

DBT-IBSD support to COVID-19 diagnostics in NER

Department of Biotechnology's Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (DBT-IBSD) at Imphal, Manipur is setting up a Covid-19 diagnostic center at Tura, about 400 km from Shillong on a request from the Government of Meghalaya. Presently, there is only one testing centre in Meghalaya at North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS) under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Shillong. IBSD will provide an RT-PCR machine, refrigerated microcentrifuge, and two freezers, along with technical support and orientation for the use of the equipment. In addition, IBSD is handing over one RT PCR machine, along with equipment orientation support, to the Government of Manipur's Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) at Imphal to augment its diagnostic facility.