**Department of Biotechnology**

**Lady Tata Memorial Trust Sponsored Three Day workshop on ‘Basic techniques for understanding epigenetics’**

The Department of Biotechnology conducted a three-day workshop on “‘**Basic techniques for understanding epigenetics’** for the teachers from various colleges across Maharashtra. The workshop, held between and 28th and 30th November2019 was supported by the ‘Teachers training programme’ of the Lady Tata Memorial Trust. The department received Rs3,21,000 towards conducting the workshop and purchasing equipment and reagents required for the same.

This workshop was aimed at addressing the basic principles of epigenetics, the role of epigenetic mechanisms in normal development and human disease, and the development of epigenetically-effective drugs. Another objective of the program was to provide a solid foundation of information in order to understand the literature in this rapidly growing field. 30 teachers were selected for the workshop on the basis of their statements of purpose. The key note speaker was Dr Sanjay Gupta, ACTREC, Navi Mumbai. The lectures on different topics related to epigenetics were delivered by eminent scientists from ACTREC, CBS and NIRRH. The practical sessions were conducted at our college and at ACTREC by the staff members of Gupta Lab, ACTREC