



BIRAC-Startup India

Bharat Startup Grand Challenge

*Inviting Industry, Incubators and Academia
to co-create innovative biotech solutions*

Background

Startup India (SUI), a flagship initiative by DPIIT, has been facilitating “Startup Grand Challenges” in collaboration with industry stakeholders to foster problem-driven innovations. These challenges are based on real-world problem statements submitted by corporates and are designed to identify and support startups working on scalable and impactful solutions. Recognizing the opportunity to catalyze biotech innovation through such a platform, BIRAC has partnered with Startup India to co-host Biotech Startup Grand Challenges along with Partners from Biotech Industry, Incubators and/or Academia. The current call seeks to gather sectoral problem statements identified by the biotech industry, incubators and academic organizations along with the offerings by Partners.

Scope of the Program:

Under the current initiative, BIRAC is inviting forward-thinking partners from Industry, Incubators, Academic/Research institutions etc. to submit the problem statements they would want the startups to work upon and solve for them. The program is aimed to:

- Promote industry-driven biotech innovation through startup solutions
- Create a bridge between industry needs and startup capabilities & offerings
- Foster public-private partnerships in biotechnology
- Facilitate targeted financial and non-financial support for startups through Industry and academia



Under the current call, the Partners are required to:

- Submit biotech problem statements and real-world challenges that they would like startups to work upon
- Provide details of support the partner is willing to offer to the startups, including financial/non-financial (e.g., PoC funding, commercialization support, mentorship, access to labs or markets)

The problem statements along with proposed offerings by the partnering organizations will be screened jointly by BIRAC and Startup India (SUI). Individual call for proposals with each identified partner will be announced inviting startups to work for the problem statements. The partners will engage with BIRAC for evaluation and selection of startups and commit to working with selected startups.

BIRAC and SUI would provide enabling and facilitative role, providing access to the nation-wide pool of mentors, experts and stakeholders.

Who Can submit interest as Partners?

Eligible Entities

- ✓ Industry
- ✓ Incubators & Accelerators
- ✓ Academic & R&D Institutions
- ✓ Biotech Parks & Networks

Sector focus:

- Devices and Diagnostics
- Drugs and Drug delivery
- Biotherapeutics
- Vaccines
- Bioinformatics and BioAI
- Industrial Biotechnology
- Agri-tech and allied areas
- Functional foods and smart proteins
- Sanitation and waste management
- Any other relevant domain in life sciences

Submit Your Interest by: **14th November 2025 (23:59)**

Apply at: https://birac.nic.in/birac_dpiit.php

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