

PREFACE

National Conference on *Recent Trends in Biotechnology* was organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Amravati University, Amravati during February 3-5, 2000. The untiring efforts of Late Dr. B.B. Kadu, the organizer of the conference made it a grand success by enriching the knowledge of several participants. Dr. Kadu was hopeful of bioindustrial development in the country and had earnest desire for creation of a strong base for fundamental and fruitful research in the field of Biotechnology. Due to his sudden death he could not translate his ideas into actions. His idea of publication of the proceedings remained incomplete. The faculty members of Biotechnology Department took this mission of publication of the proceedings to fulfil the desire of the departed great Biotechnologist and to disseminate the knowledge of the current aspects of biotechnology for the benefit of Biotechnologists, Botanists, Zoologists, Pharmacologists and people loving the new and emerging discipline.

The proceedings include recent achievements in biotechnology, transgenics, bioprocessing, mushroom technology, plant tissue culture, biofertilizers and molecular biology.

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