



INSTITUTION'S INNOVATION COUNCIL (IIC) SHYAM LAL COLLEGE, DELHI

Session Details:

Title of the session: Funding Opportunities for Biotech Innovations in HEIs: BIRAC Schemes

Date with Month & Year: 24th July 2026

Duration (in hours): 1 hour

Mode: Online

Convenor: Dr. Saubhagyalaxmi Singh

Platform: YouTube Live

Activity Category: MIC Driven Activity

Objective of the Activity : The objective of the activity was to create awareness about funding and support opportunities available for biotechnology innovations through BIRAC schemes. The session aimed to familiarize participants with opportunities for developing and supporting innovative biotech ideas and startups, particularly within Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). It also sought to encourage students, faculty, innovators, startups, and aspiring entrepreneurs to explore funding opportunities for advancing biotechnology-based innovations.

Activity Led by: Institute Council

Theme: Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Startup

Expert/Speaker details:

Expert 1:

Name: Ms. Taranjeet Kaur

Designation: Senior Manager & Incharge – Entrepreneurship Development

Organization: Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

Brief about Expert: Ms. Taranjeet Kaur is Senior Manager & Incharge – Entrepreneurship Development at BIRAC. Her work focuses on fostering entrepreneurship and supporting the development of biotechnology innovations and startups through BIRAC's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Brief Activity of the Event

On Friday, July 24, 2026, the Ministry of Education Innovation Cell (MIC) and the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) organized a live virtual expert session titled "Funding Opportunities for Biotech Innovation: BIRAC Schemes". Streamed live via YouTube and conducted by Ms. Taranjeet Kaur (Senior Manager & Incharge – Entrepreneurship Development, BIRAC), the webinar aimed to sensitize students, faculty researchers, and aspiring entrepreneurs about the financial, incubation, regulatory, and legal mechanisms established by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

The banner features logos for AICTE, MoE's INNOVATION CELL (GOVERNMENT OF INDIA), and INSTITUTION'S INNOVATION COUNCIL (Ministry of Education Initiative) at the top. The main title is "Funding Opportunities for Biotech Innovations in HEIs: BIRAC Schemes" in red. Below it, the speaker is "Ms. Taranjeet Kaur", Sr Manager & Incharge-Entrepreneurship Development at the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC). The event is on "FRIDAY 24th July 2026" at "TIME 11:30 AM". At the bottom, it says "JOIN US ON" with YouTube, LIVE, and social media icons for /mhrdInnovation, /mhrd_innovation, and /mhrd.innovationcell.

Key Highlights of the Session

- **14 Years of Impact:** A detailed look into BIRAC's footprint, including 94+ Incubation Centres, 5,000+ Startups/Entrepreneurs supported, 1,350+ IPs filed, and over ₹7,000 Cr in total investment driven into the Indian biotech ecosystem.
- **"Lab to Market" Continuum:** Explanation of the step-by-step roadmap for innovators across various Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)—from Ideation to Proof of Concept (PoC), Early/Late-Stage Development, and Commercialization.
- **Flagship Grant & Equity Funding Schemes:**
 1. **Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG):** BIRAC's flagship grant providing up to ₹50 Lakhs (Grant-in-Aid) for 18 months to de-risk high-risk innovative ideas and establish Proof of Concept (PoC).
 2. **SEED Fund:** Provides first equity exposure of up to ₹30 Lakhs for post-PoC stage biotech startups to bridge the gap toward venture capital.
 3. **LEAP Fund:** Offers equity support of up to ₹1 Crore for late-stage startups to fast-track market readiness and commercialization.
- **Single-Window & Regulatory Facilitation:**
 1. **Biotech FIRST HUB:** A single-window facilitation unit held every 1st Friday of the month providing direct access to regulatory bodies (DBT, BIRAC, CDSCO, ICMR, BIS) for over 750+ queries.
 2. **RAPA & Regulatory Guidance:** Guidance on regulatory pathways, clinical development, and testing/standardization services.

- **IP & Technology Transfer Support:** Introduction to the "IP & Technology Management Law Clinic Connect" held every 2nd Friday of the month to assist with patent filings, landscape analysis, technology valuation, and licensing

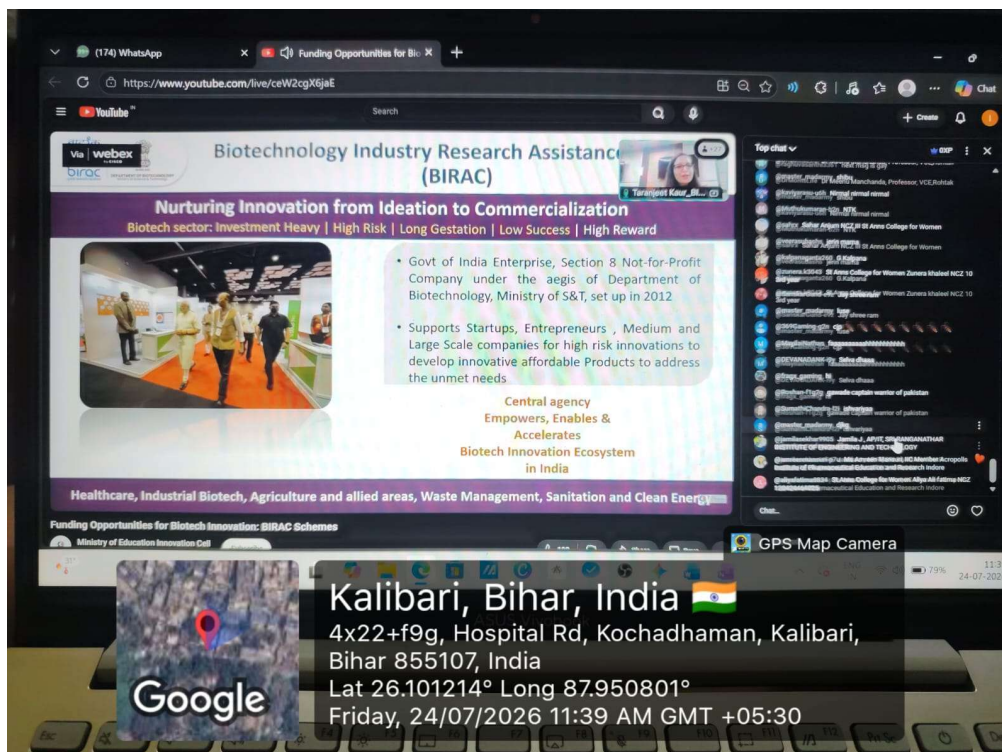
Outcome of the activity:

- **Comprehensive Awareness of Grant Pathways:** Participants gained a clear, structured understanding of funding calls like BIG, SEED, and LEAP to transition academic R&D projects into viable startups.
- **Demystified Regulatory & IP Frameworks:** Attendees learned how to navigate complex regulatory approvals (CDSCO, ICMR) and leverage BIRAC's free IP clinic and patent facilitation initiatives.
- **Actionable Next Steps for Innovators:** Students and faculty received direct portal links, eligibility rules, and contact channels to submit proposals, seek incubation mentoring, and secure seed capital.

Organizing Team Members Details:

Name / Team	Role
Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE	Organizing Body and Activity Coordination
Ms. Taranjeet Kaur	Resource Person; Senior Manager & Incharge – Entrepreneurship Development, BIRAC
IIC Implementation Team, MIC-AICTE	Coordination and Implementation of the MIC-Driven Activity

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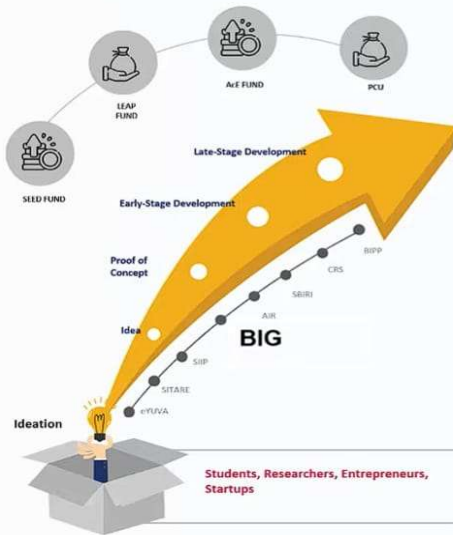


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Lab to market support



Entrepreneurship

Funding - Grants, Investment

Incubation

Mentorship - Technical, Business, IP, Legal, Regulatory

Recognition - National, Global



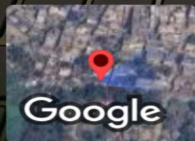
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14 Years of BIRAC: Advancing Biotech Innovation in India

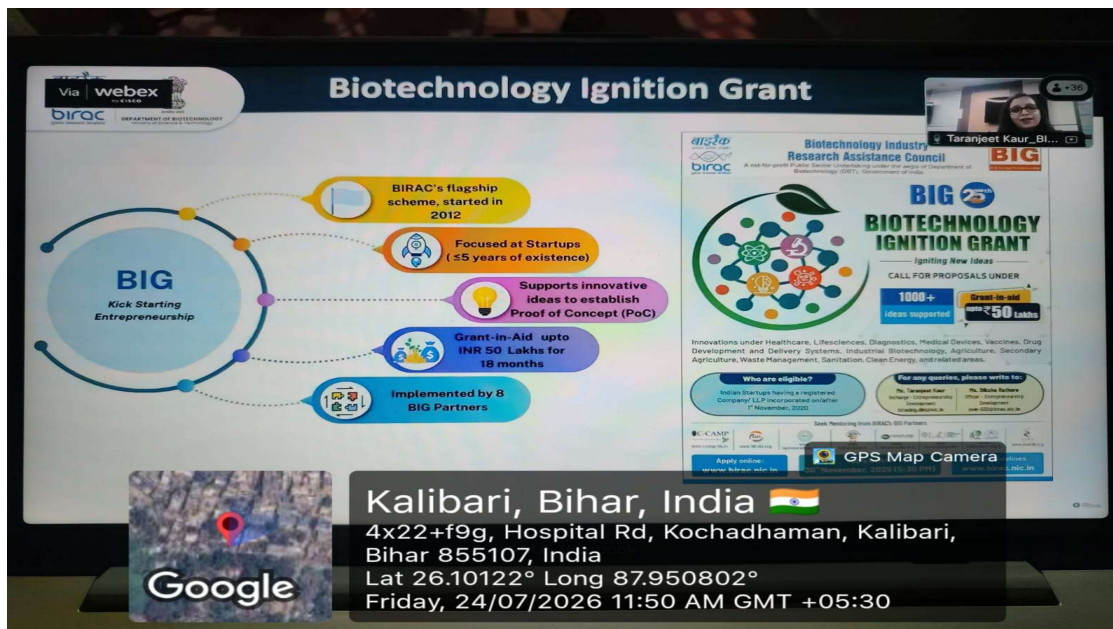
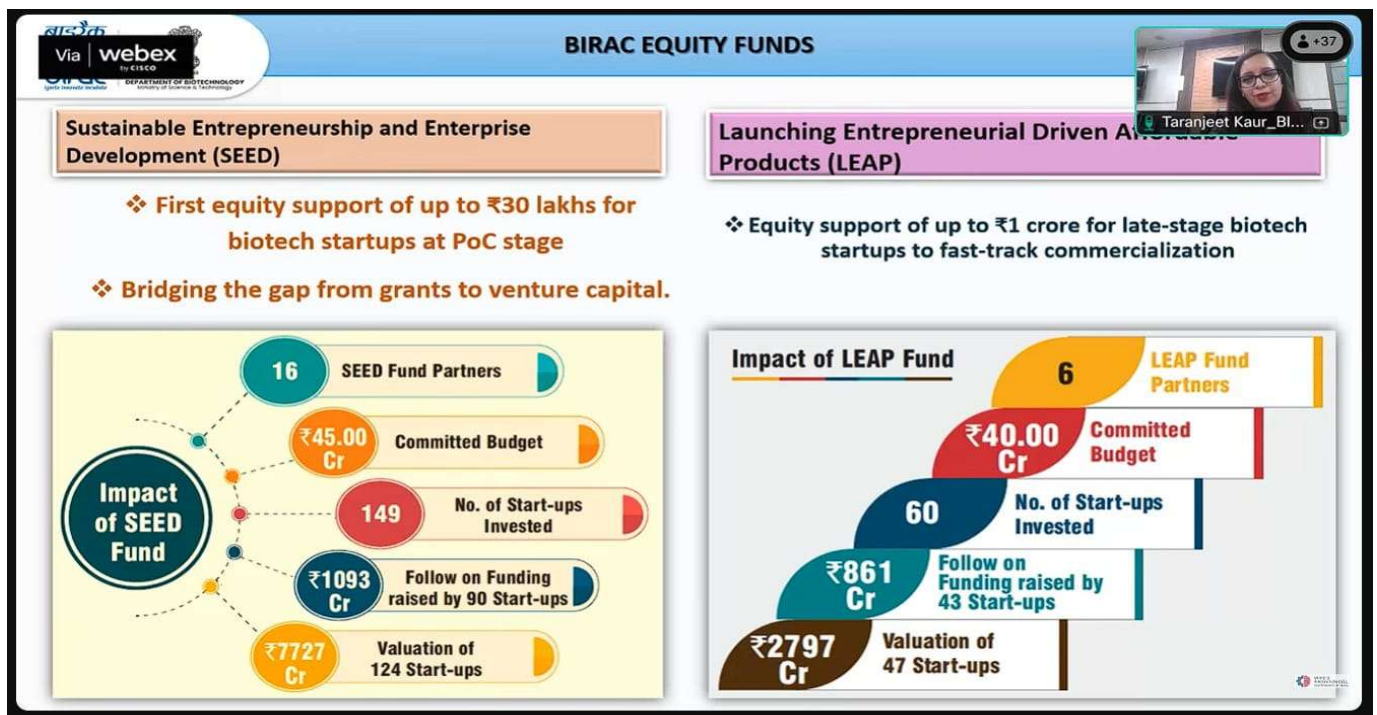
94 Incubation Centres	10 Lakh+ Sq ft. Incubation Space	15 lakh+ Startups Entrepreneurs engaged	900 Products in the market	1350 IPs filed
28,000+ Proposal assessed	5,000 Startups Entrepreneurs supported	₹ 10,000 Cr+ Follow-on-funding raised by >300 Startups	100+ National and International Partnerships	400 + Academia supported
35,000+ High skilled jobs created	10,000+ Mentor Pool	7,000 Cr Total Investment	₹ 4,200 Cr BIRAC Funding	₹2,800 Co-funding by Industry & Others



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MIC-Driven Activity Announcement

Greetings from MIC, AICTE!

The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), MIC, AICTE invites you to join the **MIC-Driven Activity** on:

Funding Opportunities for Biotech Innovations in HEIs: BIRAC Schemes

 **Date:** Friday, 24th July 2026

 **Time:** 11:30 AM

 **Join Live:**

<https://youtube.com/live/ceW2cgX6jaE?feature=share>

 **Speaker:** Ms. Taranjeet Kaur, Senior Manager & Incharge – Entrepreneurship Development, BIRAC

The session will provide valuable insights into BIRAC schemes and funding opportunities for biotechnology innovations and startups.

 **Participants:** IIC Council Members, faculty, students, alumni innovators, startups, and aspiring entrepreneurs.

 Institutions are encouraged to organize group viewing in seminar halls/conference rooms for maximum participation.



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Attendance details:

ATTENDANCE SHEET (Faculty Members)

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S. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Saubhagyalaxmi Singh	Convener
2	Dr. Monika Goyal	Faculty Member
3	Mr. Balram Kindra	Faculty Member
4	Dr. Sushil Kumar	Faculty Member
5	Dr. Neha Bothra	Faculty Member
6	Dr. Sunny Aggrawal	Faculty Member
7	Dr. Pranav Dass	Faculty Member
8	Dr. Leena Singh	Faculty Member
9	Dr. Kanika Solanki	Faculty Member
10	Dr. Nidhi Jain	Faculty Member
11	Dr. Bisla Devi	Faculty Member
12	Ms. Priyanka Yadav	Faculty Member
13	Dr. Rahul Boadh	Faculty Member
14	Dr. Manisha	Faculty Member

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5	Aishwarya Naulakha	B.Com. (Hons.)
6	Ujjwal Awasthi	B.Com. (Hons.)
7	Abhinav	B.Com. (Hons.)
8	Aman Kumar Sah	B.Sc. Physical Science with Computer Science
9	Yaksh Tomar	B.Sc. Physical Science with Computer Science
10	Zoya Fatima	B.Com. (Hons.)
11	Kartik Goyal	B.Com. (Prog.)
12	Prachi	B.Com. (Hons.)
13	Ansh	B.Com. (Hons.)
14	Kartik Goyal	B.Com. (Prog.)
15	Ankit Jangra	B.Com. (Prog.)
16	Vasu Gupta	B.Com. (Prog.)
17	Ashmit Mathur	B.Com. (Hons.)
18	Ayushsugla	B.A. Programme (Economics + Political Science)
19	Rameshwar Singh	B.Com. (Hons.)
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21	Tanzeel	B.Sc. Physical Science with Chemistry