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Health Minister urges National Institute of Biologicals to strengthen training programmes

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NIB organises National Summit on Quality of Biologicals to bring together stakeholders



While virtually inaugurating the National Summit on Quality of Biologicals, organised by the National Institute of Biologicals (NIB) in New Delhi, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya urged NIB to further strengthen the training programs to prepare qualified human resource in this particular field.

Dr Mandaviya also highlighted the need to initiate studies using state-of-the-art analytical platforms to promote the development of pharmacopeial monographs for new biologicals made from updated technologies.

He said that if such products are developed indigenously, “the treatments will become more affordable for the common man and also our public health system will become stronger”.

“Industry, academia and the regulatory network will have to work together to spur indigenous development of new biological medicines, including existing drugs for the treatment of rare and neglected diseases, innovation on new product categories such as gene therapy, stem cell therapy and personalised medicines”, he stated.

Further, highlighting the need to adopt digital interventions in the biopharma industry, Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, urged the biopharma manufacturers to evolve “keeping disruptive changes in mind, and build bioprocess models for the future. The regulators as well as the testing laboratories should also keep in pace with the emerging technologies and practices so that lifesaving medicines are introduced into the market at fastest possible pathway”. She also urged the industry representatives to “focus on increased thrust on R&D and innovation, self-reliance in API, upgrading quality standards, increased digitisation, regulatory simplification and increased thrust towards exports”.