Bioprospecting Facility (BP)

Bioprospecting involves exploration, extraction and screening of biological diversity from commercially valuable genetic and biochemical resources. Natural products are important source of new drugs and are also good lead compounds suitable for further modification during drug development. In view of the presence of unique and rare medicinal and aromatic plants having significantly efficacious bioactive molecules, North-east India is advantageously positioned to attract investments in the area of bioprospecting. With advancement in molecular biology and availability of sophisticated diagnostic tools for screening, it has become pretty effective for pharmaceutical firms to conduct research through bioprospecting. GBP is currently equipped with different sophisticated instruments which will aid in R&D work on bioprospecting.

Equipments available at Bioprospecting Facility:

Confocal microscope TCS SP8, Leica, Germany

- Useful for 3D imaging, colocalisation studies, live-cell imaging etc.
- Blue excitation of FITC, Cy2 and GFP; Green excitation of TRITC and Cy3
- Spectral detector: HyD, GaAsP (for gated imaging), PMT (for imaging)
- Available lasers: Diode 405, Argon, DPSS 561, HeNe 633
- Power: For UV: 405 nm; For Vis: 458 nm, 488 nm, 514 nm, 561 nm, 633 nm



Fluorescence microscope with Camera

Axio Observer.Z1 & Axio Cam MRC5, Carl Zeiss, Germany

Features:

- Useful for transmitted-light bright field, phase contrast, differential interference contrast and fluorescence
- Widely used in biomedical and materials applications

Filter sets: DAPI, eGFP, Cy3Spectral range: 400-710 nm



Digital Polarimeter

Autopol IV, Rudolph Research Analytical, USA

Features:

- Four measurement modes: Optical rotation, Specific rotation, Concentration and Specific rotation plus
- Six wavelength range available: 365, 405, 436, 546, 589 and 633 nm



Non-refrigerated Microcentrifuge

MiniSpin, Eppendorf, Germany

Features:

Maximum speed: 13,400 rpmMaximum RCF: 12,100xg



Table top centrifuge

Centrifuge 5424 R, Eppendorf, Germany

Features:

Maximum speed: 15,000 rpm
Maximum RCF: 21,130xg
Temperature range: 0° to 40°C



Table top refrigerated centrifuge Z 326 K, HERMLE Labortechnik GmbH, Wehingen

Features:

Speed range: 200-18000 rpm
Temperature range: -20° to 40°C



Deep freeze (-40°C)

DW-40L508, Haier, Hong Kong

- Cabinet temperature range: -20°C to -40°C
- Ambient temperature: 10°C to 32°C



Deep freeze (-86°C)

DW-86L728, Haier, Hong Kong

Features:

- Cabinet temperature range: -40°C to -86°C
- Ambient temperature: 10°C to 32°C



Lyophilizer

FreeZone, Labconco, USA

Features:

- Suitable for lyophilisation of plant extract, microbial culture, polymers, etc.
- Collector temperature: -50°C
- Ice holding capacity: 6 L
- Stoppering tray-dryer available



Dehumidifier

MSW-131, DH-15(D), Macro Scientific, Delhi

Features:

 Protects against damage by moisture to agricultural products, lifesaving drugs, food products, electrical & electronic components, instrumentation, plastic, rubber, paper, metal and other moisturesensitive substances



Rotary evaporator (5L) with Pump & Chiller

R-215V, Buchi, Switzerland & RW 1025 G, JeioTech, Korea

Features:

Rotation speed: 20-280 rpm
Temperature range: 20-100 (H₂O)



Rotary evaporator (20L) with Pump & Refrigerated Chiller

Laborota 20 compact, Heidolph, Germany & 6106M, Polyscience, USA

Features:

• Rotation speed: 6-160 rpm

• Temperature range: 20-100 (H₂O), 20-180 (oil)



Rotary High Vacuum Pump

MSW-371, RVP-200, Macro Scientific, Delhi

Features:

• Useful for medium vacuum applications

• Displacement: 200 L/min



CO₂ incubator

Forma Series II Water jacketed, Thermo Scientific, USA

Features:

Useful for animal cell culture by CO₂ control, facilitated with IR sensor, supported by unsurpassed temperature stability, and superior parameter recovery characteristics, with innovative continuous contamination control



Biosafety cabinet

1300 Series Class II, Type A2, Thermo Fisher, USA

Features:

- Useful for culture of microbes and/or animal cell in a sterile environment
- Useful for protection of user and environment from harmful substances and cross-contamination



High precision Electronic balance

BM-22, A&D Company, Japan

- Instant and smooth static elimination using a built-in fanless ionize to ensure stable weighing
- Weighing capacity: 5.1g / 22g
- Minimum weighing value: 0.001mg / 0.01mg

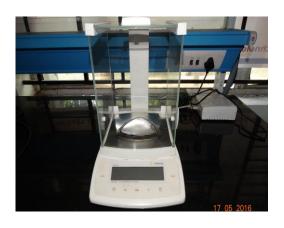


Semi-micro Balance

CPA225D, Sartorius, Germany

Features:

Capacity: 100-220gReadability: 0.01-0.1mg

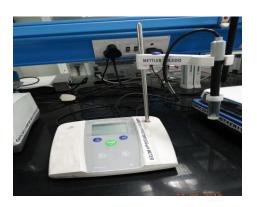


Digital pH meter

FiveEasy Plus FEP20, Mettler Toledo, USA

Features:

- Useful for a wide range of applications in various areas, such as food and beverage industry, water and environmental analysis, etc.
- Fast change over between pH and mV parameters



Slot blot apparatus

Bio-Rad, HongKong

Features:

 Useful for easy and reproducible binding of proteins or nucleic acids in solution onto membranes in a 48-well slot format



Sonicator

VCX 5000, Sonics, USA

Features:

 Applicable in sample preparation, dispersion, cell lysing, desegregation, homogenization, particle size reduction, soil testing, transesterification, nanotechnology, acceleration of chemical reactions, degassing and atomization

Probes available: 1", ½", ¾", ½"
Temperature probe: upto 100°C



Gel documentation system

G:Box F³, Syngene, UK

Features:

• Ideal for DNA, RNA and protein gel imaging



Electroporator

Eppendorf, Germany

- Useful for transformation of bacteria, yeast or micro-organisms with an optimum transformation efficiency of upto 1.8 x 10¹⁰ transformant cells/μg of DNA
- Available electroporation cuvettes: 1mm gap, 2mm gap, 4mm gap

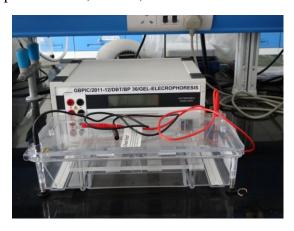


Gel electrophoresis unit

HE 33 mini submarine electrophoresis unit, Hoefer, USA

Features:

• Useful for very fast separations of DNA restriction fragments in agarose gels

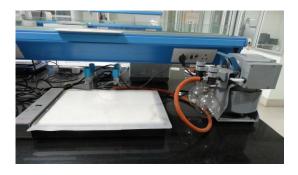


Gel dryer

GD2002, Hoefer, USA

Features:

• Useful in drying of acrylamide and agarose gels



PCR

SureCycler 8800, Agilent Technologies, USA

Features:

 Performs polymerase chain reaction with available programs, viz., HotStart, Touchdown etc for amplification of DNA



Hot Air Oven with built-in Blower Fan

HERAtherm, Thermo Scientific, USA

Features:

• Temperature range: upto 330°C with adjustable fan speed for application-related airflow in mechanical convection models (eg. drying of powders)



Hybridization Oven

Orbitek-HiBi-2D, Scigenics, India

- Suitable for use in radio-labelled probes, non-radioactive nucleic acid labelling and detection systems, and labelling & protein detection temperature systems; controlled oven for hybridization and incubation of northern, southern and western blots; suitable for gel processing and staining
- Temperature range: 5°C above ambient to 80°C



BOD incubator

Orbitek GC-350L, Scigenics Biotech (Pvt) Ltd, Chennai

Features:

• Useful for plant growth and tissue culture studies; supports a shelf growth area of 0.3 m² with a total growth area of 0.9 m² and maximum growth height of 24 cm.



Incubator Shaker

Orbitek LEBT, Scigenics Biotech, Chennai

Features:

• Ideal for culture of microorganisms

• Shaking frequency: 30-350 rpm

• Temperature range: 5°C to 80°C



Magnetic stirrer with Hot plate

C-MAG HS7, IKA, Germany

Features:

• Speed range: 100-1500 rpm

• Heating temperature range:

50-500°C



Heating Mantle

Reico, India

Features:

Capacity: 500ml, 1L, 2L



SS Water Bath WB-11, WB-22, Daihan

Features:

- Capacity: 11 L & 22 L
- Temperature range & Accuracy: ambient +5°C ~ 100°C, ±0.1°C



Vortex Genius 3, IKA, Germany

Features:

• Speed range: 500-2500 rpm



Ice Flaker

SPR 80, Simag, Italy

Features:

Produces flaked ice



Glass Distillation Unit

Borosil, India

Features:

• Output capacity: 1.5 L/hr

• pH 6-7

• Conductivity: <3x10 S/cm

