New Delhi, June 11: The Department of Biotechnology (DBT)’s National Centre for Cell Science (DBT-NCCS) in Pune, which is involved in cutting-edge research in the area of cell biology, has been recently selected for the India EMBO Lecture Course Awards 2021.

The India EMBO Lecture Courses were launched in late 2019 by the DBT / Wellcome Trust India Alliance (India Alliance) and European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO), to fund six lecture courses per year in India. These are aimed at teaching contemporary topics in life sciences, and providing training in technical and professional skills to PhD students and postdoctoral researchers.

DBT-NCCS has received this award for a lecture course on “RNA binding proteins: From RNA binding to condensation and aggregation”, to be conducted from 8th to 11th February, 2021. The purpose of this course is to discuss recent advances in cell biology being used to understand the role of a type of protein molecule called RNA-binding protein in cellular function.

The course is planned to include workshops on topics like ribosome profiling and phase transition, and hands-on activities especially for data analysis and interpretation. About 60 PhD students, post-doctoral researchers and young faculty, mainly those involved in cell biology research, will be selected to participate in the course, based on different criteria, including peer-review of a proposal write-up.
It will be conducted by Dr. Vasudevan Seshadri and Dr. Amitabha Majumdar from DBT-NCCS, in association with Dr. Tania Bose from the S.P. Pune University and Dr. Florence Besse from the Institute of Biology, Valrose, France. The mode of application and other details about the course will be announced on the institute’s website (www.nccs.res.in) and social media (Facebook: DBT- National Centre for Cell Science; Twitter: DBT-NCCS) in due course.

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