

GUJARAT BIOTECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY (GBU)
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Manual - 1: -The Particulars of its Organization, Functions & Duties -

(1) Objective / purpose of the public authority.

Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU), established by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of Gujarat and located at GIFT city, Gandhinagar. GBU is India's first Biotechnology University with a strong focus on innovation and translational research (www.gbu.edu.in). GBU has established its foundations in partnership with the University of Edinburgh for curriculum development, student visits and research collaborations. Gujarat Biotechnology University aims to develop future ready professionals able to address the challenges of translational research for societal problems by developing globally competitive research & innovation-focused ecosystems.

GBU imparts Postgraduate (PG) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs in Biotechnology field. GBU's MSc and PhD programmes will empower students to find solutions to the most pressing societal and industrial challenges by combining theoretical and practical studies. These courses and laboratories will focus on innovation and entrepreneurship to enable solutions and products. Studying at GBU will provide a multi-disciplinary foundation across biotechnology, ensuring that students are ready for employment in industry, start-ups, and contribute to positive societal impact. GBU has state-of-art laboratories to enable cutting-edge research in the field of Animal Biotechnology, Environmental Biotechnology, Industrial Biotechnology, Medical Biotechnology and Plant Biotechnology.

(2) Mission / Vision Statement of the public authority.

Mission:

Gujarat Biotechnology University envisions a world-class, research-driven academic institution with a foundry of transformational knowledge to train and prepare biotech scientists in cutting-edge, product-focused research. We aim to create and deliver groundbreaking, novel, and innovative products for the India of tomorrow.

Vision:

Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU) aims to develop future-ready professionals who can address the challenges of translational research for societal problems by developing globally competitive, research & innovation-focused ecosystems.

Our mission is to capitalise on disruptive innovations in the biotechnology landscape and bridge the gap in converting an idea into a product.

GBU's goal is to be among the top 20 R&D-focused institutions in the world.

(3) Brief **history of the public authority and context of its formation**

Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU) was established in 2018 under the Department of Science and Technology (DST) of the Government of Gujarat. GBU is the India's first biotechnology university, with a 23-acre campus near GIFT City in Gandhinagar.

The Gujarat Biotechnology University came into force **on 23rd October 2018**. The First M.Sc. Academic batch started in August 2022.

(4) **Duties of the public authority**

The duty of the public authority is defined in the GBU Act 2018.

(5) **Main Activities / Functions of the Public Authority**

- a) to create schools, centers and institutions of excellence for imparting State of the art product focused, research based, education and skill in the field of biotechnology and allied sciences.
- b) to create capabilities for developing world-class infrastructure, intellectual property base and skill sets for education, training, research, product development and technology commercialization in biotechnology and allied sciences.
- c) to develop innovative methods for applied and translational research, teaching and skill at various levels of educational accomplishment so as to set high standards of practice-based education in biotechnology and allied sciences;
- d) to address the societal challenges of the State and the nation and to develop linkages with institutions of national and global repute and to create templates and models of collaboration for interdisciplinary study and research to solve developmental problems using the tools and techniques of biotechnology and allied sciences.
- e) to create a platform for developing industry linkages delivering research solutions to society by catalyzing translation opportunities;
- f) to function as a leading resource center for knowledge and development in the areas of biotechnology and allied sciences.
- g) such other objects, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act which the State Government may, on application by the University, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify in this behalf.

(6) List of services being provided by the public authority.

- a. **Academic Programs:** The GBU is offering Postgraduate degree programs in the various disciplines of Biotechnology field. GBU also offers a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program in Biotechnology and Allied Science, this interdisciplinary and includes six months of coursework covering research methodology and various biotechnology techniques etc.
- b. **Research Facilities:** GBU is having state-of-the-art laboratories, research centers, and libraries to support academic research.
- c. **Library Services:** Access to a vast collection of books, journals, online databases, and research materials.
- d. **Student Support Services:** Counseling services, mental health support, disability services, academic advising, and tutoring programs.
- e. **Health Services:** GBU provides preliminary medical services to all fraternities of university.
- f. **Financial Aid and Scholarships:** Guidance on financial aid options, scholarships, grants, and student loans.
- g. **Technology Support:** IT helpdesk services, access to computer labs, software licenses, and Wi-Fi connectivity across campus.
- h. **Sports and Recreation:** GBU provides basic sports facilities and Gym facilities.
- i. **Cultural and Diversity Programs:** Events, workshops, and clubs promoting cultural diversity, inclusion, and awareness.
- j. **Community Engagement:** Outreach programs, volunteer opportunities, and partnerships with local organizations for community service.
- k. **Transportation Services:** GBU Provides BUS transportation services to and fro at Hostel.
- l. **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Support:** Incubators, entrepreneurship programs, startup funding, and mentorship for aspiring entrepreneurs.

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