

Workshop on 'Basic Molecular Biology Laboratory Tools and Techniques' held

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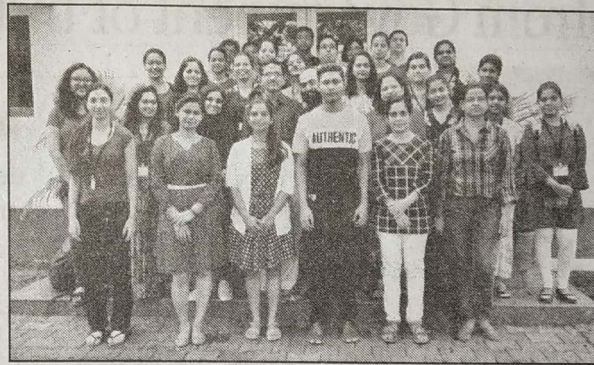
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Zuarinagar: BITS BIRAC BioNEST, Innovation Lab set up at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus organised a five-day workshop on 'Basic Molecular Biology Laboratory Tools and Techniques' from July 9 to 13.

The workshop was conducted by faculty members and doctoral students of BITS Pilani's Department of Biological Sciences. Course director Dr Malabika Biswas and resource persons Dr Arnab Banerjee and Dr Indrani Talukdar designed the workshop and conducted the sessions. Prof Anasuya

Ganguly and Prof Sumit Biswas were invited as guest speakers. PhD scholars Vijay, Fiona, Pranjita and Pooja also conducted few hands-on sessions.

Faculty members, researcher scholars and students from various institutes from Goa as well as from neighbouring states participated in this workshop. Participants from reputed educational institutes such as Kamaraj College of Engineering & Technology, Tamil Nadu; St Aloysius Autonomous College, Mangaluru; NMAM Institute of Technology, Udipi and from BITS Pilani participated in the hands-on workshop. Institutions from Goa such as Chowgule College of Arts & Sci-



Faculty members and doctoral students of BITS Pilani's Department of Biological Sciences along with students who participated in the workshop.

ence, Margao; Govt College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Khandola; Dhempe College of Arts & Science, Panaji; and Goa College of Pharmacy, Panaji nominated their faculty members

and students.

The workshop focused on basic molecular biology theoretical knowledge with emphasis on hands-on training through experimentation. The workshop

was intended to enable participants to clone and over express the gene of interest themselves. Participants received the training with enthusiasm and expressed keenness to use the BioNEST for future projects. BITS BIRAC BioNEST, set up in January this year, would be conducting many such workshops with the aim of providing young scientists a chance to learn by doing. This Innovation Lab would provide incubation support to the entrepreneurs in the verticals of healthcare and environment by providing them equipment, space and supporting facilities to test their ideas, prototype in the lab and take it to the market.