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Govt announces 75 Amrit grants for biotech initiatives

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh has announced 75 'Amrit' Grants for Biotech initiatives involving startups, industry, academia and research bodies in integrated collaboration.

Dr Singh said, "75 inter-disciplinary, multi-institutional grants would be supported for high-risk, ambitious research ideas, and milestones-driven collaborative research in all domain-specific areas of the biotech sector."

Dr Singh also said that startups, industries, academia and research bodies can form Team Science Grant in a Public-Private Partnership mode to avail grants of Rs 10-15 crore over two to three years for inter-disciplinary, high-quality research.

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.