

## VIRTUAL INAUGURATION OF NOVASEQ 6000 AND UNVEILING THE NEW BIOTECHNOLOGY POLICY FACILITY

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shree Bhupendra Patel, announced the new Biotechnology Policy 2022-27 at the Science City, Ahmedabad, on February 18, 2022. The policy was announced with the expectation of over Rs. 20,000 crore in capital investment and aid to more than 500 enterprises in the state, which will most likely result in the creation of over 1.20 lakh new job opportunities. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also launched Illumina NovaSeq 6000 through a virtual platform. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, GBRC deployed a new instrument, the Illumina NovaSeq 6000. The adoption of the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 at the GBRC facility will provide a technological boost to Gujarat's genome sequencing capabilities. This equipment will be capable of sequencing 1,000 samples per month.



## GUJARAT VIGYAN SAMMELAN - 2022

On the footprints of the Central Government theme of celebrating Indian Sciences and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, GBRC, in association with Vigyan Gurjari (Gujarat state unit of VIBHA, New Delhi), organised a national level event entitled "Gujarat Vigyan Sammelan (GVS-2022)" from January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with the prime focus of disseminating the real enjoyment of science in an inclusive manner. GVS-2022 brought all scientific mindsets together on a single platform. GBRC operates under the auspices of GVS-2022. The GBRC hosted a thematic conference on "Biological Sciences and Technology" on January 31, 2022, under the guidance of Prof. Chaitanya Joshi, Director, GBRC, who is also the State President, Vigyan Gurjari, and Event Chairperson for GVS-2022, with the goal of discussing cutting-edge findings from various domains of biotechnology and their correlation with Indian sciences.



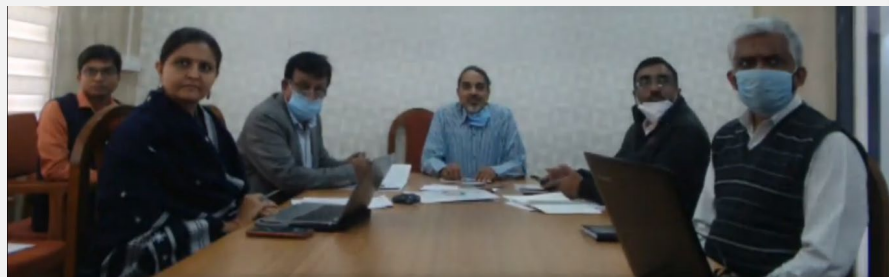






## RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING

The RAC meeting of the GBRC was held on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All finished and continuing projects were discussed and critically reviewed at the RAC conference. The RAC's primary function is to advise the GBRC on various research goals and to keep track of the Centre's scientific and technical progress. The goal also included providing scientific input on planning, new programs, schemes, projects, activities related to research and development, human resource development, facility development, and other issues, as well as facilitating GBRC's networking and collaboration within the scientific community both internationally and within the country. The meeting was quite productive, and panel members offered a number of key comments.



## Team Capacity Building



GBRC members Dr. Satyamitra Shekh (Scientist-B) and Sadik Dantoliya (SRF) attended the training on "Handling of Campylobacter cultures" for "One Health Poultry Hub" project during 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at Gobind Ballabh Pant University (G.B. Pant).

## INVITED TALKS BY GBRC TEAM

### Prof. C.G. Joshi (Director)

- Invited for a lecture on "Role of GBRC in COVID-19 Pandemic" at MSU, Vadodara on the occasion of National Science Day on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2022 celebrated on the theme of Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate.

### Dr. Madhvi Joshi

#### Joint Director (Scientist-D)

- Dr. Madhvi Joshi was invited to give a talk at Clinician Conference at State Health Team on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- Dr. Madhvi Joshi, Joint Director, GBRC, has been invited to give a talk on "One Health Approach on COVID-19 Management" on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Charotar University of Science and Technology (CHARUSAT), Changa, in honour of Science Day.

### Dr. Amrutlal Patel

#### Joint Director (Scientist-D)

- Invited for an expert lecture at SRISTI, Ahmedabad for BIRACs SITARE-BIIS 10 program on the topic "Applications of Biotechnology to Veterinary Medicine" on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2022.

## ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

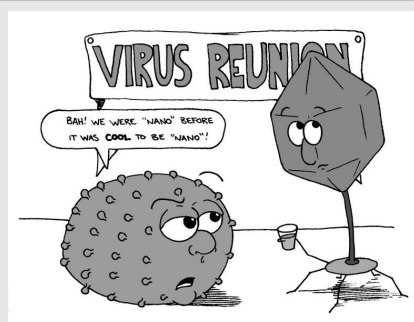
**GBRC would like to extend a hearty welcome of new members to the family**

- Rakeshpal Bhagat
- Chavan Monica
- Monika Jain
- Shreya Kalan
- Sangeeta Kumari
- Bhagirathbhai Dave
- Rahul Parmar
- Krisha Thakkar
- Neha Trivedi
- Krishna Bharwad
- Vemula Harshini
- Maheshkumar Barad
- Aman Tripathi
- Animesh Singh
- Dixsha Jamkhandi
- Pooja Patel

**GBRC wishes best for the future of the bright minds who had left**

- Shruti Darshan Sharma
- Shilpa Doltani
- Sachin Vyas
- Parth Thakor
- Neha P Patel
- Minal Chaudhari
- Hiral manojkumar Sanghvi
- Joshi Halak Vibhakarbhavi
- Dipalee kumar ThombreNihar Purohit
- Narendra Chaudhary
- Devki Prabhu
- Sandhya Nanjani
- Avani Nakum
- Bambhaniya Sandipkumar Mohanlal
- Garima Rajan Abbi
- Shivendu Ranjan
- Shiv kumar Yadav
- Piyuli Asit Gupta
- Foram Ujjval kumar Vaidya
- Twinkle Soni

## ON LIGHTER NOTE



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

## MoU between GBRC and Ganpat University

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Government of Gujarat's "Biotechnology Research Centre" (GBRC), "Vigyan Gurjari," and Ganpat University. The core aim is to assess the interest and potential of research students in science as well as their suitability for the job.



## MoU between GBRC and SN GeneLab Private Limited, Surat

SN GeneLab Private Limited was established under the Companies Act, 2013 with the prime objective of providing cost-effective, error-free clinical laboratory services of international standards. The MoU was signed on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.



## MoU between GBRC and Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University

Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University is a state university located in Junagadh, Gujarat, India. It was established in 2015 by the Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University Act, 2015 by the Government of Gujarat. The MoU was signed on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



## MoU between GBRC and Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University

Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University is a public university in Patan, Gujarat, India. The MoU was signed on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



## MoU between GBRC and GeneXplore Diagnostic and Research Centre

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, this MoU was signed between GBRC and GeneXplore Diagnostic and Research Centre with the objective of collaborative research in biotechnology, biomedical technology, and related interdisciplinary areas.



## MoU between GBRC and Setgene Lab - Centre for Human Genetics

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## Visit by Dignitaries

GBRC believes in opening its door to other institutes and dignitaries. Every month there are dignitaries that come and visit GBRC, which helps us build collaborations.

### Visit on 12/11/2021



**Dr. Ashutosh Sharma**  
Institute Chair Professor, IIT-  
Kanpur,  
Uttar Pradesh, India  
Former Secretary, DST  
Government of India, New  
Delhi

### Visit on 10/01/2022



**Mr. Sudhir Vaid**  
CEO/Managing Director,  
Concord Biotech Ltd,  
Ahmedabad

### Visit on 26/11/2021



**Dr. Bharatbhai Patel**  
Dentist,  
Prant Sanghchalak,  
Gujarat Prant  
Rashtriya Svaymsevak Sangh

### Visit on 13/01/2022



**Dr. Nitinkumar Pethani**  
Vice Chancellor,  
Saurashtra University,  
Rajkot



**Shree R. K. Jhala**  
Retired Registrar Ayurveda  
University, Gujarat  
Nagar Sah Sampark Pramukh,  
Gandhinagar  
Rashtriya Svaymsevak Sangh

### Visit on 31/01/2022



**Dr. Nayana H. Patel**  
Medical Director,  
Akansha Hospital and Research  
Institute, Anand

### Visit on 03/12/2021



**Dr. Alpesh Patel**  
Director  
GeneXplore Diagnostic and  
Research Centre Pvt. Ltd.

### Visit on 05/02/2022



**Dr. Kundan Mishra**  
Assistant Professor,  
Natubhai V. Patel College of  
Pure & Applied Sciences,  
Vallabh Vidhyanagar, Anand,  
Gujarat

### Visit on 03/01/2022



**Shri Meenesh Shah**  
Chairman,  
National Dairy Development  
Board,  
Anand, Gujarat

### Visit on 08/02/2022



**Shri Jai Prakash Shivahare,**  
**IAS**  
Commissioner of Health,  
Government of Gujarat

# PRABODH

GBRC is conducting "PRABODH" (Promoting Research Awareness in Biotechnology for Development of Human Resource) to accelerate the research work and to develop research-oriented thought processes in staff.

## INVITED GUEST



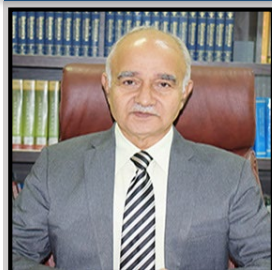
### Expert (19/09/2021)

**Dr. Ravishankara N.**

Senior General Manager,  
R & D, Biotechnology Department  
Sun Pharma, Vadodara, Gujarat

**Topic:** "Analytical Compability of Biosimilars-Challenges and Expectations"

Dr. Ravishankara has over twenty years of experience working in analytical activities related to the development of biosimilar and new drugs, as well as their metabolism and pharmacokinetics studies. He gave a very informative talk on the current challenges and cutting-edge analytical technologies for testing biosimilars.



### Expert (16/10/2021)

**Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey**

Vice Chancellor  
Central University of Gujarat,  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**Topic:** "Stress, Metal Toxicity and Tolerance in Plants"

Prof. Ramashanker Dubey gave lecture about metal stress on plants and also what are the biotechnology interventions that can be applied to overcome effects of stresses. He also explained about plant tissue culture and its importance in creating the desired breed and quality products.



### Expert (20/11/2021)

**Prof. Manjunath Ghate**

Director & Dean,  
Faculty of Pharmacy,  
Nirma University  
Ahmedabad, Gujarat

**Topic:** "Small Molecules for Drug Discovery"

Prof. Ghate briefly introduced the urgency of new drug discovery and its fine parameters. He highlighted his research journey that how India is developing the MDR (Medical Device Reporting) & XDR (X-Ray Crystallography) resistance to tuberculosis and by identifying new small molecules, He thoroughly explained his research expertise on the design and synthesis of new chemical entities for diseases.



### Expert (18/12/2021)

**Dr. Sunil K. Raghav**

Scientist-F,  
Institute of Life Sciences-DBT,  
Bhubaneswar  
India

**Topic:** "NCoR1 regulates Mycobacterium tuberculosis xenophagy by fine-tuning cellular ATP and TFEB homeostasis".

Dr. Sunil K. Raghav briefly explained the role of NCoR1 in tuberculosis and the genes affecting its upregulation and downregulation. He also introduced his team working on different projects, including Ph.D. and post-doctoral students. He explained the immune response generated by dendritic cells in the body. He discussed the importance of relevant branches such as epigenomics, bioinformatics, transcriptomic, Chip-Seq, etc. with their studies. He explained their studies, including protein level studies on xenografting and their effects on the granuloma formation of tuberculosis. He also explained how some pathogens survive in immune cells and overcome the immune response, such as Mycobacterium.



### Expert (19/02/2022)

**Dr. Snehal Bagatharia**

Joint Director,  
Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission,  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat

**Topic:** "Business Opportunities in Biotechnology".

Dr. Snehal Bagatharia, Joint Director, Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM) discussed about "Business Opportunities in Biotechnology" and give insight on development of bio-entrepreneurship by translating ideas into products. New ideas, with the government support, under various schemes can boost the Indian Bio-economy. Biotechnological innovations in the field of Agriculture, Medical, Biofuels, Environment Management, Food and Medicines have immense scope in promoting bio-based economy. Dr. Bagatharia have also presented introduction of various bio-based business startups running and continuously growing, which is showing the growing interest in bio-entrepreneurship and reflecting evolution of bio-based economy.

# PRABODH

## PRESENTATION FROM GBRC MEMBERS



**Dr. Satyamitra Shekh**  
Scientist-B

**Article:** "A Dual-Mechanism Antibiotic Kills Gram-Negative Bacteria and Avoids Drug Resistance"

**Journal:** Science

**Impact factor:** 47.728



**Mr. Bhargav Waghela**  
Research Associate

**Article:** "Oncogenic TRIM37 links chemoresistance and metastatic fate in triple-negative breast cancer"

**Journal:** Cancer research

**Impact factor:** 12.7



**Minal Chaudhary**  
Junior Research Fellow

**Article:** "Reprogramming to recover youthful epigenetic information and restore vision"

**Journal:** Nature

**Impact factor:** 49.962



**Akhilesh Modi**  
Junior Research Fellow

**Article:** "Engineering a genome reduced bacterium to eliminate Staphylococcus aureus biofilms in vivo"

**Journal:** Molecular systems biology

**Impact factor:** 11.43



**Mr. Jaykumar Rangani**  
Research Associate

**Article:** "Shoot-to-root mobile polypeptides involved in systemic regulation of liquid acquisition."

**Journal:** Nature Plants

**Impact factor:** 15.793



**Dr. Bhakti Patel**  
Technical Assistant

**Article:** A nanotherapeutic strategy to overcome chemotherapeutic resistance of cancer stem-like cells

**Journal:** Nature Nanotechnology

**Impact factor:** 39.21

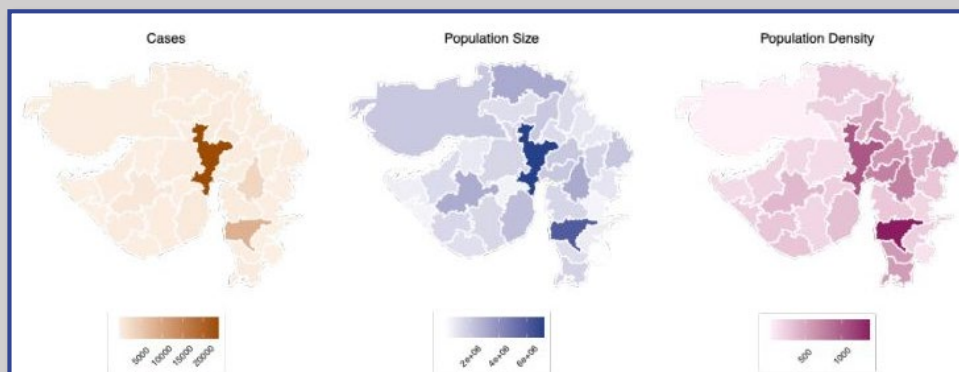
## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### GENOMIC EPIDEMIOLOGY OF EARLY SARS-COV-2 TRANSMISSION DYNAMICS, GUJARAT, INDIA.

**Authors:** Jayna Raghvani, Louis du Plessis, John T McCrone, Sarah C. Hill, Kris V. Parag, Julien Thézé, Dinesh Kumar, Apurva Puvar, Ramesh Pandit, Oliver G. Pybus, Guillaume Fournie, Madhvi Joshi, Chaitanya Joshi

**Journal:** Emerging Infectious Diseases

**Impact factor:** 6.88



Global genomic surveillance of the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) has revealed important details about viral distribution and evolution at local, national, and international levels. This will aid in illness management as well as estimate the risk of virus spread. The above study looked at the dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in Gujarat, India, during the state's first pandemic. Gujarat was chosen because of its high population density and as one of the pandemic's hardest-hit regions. The epidemic dynamics and spatial dissemination of SARS-CoV-2 in Gujarat were discovered using whole genome sequence data from 434 people collected across 20 districts. This study found that global and regional connectedness, as well as population density, were important causes of the Gujarat outbreak. More than 100 virus lineages have been identified, most of which appear to be associated with international travel. Virus dissemination in Gujarat has moved from densely populated regions to geographically proximate locations with low population density. It has been determined that urban areas contribute disproportionately to virus spread.



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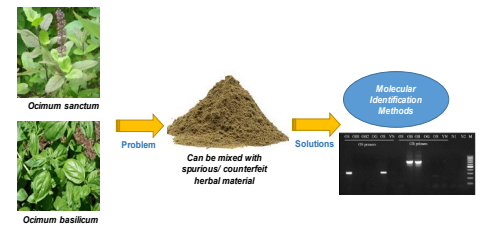
### A DUPLEX PCR ASSAY FOR AUTHENTICATION OF *OCIMUM BASILICUM* L. AND *OCIMUM TENUIFLORUM* L. IN TULSI CHURNA. FOOD CONTROL

**Authors:** Tasnim Travadi, Sonal Sharma, Ramesh Pandit, Mittal Nakrani, Chaitanya Joshi, Madhvi Joshi

**Journal:** Food Control

**Impact factor:** 5.5

Botanical adulteration is a major concern all over the globe due to natural, thus safer ideology. Adulteration can result in allergies, toxicity, and a decrease in therapeutic effectiveness. Tulsi is one of India's most widely cultivated botanicals. As a result, researchers in this study developed rapid and cost-effective PCR-based methods to detect substitute/adulteration in tulsi churna.



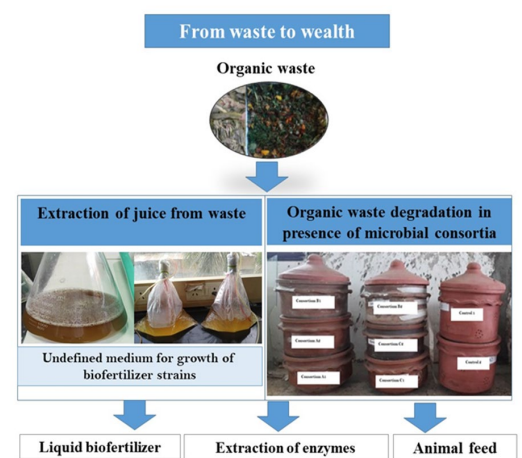
### CREATING WEALTH FROM WASTE: AN APPROACH FOR CONVERTING ORGANIC WASTE IN TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS USING MICROBIAL CONSORTIA

**Authors:** Sadik Dantoliya, Chinmayi Joshi, Archit Mohapatra, Deshna Shah, Poonam Bhargava, Shivang Bhanushali, Ramesh Pandit, Chaitanya Joshi, Madhvi Joshi

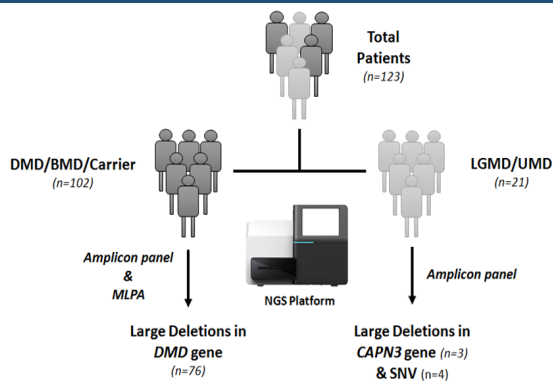
**Journal:** Environmental Technology & Innovation

**Impact factor:** 5.23

This study demonstrates the role of microorganisms in the bioconversion of organic waste into value-added products such as biofertilizer, animal feed, crude enzymes, and compost. Municipal vegetable waste was treated with microbial consortia. Consortia of *Aspergillus terreus* and *Myrothecium verrucaria* proved to be very effective in producing enzymes that are very useful in industry. The research is a good example of the recovery, recycling, and reconditioning of organic solid waste and its conversion into useful products.



### MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS OF MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY PATIENTS IN WESTERN INDIAN POPULATION: A COMPREHENSIVE MUTATION ANALYSIS USING AMPLICON SEQUENCING



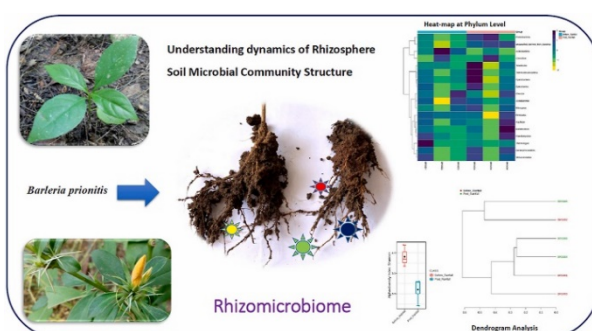
**Authors:** Komal M. Patel, Arpan D. Bhatt, Krati Shah, Bhargav N. Waghela, Ramesh J. Pandit, Harsh Sheth, Chaitanya G. Joshi, Madhvi N. Joshi

**Journal:** Frontiers in Genetics

**Impact factor:** 4.99

The paper discusses how NGS technology can be used to diagnose muscular dystrophies (MDs). At GBRC, an amplicon panel-based diagnosis method based on 40 genes involved in MD, has been developed. This method has a high throughput, is affordable, and can save time. It has also been found to be more effective than currently available diagnostic methods.

### HOST PLANT RHIZO-MICROBIOME INTERACTIONS: SEASONAL VARIATION AND MICROBIAL COMMUNITY STRUCTURE ANALYSIS ASSOCIATED WITH *BARLERIA PRIONITIS*.



**Authors:** Dinesh Kumar, Meenu Saraf, Chaitanya Joshi, Madhvi Joshi

**Journal:** Ecological Genetics And Genomics

**Impact factor:** 1.9

Interaction of host plants with rhizomicrobiomes plays a pivotal role in plant adaptation and their ecological behavior. In this research study, microbial diversity assessment of the *Barleria prionitis* has been investigated under different environmental conditions. This aids in determining the structure and dynamics of microbial communities, as well as their potential roles in nutrient uptake, climate resilience, phytopathology, and disease resistance in host plants growing in various ecosystems.



## SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Training	Month	Collaborative Institute
Molecular Docking and Molecular Dynamics	September	University and Institute of Advanced Research
Basic Bioinformatics	September	Sterling Accuris Diagnostics, Ahmedabad
Animal Cell Culture and Flow Cytometry	September	Ahmedabad University
<i>In vitro</i> production of Embryos	October	Kamdhenu University
Basic Molecular Biology Techniques	October	Gujarat Technological University
Advanced Bioinformatics	October	Gujarat University
Metagenomics Data Analysis	November	Veer Narmad South Gujarat University
Metabolite Extraction and Analytical Techniques	November	Gujarat Vidyapith
Real Time PCR and Digital PCR	November	Sterling Accuris Diagnostics
Basic Bioinformatics	December	GeneXplore Diagnostics & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd.
Next Generation Sequencing	December	Anand Agricultural University
Research Data and Statistical Analysis using R programming	December	Information and Library Network Centre
Protein purification, HPLC and LC-MS	December	Department of Chemistry and Forensic Science, Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University Junagadh
Genome-Wide Association Studies	January	National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
Recombinant DNA Technology	January	Indrashil University
Molecular Docking and Molecular Dynamics	January	Institute of Advanced Research
In-vitro Production of Embryos	February	Kamdhenu University
Metagenomics Data Analysis	February	Veer Narmad South Gujarat University



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