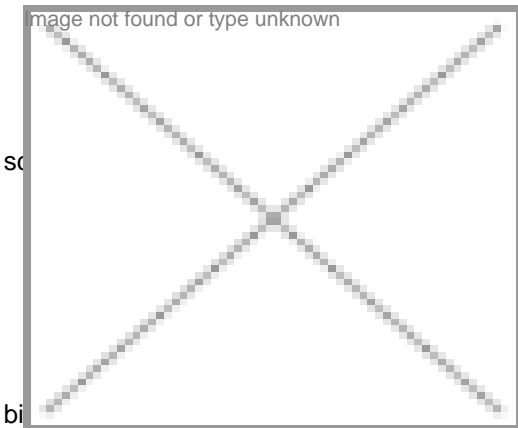


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Located in Pune, Vidya Pratishthan was started by union agriculture minister Sharad Pawar, who in 1972 wanted to transform 120 acres of barren land in Baramati into a world renowned educational and technological hub. The first institution of the Vidya Pratishthan, Bal Vikas Mandir, an English medium school.

The campus that houses the School of Biotechnology which was established in 1972. The objectives of which include, development of human resource potential in the area of biotechnology, bioinformatics, establishment of contract research facility, undertake public awareness programs to disseminate information to the relevant target groups on a regular basis and development of a Center for Studies in Biodiversity. The school offers a BSc in biotechnology, BSc in applied biotechnology (40 seats) and MSc in

A state-of-the-art infrastructure with respective laboratories for molecular biology, tissue culture, microbiology, biochemistry, cell preservation, basic sciences and bioinformatics has been established. This infrastructure with complimentary expertise start the contract research facility.