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Health Ministry unveils ICMR/ DHR policy on biomedical innovation

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The policy will ensure multi-disciplinary collaboration, promote startup culture and develop an innovation-led ecosystem at medical institutes



Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare along with Dr Bharti Pravin Pawar, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare has launched the ICMR/ DHR Policy on Biomedical Innovation & Entrepreneurship for Medical Professionals, Scientists and Technologists at Medical, Dental, Para-Medical Institutes/Colleges.

As per the policy, medical professionals/ doctors will be encouraged to pursue entrepreneurial ventures by forming startup companies, taking an adjunct position in the company - non-executive director or scientific advisor.

The doctors will also be permitted to undertake inter-institutional and industry projects alone or through companies, license technologies to business entities leading to commercialisation, revenue generation for self-sustenance and societal benefit.

The medical professionals will also be permitted to take up sabbatical for translational and commercialisation of their innovation through their start-up company set-up following the institute's permission.

The policy will promote interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation, technology development, skill development and foster entrepreneurship development and Make-in-India product development for societal benefit. DHR- ICMR formulated this policy in consultation with other government departments/ ministries/organisations such as DPIIT, DST, WIPO, DSIR, AIIMS, IIT Delhi etc.