

## Karnataka Govt. revamps the biotech academic programme

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Karnataka government is now planning to expand the Biotechnology Finishing School (BTFS) programme to include 18 more institutions.

The BTFS programme has now been revamped as the Biotechnology Skill Enhancement Programme (BiSEP), and is presented in collaboration with the Life Science Sector Skill Development Council (LSSSDC) and the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT).

The BTFS programme initiated in the year 2011 at 12 host institutions in Karnataka that gained popularity among the biotech & Life Science students across India. More than 730 students have completed the course with ~70 per cent job placement record following 100 per cent industry internship.

The modified 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of BTFS, now renamed as **Biotechnology Skill Enhancement Programme – BiSEP**, aims to continue to educate and empower human resource to bridge the gap between biotech industry and academia.

The BiSEP programme is expected to feature an enhanced and enriched course curriculum that is aligned with the National Vocational Educational Quality Framework (NVEQF). The curriculum will be tailored to incorporate the latest industry trends and technological advances.