Efforts initiated by DBT-CDFD towards COVID-19 pandemic

A genomic study on the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 in India has been proposed. This study is being coordinated by National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBMG), along with active participation from Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (InStem), National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) and Institute of Life Sciences (ILS). We propose a prospective study to sequence the SARS-CoV-2 genome from individuals testing positive for the infection. Efforts pertaining to sequencing of viral genomes from different parts of the country have been initiated under this programme.