

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, VISVA-BHARATI



HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Biotechnology started as a "Centre for Biotechnology" in 1997 at Visva-Bharati. From 2004, the Department of Biotechnology, GoI started supporting the two-year Biotechnology M.Sc. program of the Centre; under this sponsorship, the Centre received substantial financial support for instrument purchases, practical classes, project works, books purchase, student stipends etc. Students from all over India got admitted in this course through the combined entrance Examination of Biotechnology conducted by JNU from 2004-05 academic year. The Centre was converted to a Department in 2010. In 2012 the department received DST-FIST support for five years. The department has a total of thirteen sanctioned faculty positions. It has two theory class rooms out of which one is fitted with overhead projector, one Practical class room, one instrument room, one office room and six research laboratories. To help running the Department, the university has also appointed four non-teaching staff, of which three are on contract basis. The present student strength sanctioned by the DBT(GoI) is 20 and for their admission the existing reservation policy of the Government is followed. In 2020 the DBT (GoI) extended the support to the department for five more years until 2025. The Department is growing steadily with every faculty having multiple projects from external funding agencies and a good number of research scholars working and publishing papers in referred journals with good impact factors, both nationally and internationally. Many of these pass-out students are currently engaged in research and teaching in academia and industry. It is expected that with the recruitment of new faculty, this teaching and research strength of this department will be reaching a new height of performance.

PROGRAMMES AND COURSES OFFERED

| Programme Name | No. of Courses |
|------------------------|----------------|
| M.Sc. in Biotechnology | 20 |
| PhD. In Biotechnology | 4 |