



Online Mentor Mixer on

Advancing your technology with BIRAC's Innovation Funding Program

-Organized by BRBC at Venture Center-

Potential gains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding BIRAC's Innovation Funding Program • Connect with mentors from Venture Center and getting to know about the application process involved in these funding programs
Stage of startup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Startups at Concept/POC/Prototype Stage • Post-prototype/ product ready/ early revenue/scale-up
Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early-stage fund raising/grants • Early as well as large stage validation/ trials
Organized by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIRAC Regional BioInnovation Center @ Venture Center (BRBC)
Supported by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIRAC • Venture Center
For whom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academicians, Researchers, Budding entrepreneurs • Startup founders and CXO level team members of startups • Senior entrepreneurs who have built companies in their sector
When	Friday,10 March 2023 Time: 11:00 am to 01:00 pm
Where	This is an online event Link to the event will be shared with selected participants post registration
Contact	<p>Technical queries: Meghana B meghana.bhandari@venturecenter.co.in</p> <p>Logistics queries: Lipika B eventsdesk@venturecenter.co.in</p>
Registration	<p>Register here: https://tinyurl.com/MM-06July22</p> <p>Free Event...Registration is Mandatory! Acceptance on confirmation by organizers after registration. Selected participants will be informed via email</p>



Introduction





Venture Center (<http://www.venturecenter.co.in>) is India's largest inventive enterprises and scientific business incubator. It is the winner of the National Award for TBI, 2015 and AABI's Incubator of the Year Award, 2018. Venture Center is home to the BIRAC Regional Bioinnovation Center (BRBC). More information at: <http://brbc.venturecenter.co.in>. Under the aegis of the BRBC, Venture Center organizes Mentor Mixers. Mentor Mixers are usually sector focused and emphasize specific themes. Mentor Mixers are opportunities for startup founders to meet and network with senior industry professionals, senior entrepreneurs and investors. These are also opportunities senior professionals and investor to connect with the hottest startups in their field of interest. This event aims to initiate contact, introduce people and catalyze mutually rewarding interactions and relationships.



Via this initiative, Venture Center and BRBC hopes to facilitate productive mentor-mentee relationships in different sectors and different regions of the country. Venture Center plans to launch an online mentoring platform to back-end these mentor-mentee interactions and create facilitating "soft" infrastructure for the same.

Schedule			
Time	Duration	Session Title	Speaker
11:00 am -11.45 am	45 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i4 and PACE: Demystifying the funding modalities 	Artee
11:45 am -12.30 pm	45 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant writing (especially with reference to BIRAC schemes) 	Artee
12.30 pm - 01.00 pm	30 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel: Tips & Pointers from Previous SBIRI & PACE Grantees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chinmay Khare - Sayantani Pramanik - Mahesh Kulkarni, PhD 	Moderator: Smita Kale



About Organizers & Mentors (in alphabetical order of last names)	
	<p>Dr. Artee Senior Manager-BIRAC</p> <p>I am currently working as a Senior Manager at BIRAC. I have done my Masters in Biotechnology from Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi. I have done my PhD from National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi in the area of Molecular Biology. My prime responsibility at BIRAC is Grant Management under SBIRI (Small Business Innovation Research Initiative).</p>
	<p>Meghana Bhandari Associate- Bioincubation, Venture Center</p> <p>Meghana is responsible for planning & co-coordinating activities of BRBC. She is actively involved in curating the content for all BRBC activities. She studied M.Tech in Biomedical engineering from IIT Ropar. During her Masters she did her project work on intranasal drug delivery system for treating Alzheimer's Disease. Previously she has worked as a medical writer for a biopharma company.</p>
	<p>Dr. Smita Kale Manager –Bioincubation, Venture Center</p> <p>Smita as part of incubation team, facilitates incubator operations by interacting with incubatees, infrastructure and facilities creation and development of the ecosystem. She is leading Bio-incubation activities, Center for Biopharma Analysis (CBA) and BIRAC's Regional Bioinnovation Center (BRBC) projects at Venture Center. She is actively involved in mentoring startups at Venture Center. She is Ph. D in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai and prior to joining Venture Center has had academic experience of 12 years which includes research experience of 3.6 years.</p>
	<p>Chinmay Khare Founder, Wissenkraft Labs</p> <p>Dr. Chinmay Khare received his B. Sc. in Physics from University of Pune, India & Masters degree in 'Nanomolecular Science' from Jacobs University Bremen, Germany. During his PhD he worked on fabrication of nanostructured thin films at Leibniz Institute for Surface Modification, Leipzig. Later he worked as a project leader on high-throughput materials screening & development of surface coatings at Institute for Materials, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany. After relocating back to India he worked as a Technology and R&D Lead at Application Support Center, Oerlikon Balzers Coating India Pvt. Ltd. He has over 12 years of specialized experience in materials development and surface coating solutions & over 30 scientific publications to his credit. He is the founder of Wissenkraft Labs Pvt. Ltd., a startup company incubated in Venture Center.</p> <p>About Wissenkraft Labs: Wissenkraft Labs Pvt. Ltd. is a Technology & Engineering company with a focus on materials & surface solutions. The company specializes in offering development of coating solutions for medical devices. Wissenkraft Labs is a recipient of BIRAC-BIG and SBIRI grants.</p>

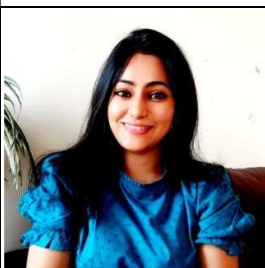


Mahesh Kulkarni,
Principal Scientist, CSR-NCL

Research Area: Mass spectrometry-based proteomics, protein glycation in diabetes, AGE-RAGE Glycation and Chemical Biology, Post-translational modifications, Biotherapeutics and mAb Characterization

Summary of research work:

Dr. Mahesh Kulkarni has contributed significantly to understanding protein glycation in diabetes by using mass spectrometric and proteomics approaches. Recently, he has started working on developing value added biosimilars and characterization of biotherapeutics and therapeutic mAbs. He has published more than 80 research papers, and editorial member of reputed journals such as Scientific Reports, Proteins and Peptide Letters, Clinical Proteomics Journal, Journal of proteins and proteomics. He has been elected Fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Sciences in 2016. He was Raman Research Fellowship, to visit University of Turku, Finland, 2016.



Sayantani Pramanik,
Co-Founder & Product Lead, Pragmatech Healthcare Solutions

After spending 5+ years in the Bio-pharma sector, I have taken a leap to co-found Pragmatech Healthcare Solutions Pvt. Ltd. with a vision to develop affordable healthcare solutions addressing the local challenges faced in India and other LMI countries. We at Pragmatech strongly believe that the healthcare challenges faced in our country can be efficiently addressed by taking the local issues of accessibility and adoption into consideration. My key expertise lies in the development of bio-analytical assays.



About the Organizers

	<p>BIRAC Regional Bioinnovation Centre (BRBC) is the third regional centre of BIRAC and is located in Venture Center. BRBC aims to fill up key innovation ecosystem gaps for bio-based industry sectors and thus significantly impact the translation of high quality innovative ideas into viable and sustainable business enterprises. Some key BRBC initiatives are Venture Mentoring Service; Venture Base Camps; Regulatory Information and Facilitation Centre; Bio Incubation Practice School</p> <p>More on: http://www.brbc.venturecenter.co.in/</p>
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	<p>Venture Center is India's largest inventive enterprises and scientific business incubator. Venture Center is a technology business incubator hosted by CSIR- NCL and supported by the Department of Science & Technology's National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (DST-NSTEDB) and BIRAC.</p> <p>For more information, visit www.venturecenter.co.in</p>