

**Incubatee ‘Shine Biotech Pvt. Ltd’ at BBB selected for DBT-BIRAC grant for COVID-19 research**

To urgently develop safe and effective biomedical solutions against SARS CoV-2, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) had invited applications for COVID-19 Research Consortium.



Through a rolling multitiered review mechanism, 70 proposals of devices, diagnostics, vaccine candidates, therapeutics and other interventions were recommended for receiving financial support. The shortlisted proposals included 10 vaccines candidates, 34 diagnostics products or scale-up facilities, 10 therapeutics options, 02 proposals on drug repurposing and 14 projects which were categorised as preventive interventions. Incubatee Company at BSC BioNEST Bio-Incubator, Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Shine Biotech Pvt. Ltd., was selected to receive financial support for ensuring there is no shortage of indigenous diagnostic kits in the near future.

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