

Govt launches national portal for biotech researchers, startups

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Union Minister of State (IC) Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (IC) Ministry of Earth Science; MoS of Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh has launched a Single National Portal for Biotech researchers and startups.

The Portal BioRRAP will cater to all those seeking regulatory approval for biological research and development activity in the country and thus offer a huge relief for ease of science as well as ease of business.

Speaking after the launch of Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal (BioRRAP), Dr Singh said, India is poised to become a Global Bio-manufacturing Hub and will figure among the top five countries of the world by 2025.

Singh said that the portal will allow stakeholders to see the approvals accorded against a particular application through a unique BioRRAP ID. He described this unique portal of DBT as a step towards Ease of Doing Science and Scientific research and Ease of Startups in India. The minister said, Biotechnology has fast emerged as an academic and livelihood avenue for youngsters in India. He also pointed out that there are over 2,700 biotech startups and more than 2,500 biotech companies working at present in the country.

The portal will strengthen interdepartmental synergies and bring accountability, transparency and efficacy in functioning of agencies regulating various aspect of biological research and issuing permission.