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S&T Minister inaugurates National Genome Editing & Training Centre at Mohali

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Genome editing could be a promising technology that Indian research could adapt



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 inaugurated "National Genome Editing & Training Centre" at National Agri-food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) Mohali, Punjab.

NGETC is a one-roof state-of-the-art facility that will serve as a national platform to cater to the regional needs to adapt different genome editing methods, including CRISPR-Cas mediated genome modification.

The Minister said that due to a push from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the startup movement has picked up momentum in India and led to creation of over 80,000 startups whose number was only about 350 before 2014.

This quantum jump in the number of startups must equally and proportionally reflect in agri and biotech as well because this area is yet to be fully explored and taken advantage of by Indian entrepreneurs and youth.