

**STARTING OF BIO-TECHNOLOGY FINISHING SCHOOL (BTFS)
SANCTIONED BY
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

Bio-Technology Industries in Karnataka State have repeatedly represented to the Government of Karnataka that there is a severe shortage of Industry ready Graduates and Postgraduates to meet the growing demand of the Bio-Technology Industries. Several rounds of discussion were held with Industry representatives, Association of Bio-Technology Led Enterprises (ABLE) and members of the Bio-Technology Vision Groups to set right the above lacunae.

In the millennium Bio-Technology policy-II, Government of Karnataka has announced that, to begin with, 10 BT Finishing Schools will be established in the State with appropriate course content and duration to equip Graduates and Postgraduates, with necessary employable skills to make them industry ready.

Government of Karnataka called for proposals from institutions to establish BTFS and accordingly the college submitted a proposal to the Department of Information Technology, Bio-Technology, Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka. Vide Government order No. ITD 01 MDA 2010 (P), Bangalore, dated 4-12-2010, Government of Karnataka accorded approval for establishment of 10 BT Finishing Schools and our college is one among the 10. The State Government shall provide financial assistance upto 25% of the cost of equipment/instrument required for BTFS subject to maximum of Rs. 1 Crore as financial support.

The concept of BTFS is, the Graduates and Postgraduates who join the BTFS will be having in-house training for six months and six months of internship in an industry so that at the end of the course they will be industry ready personnel.

The college needs recognition from ABLE to start the course from 2011-12.

The college has submitted proforma invoice for Rs 50,48,673 to the Dept. of Bio-Technology for the release of grant to an extent of Rs 50,00,000.