



Mentoring Clinics – 2017/21

**One-on-One mentoring session on  
Biotech Ignition Grant 10 (BIG 10) for Entrepreneurs and Innovators  
Organized by Venture Center, Pune**

<b>POTENTIAL GAINS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG), a scheme by Department of Biotechnology - Biotechnology Industry Research and Assistance Council (DBT-BIRAC), Government of India; supports proof-of-concept studies for life science based start-ups.</li> <li>• Insights on start-ups were created with funding support from BIG.</li> <li>• Tips and pointers for applying and writing a proposal.</li> </ul>
<b>ORGANIZED BY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BioIncubator at Venture Center supported by BIRAC, Government of India.</li> </ul>
<b>SUPPORTED BY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biotechnology Industry Research and Assistance Council (BIRAC).</li> </ul>
<b>FOR WHOM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrepreneurs and Innovators</li> <li>• Scientists/ researchers</li> <li>• Academics/ lecturers</li> <li>• Students of science, engineering, pharmacy and Bio-medical</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Target audience should be from Biotechnology, Pharma, Life Science, Biomed, Agriculture, Bio-Pharma etc background.</i></p>
<b>WHEN</b>	<b>Friday, 6 January 2017   Time: 1500 to 1700 Hrs</b>
<b>WHERE</b>	Venture Center, Lecture Theatre, 900, NCL Innovation Park.
<b>CONTACT</b>	Ms Lipika Biswas   Phone: 020 2586 5877   Email: <a href="mailto:eventdesk@venturecenter.co.in">eventdesk@venturecenter.co.in</a>
<b>COST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Free but prior registration is mandatory.</b> Attendance only on confirmation of registration and slot allotment.</li> <li>• Limited slots available.</li> <li>• Participation by invitation only.</li> </ul>
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Register here:</b> <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/nMOK6g9aVw32Jji72">https://goo.gl/forms/nMOK6g9aVw32Jji72</a></li> <li>• First preference to Faculty / Student team with potential ideas.</li> <li>• Organizers reserve the right to select participants so as to maximize learning and networking opportunities for the group.</li> </ul>



## ABOUT THE EVENT

The primary aim of this mentoring session is to create & increase awareness about an important grant funding opportunity in the biotechnology and healthcare space, viz. the DBT-BIRAC Biotech Ignition Grant (BIG) scheme. The focus of this event is to provide background information on this grant, the application process, funding process-flow, guidance on writing winning proposals etc.

### **DBT-BIRAC's Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) scheme**

BIG is meant for high level of discovery and innovation in the Biotechnology sector to establish and validate proof of concept and enable creation of spin-offs. BIG is a very attractive funding scheme for budding bio-entrepreneurs. It is offered as a grant to carry proof of concept and proof of concept validation activities. This scheme gives a great opportunity to innovators and entrepreneurs to begin building a start-up.

### **Broad domains allowed for BIG:**

- Healthcare & medical biotech: Therapeutics, Biologicals, Vaccines & preventives, Diagnostics, Biomedical devices, Tissue engineering, Oncology etc.
- Agriculture, food security, secondary agriculture and allied: Agro and plant biotech, Animal biotech, Marine biotech, medicinal and aromatic plants, Seri biotech, Biocontrol/biofertilizers, Food and nutrition, etc.
- Industrial product and processes
- Green technology & industrial biotechnology: Biochemical engineering, Biomass value addition to fuels/ chemicals/ materials.
- Others: Bio-IT interface, bioinformatics, Analytical methods and new techniques, etc as per DBT mandate.

## AVAILABLE TIME SLOTS

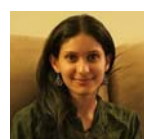
Time (hrs)	Slots	Mentor
1500-1515	Slot 1	Manisha P/ Priya Nagaraj
1515-1530	Slot 2	Manisha P/ Priya Nagaraj
1530-1545	Slot 3	Manisha P/ Priya Nagaraj
1545-1600	Slot 4	Manisha P/ Priya Nagaraj
1600-1615	Slot 5	Manisha P/ Priya Nagaraj
1615-1630	Slot 6	Manisha P/ Priya Nagaraj
1630-1645	Slot 7	Manisha P/ Priya Nagaraj
1645-1700	Slot 8	Manisha P/ Priya Nagaraj

## MENTORS



**Manisha Premnath**

Manisha Premnath is General Manager at Venture Center. Manisha holds a Ph.D in Biotechnology from University of Pune and Post-doctoral training from University of Cambridge, UK. She has been a Chevening Rolls Royce Science, Innovation, Policy and Leadership Programme (CRISP) Fellow at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK during 2015 where she had the opportunity to study technology innovation ecosystems. She has research experience in biotechnology, microbiology, fungal biotechnology, molecular biology and molecular virology. She has experience in planning and setting up of advanced scientific facilities and program management.



**Priya Nagaraj**

Priya Nagaraj is Bioincubation Manager at Ventre Center. Priya holds a Ph.D. in Cell Biology from University of Virginia, USA. She worked with Advinus Therapeutics Ltd, a pharmaceutical drug discovery company for over 5 years. She has research experience in biochemistry, cell biology, developmental biology, molecular biology and drug discovery.



## ORGANIZERS



BioIncubator at Venture Center was created with support from DBT-BIRAC under the BioIncubator Support Scheme. It has been conceptualized to help innovators in the spectrum of biomass, bioengineering, bio informatics, biomed & agro based industries to ease their enterprises into the ecosystem. Along with infrastructural support in the form of biosciences labs & office spaces, the BioIncubator also provides advisory services, referrals, scientific support, library and information services, Intellectual property services, seed funding & access to talks, workshops & technical training programs.

For more information about BioIncubator at Venture Center, visit [www.bioincubator.venturecenter.co.in](http://www.bioincubator.venturecenter.co.in)



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 & nurture technology & 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.

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