



**Talk and One on One mentoring session on  
Preparation for 13<sup>th</sup> Call of Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) for  
Entrepreneurs and Innovators  
Organized by Venture Center, Pune**

<b>POTENTIAL GAINS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Insights on start-ups were created with funding support from BIG.</li> <li>• Tips and pointers for applying and writing a proposal.</li> </ul>
<b>ORGANIZED BY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BioIncubator at Venture Center supported by BIRAC, Government of India.</li> </ul>
<b>SUPPORTED BY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biotechnology Industry Research and Assistance Council (BIRAC).</li> </ul>
<b>FOR WHOM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrepreneurs and Innovators</li> <li>• Scientists/ researchers</li> <li>• Academics/ lecturers</li> <li>• Students of science, engineering, pharmacy and Bio-medical</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Target audience should be from Biotechnology, Pharma, Life Science, Biomed, Agriculture, Bio-Pharma background etc.</i></p>
<b>WHEN</b>	<b>Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018   Time: 1000 to 1200 Hrs</b>
<b>WHERE</b>	Talks & Panel Discussion: <b>Lecture Theater, Venture Center</b> , 100 NCL Innovation Park One-on-One Mentoring Sessions: <b>Reception Meeting Room</b>
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<b>COST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free but prior registration is required for availing mentoring slots.</li> </ul>
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Register for talk and clinic</b> : <a href="https://bit.ly/2v012IN">https://bit.ly/2v012IN</a></li> <li>• First preference to Faculty / Student team with potential ideas.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The organizers will get back to you inviting you to participate after reviewing all the applications received.</li> </ul>

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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.

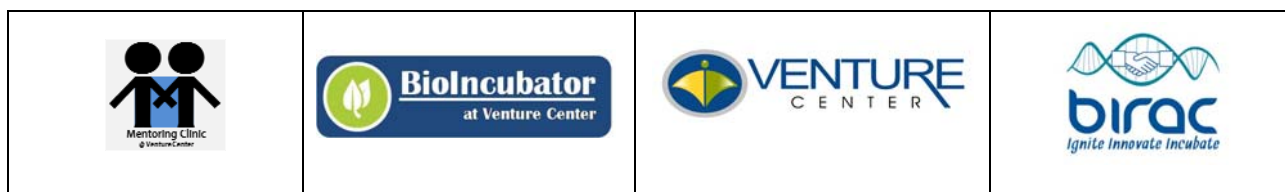
### Event Schedule



Time (hrs)	SESSION	SPEAKER
0930 - 1000	Registration	Lipika Biswas
1000 - 1130	Introduction to BIG13 and Mentoring Sessions	PN/KW
1130 – 1200	Tea Break	
1200 – 1230	Mentoring Session Slot 1	KW And PN
1230 - 1300	Mentoring Session Slot 2	KW And PN
1400 - 1430	Mentoring Session Slot 3	KW And PN
1430 - 1500	Mentoring Session Slot 4	KW And PN
1500 - 1530	Mentoring Session Slot 5	KW And PN
1600 - 1630	Mentoring Session Slot 6	KW And PN
1630 - 1700	Mentoring Session Slot 7	KW And PN



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Mentors	
 <b>Priya Nagaraj (PN)</b>	<p>Priya Nagaraj is Bioincubation Manager at Venture 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.</p>
 <b>Kirtee Wani (KW)</b>	<p>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</p>

Organizers	
	<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 &amp; agro based industries to ease their enterprises into the ecosystem. Along with infrastructural support in the form of biosciences labs &amp; office spaces, the BioIncubator also provides advisory services, referrals, scientific support, library and information services, Intellectual property services, seed funding &amp; access to talks, workshops &amp; technical training programs.</p> <p><b>For more information about BioIncubator at Venture Center, visit <a href="http://www.bioincubator.venturecenter.co.in">www.bioincubator.venturecenter.co.in</a></b></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 &amp; nurture technology &amp; 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 &amp; Technology's National Science &amp; 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 &amp; engineering.</p> <p><b>For more information about Venture Center, visit <a href="http://www.venturecenter.co.in">www.venturecenter.co.in</a></b></p>

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	<p>Biotechnology Industry Research &amp; Assistance Council is a new industry-academia interface and implements its mandate through a wide range of <b>impact initiatives</b>, be it providing access to risk capital through targeted funding, technology transfer, IP management and handholding schemes that help bring <b>innovation excellence</b> to the biotech firms and make them globally competitive.</p> <p><b>For more information about BIRAC: <a href="http://www.birac.nic.in">www.birac.nic.in</a></b></p>

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