

■ 75 'Amrit' Grants for Biotech Initiatives Announced

Ministry of Science & Technology has announced 75 'Amrit' Grants for Biotech initiatives. Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said the initiative will give a big boost to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for "Jai Anusandhan". Under the grant scheme, 75 inter-disciplinary, multi-institutional grants would be awarded for high-risk, ambitious research ideas, milestones-driven collaborative research in all domain specific areas of the biotech sector. Industries, Academia and Research Bodies can form Team Science Grant in a Public-Private Partnership mode to avail grant of Rs 10-15 crore over a period of two to three years for inter-disciplinary, high-quality research. The Minister said, in order to address national priorities to propel India as a global leader in biotechnology, the grants would be broadly provided in the areas of health, agribiotech, climate change, synthetic biology and sustainable bioresource management.