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Govt announces first-of-its-kind public funded Bio-Foundry at ICGEB

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For scaling up bio-based innovations in collaboration with startups and researchers



Addressing the "International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology" (ICGEB) Board Meeting of Governors, Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, dedicated India's first of its kind public funded DST-ICGEB 'Bio-foundry' in New Delhi.

The facility will serve as a platform for scaling up bio-based innovations in collaboration with startups and researchers.

ICGEB has 69 member countries and plays a key role in biotechnology-led sustainable global development through research, training, and technology transfer.

The Minister described India as the emerging global biotech destination and said, this is the most appropriate venue for such deliberations at a time when India has much to contribute to the world community. Dr Jitendra Singh mentioned the development of India's 1st of its kind Indigenous generation antibiotic for monotherapy in bacterial pneumonia Nafithromycin, backed in part by DBT-BIRAC. He also cited the creation of diagnostic kits for Dengue and HIV.

Dr Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), highlighted India's growing leadership in the biomedical and bio-industrial sectors, emphasising recent initiatives that are shaping the future of these domains.