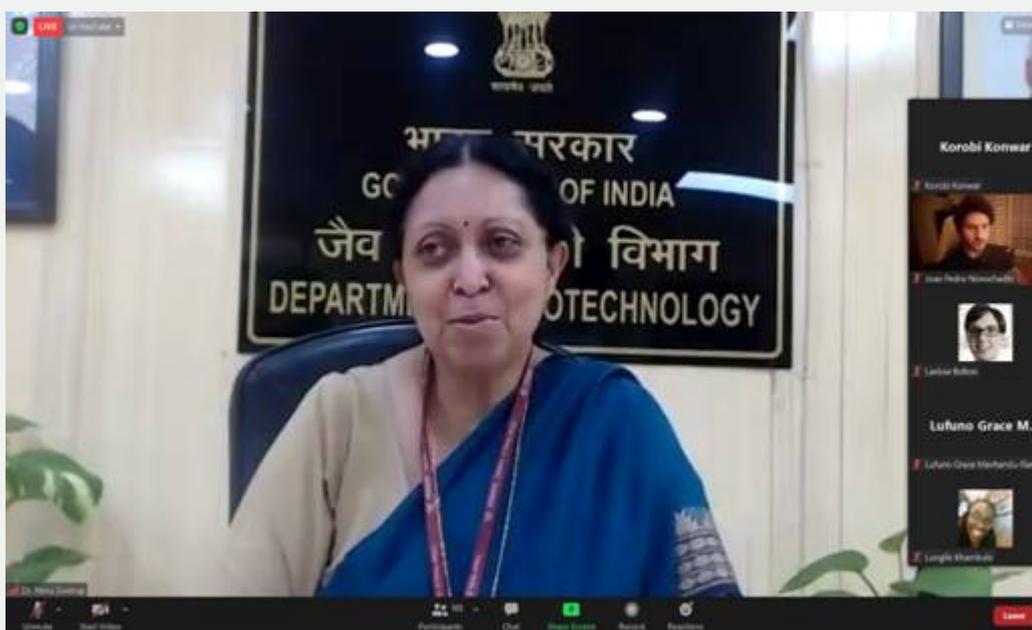


IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION, COLLABORATION & CONNECTIONS IN SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTED AT BRICS YOUNG SCIENTISTS FORUM

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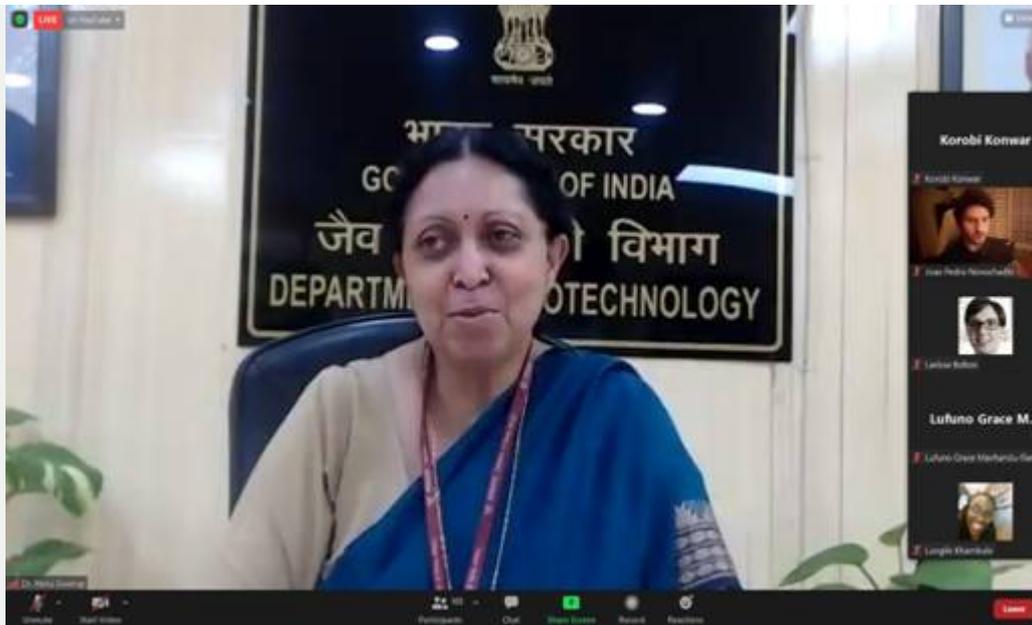
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