



Acing your BioNEST Proposal: Tips & Pointers for your Bioincubator Proposal

- Organized by Bioincubator @ Venture Center, Pune-

Potential gains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the basics of what goes into creating a good BioNEST proposal and details on BIRAC application process. • Seek specialized tips & insights from the Venture Center team, for your proposal.
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When	Wednesday 13 Mar 2024 Time: 1400-1530
Where	Online on Zoom
For Whom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian institutions including Universities/ Research Institutes/ Colleges/ Management Institutes/ Business Schools/ Business Incubators/Biotech-Parks/State government S & T bodies/ Biotech State Councils/Research Hospitals • Managers of newly established incubation centers • Incubation Center professionals planning to apply for BIRAC BioNEST scheme • Bioincubation managers
Registration	<p>Registration Process:</p> <p>Step 1: Interested participants need to fill the registration form at the following link. Register online at: https://rebrand.ly/BBionest</p> <p>Step 2: Email invite with session joining link will be sent post screening of registration details and completion of registration formalities.</p>
Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration queries: Meghana meghana.bhandari@venturecenter.co.in

Schedule:

Time	Duration	Session Details	Lead
1400-1410	10 mins	Introduction to Venture Center	Smita K
1410-1440	30 mins	Understanding key sections of BioNest application form	Chhaya C
1440-1510	30 mins	Moderated Discussion: Insights from Venture Center team on how to build a good BioNEST proposal	Chhaya C Premnath V Moderator: Smita K
1510-1530	20 mins	Q&A	

Speakers and Panelists (in alphabetical order of last names)




Chhaya Chauhan, PhD
Sr. Manager Incubation, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

Dr Chhaya has over 10 years of experience in Managing and leading various Govt. of India programs on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Startups and Incubation coupled with research and academic experience. Presently leading the BioNEST (Bioincubators Nurturing Enterprises for Scaling Technologies) program at BIRAC which is mandated to establish Bioincubators across the country for providing supportive and nurturing ecosystem to the Biotech startups.

BIRAC is a lead Govt. of India Public Sector Undertaking in the country for promoting Biotechnology Incubators and startups under National initiative of Startup India and Make in India. She has played a significant role in horizontal and vertical growth of innovation, entrepreneurship and startups in the country. She has been a lead catalyst in establishing over 60 Biotechnology incubators at Institutions of excellence including IITs, leading public and private universities and Research Institutions.

She holds a PhD in BioSciences and has over five years of research experience in the field of Parasitology, Virology and Immunology and has experience of working and implementing National Programmes such as National Polio Surveillance Programme and H1N1 Outbreaks at National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi.

	<p>Smita Kale, PhD Advisor, Bioincubation, Venture Center</p> <p>Smita as part of Bioincubation 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>Premnath Venugopalan, PhD Director, Venture Center Head, NCL Innovations</p> <p>Dr Premnath is Head, NCL Innovations at CSIR-NCL and Founder Director, Venture Center (National award winning inventive enterprises and deep tech incubator). Dr Premnath is a technology developer, innovation and incubation manager, startup mentor and a co-founder of 2 medical implant startups. One of his inventions -- a breakthrough material for hip and knee joint replacements — has been implanted in more than a million patients worldwide. Another technology for porous maxillo-facial implants has been implanted in thousands of patients in India and abroad. He has provided leadership for teams that have won National awards for technology development, intellectual property management and business incubation. He is chemical engineer and an alumnus of MIT in the US, IIT-Bombay (Distinguished Alumnus, 2022) and has been a Chevening Technology Enterprise Scholar in Cambridge, UK.</p>

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	<p>The BioIncubator at Venture Center aims to nucleate and nurture technology and knowledge-based enterprises leveraging knowledge in the areas of biotechnology(biopharma, agrobiotech, industrial biotech, clean technology), biomedical engineering/ devices/ diagnostics, biomass value addition/ renewable fuels/chemicals/materials, bioinformatics, bio/medical services and related disciplines.</p> <p>For more information visit: https://www.venturecenter.co.in/bionest/</p>
	<p>Biotechnology Industry Research & Assistance Council (BIRAC) is a new industry-academia interface and implements its mandate through a wide range of impact initiatives, be it providing access to risk capital through targeted funding, technology transfer, IP management and handholding schemes that help bring innovation excellence to the biotech firms and make them globally competitive.</p> <p>For more information, visit: www.birac.nic.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 and nurture technology and</p>



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, visit: <http://www.venturecenter.co.in/>