<u>Uniqueness</u>

The Department of Biotechnology was setup in 1997 by the school of Life Sciences (Department of Zoology and Botany) Visva Bharati. This department has progressed to a full department in 2004. It has six core faculties as of date, who have strong academic backgrounds. Many EMR projects have been executed by the faculties. The department has been supported by DST - FIST (Phase I). It has a support of DBT - HRD for running the PG programme (M.Sc. in Biotechnology) which it supports financially in terms of scholarship for the students as well as for conducting their practicals and projects/thesis. The department has five non teaching staff to support the teaching activities in the department. The department has many high-end instruments which facilitate the teaching and research activities.