

Startup incubation facility to be inaugurated at BITS Pilani

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BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus has set up an incubator with financial support of Rs. Three crores from Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a not-for-profit public sector enterprise, set up by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India. With 3500 square feet of state-of-the-art facility, the BITS BIRAC BioNEST lab will help the start-ups in health and environment sector by providing them equipment, space and supporting facilities to test their ideas, prototype in the lab and take it to the market.

Professor Varun Sahni, Vice Chancellor of Goa University will inaugurate the BITS BIRAC BioNEST Startup Incubator cum Innovation Lab at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus on Thursday, January 3 at 5 pm. The event will be presided over by Director of BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus Prof. G Raghurama and will include an expert panel discussion

INCUBATION SUPPORT

- Startup Incubation
- Laboratory
- Office Space
- Common Infrastructure
- Legal & IPR services
- Mentorship & Training
- Sample Testing
- Analysis & Consulting

on 'Opportunities in Healthcare'. Experts will include Dr. Shekhar Salkar, Head Dept. of Oncology, Manipal Hospital, Goa and past President Goa Medical Council & Indian Medical Association Goa; Dr. N. Sriram, Director, Molbio Diagnostics Pvt. Ltd & founder Tulip Diagnostics (P) Ltd.; Dr. Praveen Khullar, Head of Global Development Center, Sanofi-Synthelabo (India) Private Limited and President Goa Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association; Dr. Manish Diwan, Head - Strategy Partnership & Entrepreneurship Development, BIRAC, a Govt. of India Enterprise; and V. Joshi, Co-founder, Sattva Medtech.

The BITS BIRAC BioNEST lab, focused in the area of health and environment, nurtures innovations in areas that

can create products which will not only have great market potential but also provide a solution to several pressing problems that are modern day challenges to mankind.

BIRAC promotes industry-academia interface and implements its mandate through a wide range of impact initiatives, be it providing access to risk capital through targeted funding, technology transfer, IP management and handholding schemes that help bring innovation excellence to the biotech firms and make them globally competitive. In its five years of existence, BIRAC has initiated several schemes, networks and platforms that help to bridge the existing gaps between the industry-academia and take socially useful products to the market.