



**Talk and One on One mentoring session on
Preparation for 16th Call of Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) for
Entrepreneurs and Innovators
Organized by Venture Center, Pune**

POTENTIAL GAINS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG), a scheme by Department of Biotechnology - Biotechnology Industry Research and Assistance Council (DBT-BIRAC), Government of India; supports proof-of-concept studies for life science based start-ups. • Insights on start-ups were created with funding support from BIG. • Tips and pointers for applying and writing a proposal.
ORGANIZED BY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BioIncubator at Venture Center supported by BIRAC, Government of India.
SUPPORTED BY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biotechnology Industry Research and Assistance Council (BIRAC).
FOR WHOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurs and Innovators • Scientists/ researchers • Academics/ lecturers • Students of science, engineering, pharmacy and Bio-medical <p><i>Note: Target audience should be from Biotechnology, Pharma, Life Science, Biomed, Agriculture, Bio-Pharma background etc.</i></p>
WHEN	Friday, 24 Jan 2020 Time: 1000 to 1200 Hrs
WHERE	Talks: Training room, Venture Center , 100 NCL Innovation Park One-on-One Mentoring Sessions: Meeting Room
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COST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free but prior registration is required for availing mentoring slots.
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for talk and clinic : https://forms.gle/R4BAAHrPDEQvv1Vt8 • First preference to Faculty / Student team with potential ideas. • Organizers reserve the right to accept or refuse or delay registrations so to optimize the composition of the group and hence maximize learning for all participants. • The organizers will get back to you inviting you to participate after reviewing all the applications received.

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About the event

The primary aim of this mentoring session is to create & increase awareness about 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 process, funding process-flow, guidance on writing winning proposals etc.

DBT-BIRAC's Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) scheme

BIG is meant for high level of discovery and innovation in the Biotechnology sector to establish and validate proof of concept and enable creation of spin-offs. BIG is a very attractive funding scheme for budding bio-entrepreneurs. It is offered as a grant to carry proof of concept and proof of concept validation activities. This scheme gives a great opportunity to innovators and entrepreneurs to begin building a start-up.

Broad domains allowed for BIG:

- Healthcare & medical biotech: Therapeutics, Biologicals, Vaccines & preventives, Diagnostics, Biomedical devices, Tissue engineering, Oncology etc.
- Agriculture, food security, secondary agriculture and allied: Agro and plant biotech, Animal biotech, Marine biotech, medicinal and aromatic plants, Seri biotech, Biocontrol/biofertilizers, Food and nutrition, etc.
- Industrial product and processes
- Green technology & industrial biotechnology: Biochemical engineering, Biomass value addition to fuels/chemicals/ materials.
- Others: Bio-IT interface, bioinformatics, Analytical methods and new techniques, etc as per DBT mandate.

Event Schedule

Time (hrs)	SESSION	SPEAKER
0930 - 1000	Registration and tea	
1000 - 1200	Introduction to BIG14 and Mentoring Sessions	PN/KW

Speaker/Mentors



Priya Nagaraj (PN)

Priya Nagaraj is Bioincubation Manager at Ventre Center. Priya holds a Ph.D. in Biology from University of Virginia, USA. She worked with Advinus Therapeutics Ltd, a pharmaceutical drug discovery company for over 5 years. She has research experience in biochemistry, cell biology, developmental biology, molecular biology and drug discovery.



Kirtee Wani (KW)



Kirtee Wani holds a Ph.D in Biotechnology from Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune. Her research experience includes work on synthesis, characterization and biological studies of nanoparticles for anticancer applications. She has 2+ years of industry experience in wound healing products and genomics. Currently, she is associated with Venture Center as Project Manager for grant/ funding programs/schemes such as BIG

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	<p>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 & agro based industries to ease their enterprises into the ecosystem. Along with infrastructural support in the form of biosciences labs & office spaces, the BioIncubator also provides advisory services, referrals, scientific support, library and information services, Intellectual property services, seed funding & access to talks, workshops & technical training programs.</p> <p>For more information about BioIncubator at Venture Center, visit www.bioincubator.venturecenter.co.in</p>
	<p>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 & nurture technology & 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.</p> <p>For more information about Venture Center, visit www.venturecenter.co.in</p>

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