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FOREWORD

It is a pleasure to write the foreword of **Instrumental Methods of Analysis in Biotechnology** by Dr. Dinesh Kumar Chatanta and Prahlad Mehra, dedicated educationists and researchers of the young generation. Biotechnology is a multidisciplinary science of recent origin. The research in biotechnology is undergoing tremendous changes because of the advancement of instruments and technologies used in the analysis of biochemicals and biomolecules. With the advancement of knowledge and understanding, it is possible to make use of instrumental methods based on biochemical and other analytical properties for making an ever-increasing contribution in various fields of biotechnology and pharmaceutical sciences, viz., microbiology, biochemistry, molecular biology, medical diagnosis, pharmaceutical analysis and environmental biotechnology. This book specifically deals with the basic methodology and applications of microscopy, centrifugation, electrophoresis, chromatography, nucleic acid isolation, PCR, spectrophotometry, spectroscopy, crystallography, radioisotopy and microbial growth measurements.

This book is aimed at providing information at various levels to the undergraduate and postgraduate students in the area of biotechnology, pharmacy and other related fields of the life sciences. This book covers the syllabi of B.Sc. (Hons) Biotechnology and M.Sc. Biotechnology courses of various universities. The chapters included in this book cover basic principles, instrumentation and applications of various methodologies and techniques used in the specific analysis and measurement of the biomolecules in biotechnological and pharmaceutical applications. The contents of this book are self-explanatory and supported with illustrations. The approach of this book is very simple and presentation is very lucid so that students and researchers working in the field of biotechnology and pharmaceutical sciences understand the basic principles of instruments and methodologies used in various types of analyses.

I am sure that this book will prove to be of immense value to the readers of diverse backgrounds and fields specifically pursuing their study in the field of biotechnology, pharmacy and other related biological sciences.



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PREFACE

Instrumental methods of analysis has importance in biotechnology and related fields, e.g., pharmaceutical science and biological science by applying various techniques and instruments in biological analysis and assay with the advancement of industrial applications and technology. This book is specifically written for the graduate and postgraduate students in biotechnology and other related biological sciences. The primary aim of this book is to provide a broad overview of methods and techniques used for the qualitative and quantitative analysis and assay of the respective biomolecules to give clear insight into the subject.

This book has been written keeping in view the importance of various techniques and instruments used in biological analysis assay and industrial applications in biotechnology.

- This book is divided into eleven chapters. This book covers the various types of microscopes including electron microscopes, centrifugation techniques used in separation of nucleic acids, proteins and immunological substances, chromatographic techniques used in the separation of biological molecules with special reference to HPLC and GC techniques.
- The other part of this book covers the techniques used for isolation and purification of nucleic acids, their amplification using various PCR techniques, separation of nucleic acids, proteins and immunogenic substances with various electrophoretic techniques.
- Next chapters in this book focus on various spectrophotometric techniques used in biochemical analysis and mass spectroscopy covers the principles and applications of Raman, infra-red spectroscopy, NMR, ESR and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).
- The last part of this book includes radioisotopic techniques such as GM and scintillation counters and RIA, ELISA. This book also discusses the various approaches used in the determination of microbial growth with emphasis on FACS and Coulter counter techniques. This book will serve as a valuable source of information for students, teachers and researchers pursuing their study in biotechnology and other biological sciences. This is specially designed to cover the B.Sc. (Hons) Biotechnology and M.Sc. Biotechnology courses of various universities.

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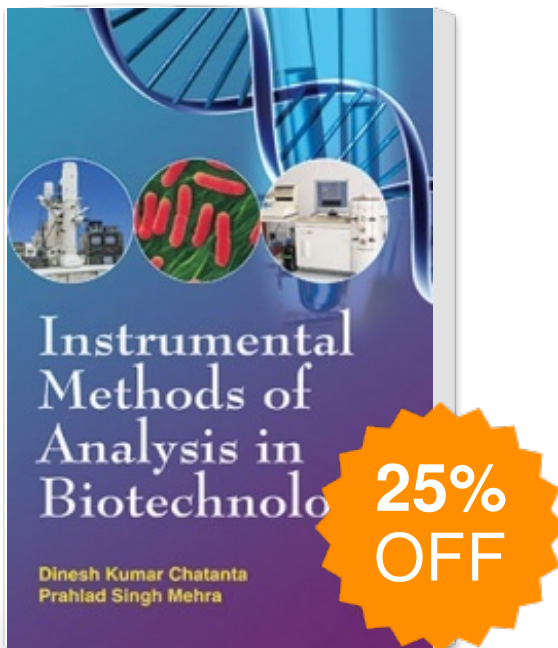
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