

## DBT invites proposals to establish Biotech Urjit Clusters

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The National Biotechnology Development Strategy (2015-2020) aims to establish India as a world-class bio-manufacturing hub by creating a technology development and translation network across the country through establishment of clusters, incubators, technology transfer centres etc.

Accordingly, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, is inviting proposals to establish BIOTECH URJIT CLUSTERs i.e. "University Research Joint Industry Translational Cluster" in the country to synergize resources between institutions, Universities research laboratories, industries and SMEs for technology & product development and building enterprises.

This call addresses Indian National research laboratories focusing on life sciences in collaboration with universities, medical schools, technical institutes, industries, incubators, SMEs in the life sciences sector with a proven track-record on research, technology and product development.

The purpose of Biotech URJIT Cluster scheme is to complement and enhance the translational and commercialization potential of inventions & innovations coming out of academic research activities.

Each Biotech URJIT Cluster will be anchored at a certain geography or region. All partners of the Biotech URJIT Cluster should be in close geographical proximity to allow easy collaborations.

Biotech URJIT Clusters will power the Indian bioeconomy to achieve the larger goal of establishing India as a bio-manufacturing hub