

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) is a Schedule B ‘Not-for-profit’ Section 8, Public Sector Enterprise, set up by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology as an Interface Agency to strengthen and empower the emerging Biotech industry to undertake strategic research and Innovation, addressing nationally relevant product development needs. The mandate of BIRAC is to catalyse the transformation of the rapidly growing biotechnology sector in India including med-tech towards achieving excellence at global level.

The Vision of the organisation clearly defines its core philosophy to create societal impact through cutting edge products that are affordable as well as exemplified in the statement ‘affordable products addressing the needs of the largest section of society’. This foundation has been built on the premise that for India to grow to become a knowledge driven economy it is essential that biotechnology plays a significant role in this endeavour. BIRAC aims to achieve the vision and mission, which have been enshrined in its charter, through various mechanisms that call for strategy involving multitudes of aligned partnerships such that bio-innovation takes root in start-ups, SMEs as well as in research institutes and academia.

