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NBEC 2025 offers Rs 15 Cr in cash prizes and investment opportunities for biotech sector

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The National Bio Entrepreneurship Competition (NBEC), India's largest and most prestigious bio-entrepreneurship platform, was officially launched on 3rd April 2025 at Startup Maha Kumbh, marking the opening of applications for its 8th edition.

Organised by the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP), NBEC 2025 offers Rs 15 crore in cash prizes and investment opportunities, providing an unparalleled platform for innovators to scale their ideas and build transformative solutions for the biotechnology sector.

Reflecting on the impact of the competition, Dr Taslimarif Saiyed, CEO and Director of C-CAMP, said: "As NBEC enters its 8th edition, we are thrilled to witness an overwhelming response from bio-entrepreneurs across the country. This platform has become a catalyst for innovation, nurturing visionary thinkers who are shaping the future of biotechnology in India. Our mission is to empower these entrepreneurs with the right resources, mentorship, and investment opportunities to bring their groundbreaking ideas to life."

Over the past seven editions, NBEC has created a strong pipeline for more than 100 pioneering technologies, addressing critical challenges in digital health, maternal and child health, antimicrobial resistance, water and sanitation, and sustainability. With approximately 18,000 applications received from 35 states and UTs, NBEC has emerged as India's most expansive innovation showcase, fostering entrepreneurship beyond metro cities into Tier II and Tier III regions.

NBEC 2025 features several unique opportunities for participants:

- Dual-track competition: Open to startups/individuals, and aspiring student teams.
- Exciting prizes: Up to Rs 10 lakh for student teams and Rs 15 crore in cash prizes and investment opportunities for startups.
- Mentorship from industry leaders: Winners will gain insights from top experts in the biotechnology sector.
- Entrepreneurship Development Boot Camp: Shortlisted finalists will receive specialized training from academic and industry mentors.
- Key focus areas: Healthcare, therapeutics, vaccines, medical devices, diagnostics, AI & ML in digital health, maternal & child nutrition, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), agritech, food & nutraceuticals, clean energy, environmental biotech, sustainability, and more.

For more details and to apply, visit www.nationalbioentrepreneurship.in