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Dr Dhananjay Tiwary takes additional charge as BIRAC MD

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Dr Dhananjay Tiwary, Senior Fellow, School of Public Health; and Advisor/ Scientist G, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, has taken additional charge as the Managing Director (MD) at Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

Dr Jitendra Kumar, serving as the MD of BIRAC, since June 2023, stepped out of his role recently.

Dr Tiwary previously served as the Science Counsellor at the Embassy of India in Washington, DC. He is particularly interested in health technology innovation policy that ensures healthcare measures are affordable, equitable and accessible, and in addressing emerging biosecurity concerns.

Dr Tiwary received his MSc from Delhi University and PhD from IIT Delhi. His research on analytical chemistry applies to food safety as well as validation of and value-addition in grassroots innovations. He has also served as a scientist in the Council for Science & Industry Research. He has authored 27 international publications and guided PhD research.

At the Department of Biotechnology, Dr Tiwary oversaw advanced research and innovation in emerging fields such as nanotechnology, genome engineering technologies, and AI for healthcare.