



## GRANT FUNDING FOR LIFE SCIENCE INNOVATIONS

With focus on  
Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIRAC)

Organized by Venture Center, Pune

Learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn about BIG scheme from DBT-BIRAC which funds proof-of-concept studies for life sciences start-ups</li><li>• Learn from past BIG recipients.</li></ul>
Organizers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BioIncubator (Supported by DBT-BIRAC), Venture Center</li></ul>
For whom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Entrepreneurs and innovators in fields of biotech, healthcare, biomedical devices, diagnostics etc.</li><li>• Scientists/ researchers</li><li>• Academics/ lecturers</li><li>• Students of science and engineering</li></ul>
When	<b>Saturday, January 11, 2014</b> <b>4-5:30 pm</b>
Where	<b>Training Room</b> Venture Center 100 NCL Innovation Park Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune-411008
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Cost	FREE EVENT, but registration is required.



## ABOUT THE EVENT

The primary aim of this event is to raise awareness around an important grant funding opportunity in the biotechnology and healthcare space, viz. the DBT-BIRAC Biotech Ignition Grant (BIG) scheme. The focus of this event is to provide background information on this grant, the application through funding process-flow, guidance on writing winning proposals, and an opportunity to interact with BIG recipients.

**DBT-BIRAC's BIG scheme-** BIG provides for high level of discovery and innovation in the Biotechnology sector to establish and validate proof of concept, and enable creation of spin-offs. Venture Center is a BIG partner. Venture Center BIG page: [www.bioincubator.venturecenter.co.in/big.php](http://www.bioincubator.venturecenter.co.in/big.php)

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Time	Session title	Speaker
15:45-16:00	Registration	
16:00-16:10	Introduction and overview of the BIG scheme of BIRAC	Ms Pradnya Aradhye
16:10-16:20	Meet BIG Grantee: 1 (GM Biotech)	Dr Ghosh & Dr Mitra
16:20-16:30	Meet BIG Grantee: 2 (Jeevtronics Pvt. Ltd)	Mr Aniruddha Atre
16:20-16:35	Tips and pointers for writing BIG proposal	Dr V. Premnath
16:35-16:50	Process followed after BIG proposal submission: Review, due diligence and monitoring (by BIG partner)	Dr Manisha Premnath
16:50-17:10	Q&A session	
17:10-17:15	Closure	
17:15-17:30	Networking Tea and Informal Discussions	

**SPEAKERS/ PARTICIPANTS/ MODERATORS**



Dr V Premnath is currently the Head, NCL Innovations - the group within NCL charged with the responsibility of championing the cause of technology innovation within NCL. Dr Premnath is also the Founding Director of the Venture Center - a technology business incubator on NCL campus. Dr Premnath is also a Scientist, Polymer Science & Engineering Division at NCL with an interest in technology development for biomedical products. Dr. V. Premnath holds a B.Tech. from the Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay and a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. He has also been a Chevening Technology Enterprise Fellow with the Centre for Scientific Enterprises, London Business School and Cambridge University, UK. He brings with him considerable experience in technology development and commercialization (two successfully commercialized families of products), working with start-up companies (in Cambridge-UK and India) and engaging with large corporations on research and consulting projects as project leader. More information at: [www.premnath.org](http://www.premnath.org)

Venture Center's BioIncubator Team

Venture Center's BioIncubator Team interacts with and assists with advice entrepreneurs associated with Venture Center who apply for such grants. Dr Manisha Premnath, Pradnya Aradhya and Piyush Joshi shall participate.



## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS



Entrepreneurship Development Center (Venture Center) – a CSIR initiative – is a Section 25 company hosted by the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune. Venture Center strives to nucleate and nurture technology and knowledge-based enterprises by leveraging the scientific and engineering competencies of the institutions in the Pune region in India. The Venture Center is a technology business incubator supported by the Department of Science & Technology's National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (DST-NSTEDB). Venture Center's focuses on technology enterprises offering products and services exploiting scientific expertise in the areas of materials, chemicals and biological sciences & engineering.

**For more information about Venture Center, visit [www.venturecenter.co.in](http://www.venturecenter.co.in)**



BioIncubator at Venture Center was created with support from DBT-BIRAC under the Bioincubator Support Scheme. It has been conceptualized to help innovators in the spectrum of biomass, bioengineering, bio informatics, biomed and agro based industries to ease their enterprises into the ecosystem. Along with infrastructural support in the form of biosciences labs and office spaces, the BioIncubator also provides advisory services, referrals, scientific support, library and information services, Intellectual property services, seed funding and access to talks, workshops and technical training programs.

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