

## DCGI to support pharma innovations and startups

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The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) is planning to set up a dedicated cell for supporting and regulating innovation and start-ups in the pharmaceutical sector in the country.

According to the DCGI, there are many start-ups which are coming in the pharma and allied segments and are clueless about regulations. As a result, they face a lot of problems. Since many innovators are scientists and researchers, they do not have much knowledge of drug regulations and procedures to handle it. There is a need to bridge this gap.

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The tentative time period for setting up of the new innovation support and regulatory cell will be 2-3 weeks period and it is expected to come up at the office of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization in New Delhi.