



Online Mentor Mixer on

Advancing your technology with BIRAC's Innovation Funding Program

-Organized by BRBC at Venture Center-

Potential gains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding BIRAC's Innovation Funding Program • Connect with mentors from Venture Center and getting to know about the application process involved in these funding programs
Stage of startup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Startups at Concept/POC/Prototype Stage • Post-prototype/ product ready/ early revenue/scale-up
Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early-stage fund raising/grants • Early as well as large stage validation/ trials
Organized by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIRAC Regional BioInnovation Center @ Venture Center(BRBC)
Supported by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIRAC • Venture Center
For whom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academicians, Researchers, Budding entrepreneurs • Startup founders and CXO level team members of startups • Senior entrepreneurs who have built companies in their sector
When	Wednesday, 06 July 2022 Time: 11:00 am to 01:00 pm
Where	This is an online event Link to the Event will be shared with selected participants post registration
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Registration	Register here: https://tinyurl.com/MM-06July22 Free Event...Registration is Mandatory! Acceptance on confirmation by organizers after registration. Selected participants will be informed via email



Introduction





Venture Center (<http://www.venturecenter.co.in>) is India's largest inventive enterprises and scientific business incubator. It is the winner of the National Award for TBI, 2015 and AABI's Incubator of the Year Award, 2018. Venture Center is home to the BIRAC Regional Bioinnovation Center (BRBC). More information at: <http://brbc.venturecenter.co.in/>. Under the aegis of the BRBC, Venture Center organizes Mentor Mixers. Mentor Mixers are usually sector focused and emphasize specific themes. Mentor Mixers are opportunities for startup founders to meet and network with senior industry professionals, senior entrepreneurs and investors. These are also opportunities for senior professionals and investors to connect with the hottest startups in their field of interest. This event aims to initiate contact, introduce people and catalyze mutually rewarding interactions and relationships.



Via this initiative, Venture Center and BRBC hopes to facilitate productive mentor-mentee relationships in different sectors and different regions of the country. Venture Center plans to launch an online mentoring platform to back-end these mentor-mentee interactions and create facilitating "soft" infrastructure for the same.

Schedule			
Time	Duration	Session Title	Speaker
11:00 am -11.10 am	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Venture Center & National Innovation Funding Landscape 	Smita Kale
11:10 am -12.10 pm	60 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Funding Opportunities from BIRAC 	Sonali Tandon
12.10 pm - 01.00 pm	50 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel: Tips & Pointers from Previous Grantees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serigen Mediproducts - Adiuvo Diagnostics 	Anuya Nisal Geetanjali Radhakrishnan Premnath V. Smita Kale



About Organizers & Mentors (in alphabetical order of last names)	
	<p>Meghana Bhandari Associate- Bioincubation, Venture Center</p> <p>Meghana is responsible for planning & co-coordinating activities of BRBC. She is actively involved in curating the content for all BRBC activities. She studied M.Tech in Biomedical engineering from IIT Ropar. During her Masters she did her project work on intranasal drug delivery system for treating Alzheimer’s Disease. Previously she has worked as a medical writer for a biopharma company.</p>
	<p>Dr. Smita Kale Manager –Bioincubation, Venture Center</p> <p>Smita as part of incubation team, facilitates incubator operations by interacting with incubatees, infrastructure and facilities creation and development of the ecosystem. She is leading Bio-incubation activities, Center for Biopharma Analysis (CBA) and BIRAC’s Regional Bioinnovation Center (BRBC) projects at Venture Center. She is actively involved in mentoring startups at Venture Center. She is Ph. D in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai and prior to joining Venture Center has had academic experience of 12 years which includes research experience of 3.6 years.</p>
	<p>Dr. Anuya Nisal Principal Scientist, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Founder-Serigen Mediproducts Private Limited</p> <p>Anuya is currently Principal Scientist in the Polymer Science and Engineering Dept. at CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (NCL). She did her Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai and her masters in Materials Science and Engineering from University of Delaware, USA. At NCL, she leads a group performing scientific research in the areas of polymers, biomaterials, medical devices and tissue engineering via several research grants, publications and patents to her credit. She is also the lead inventor for a technology patent on silk fibroin scaffolds for tissue regeneration. Based on this technology, she has floated a start-up Serigen Mediproducts Pvt. Ltd. along with her colleagues at CSIR-NCL. Serigen is the winner of several prestigious awards including 9th National Awards for Technology Innovation in “Polymers in Public Health Care”2019-2020, Finalist of National Bioentrepreneurship competition 2017, National winner of Empower TIE Women Global competition 2021. Her work has been recognised through several awards including the Indian National Academy of Engineering – Young Entrepreneur Award 2020, Leaders in Innovation Fellowship from Royal Academy of Engineering, UK, 2019 and a TIE-BIRAC-WiNER award for Women in Entrepreneurial Research.</p>
	<p>Ms. Geethanjali Radhakrishnan CEO & MD, Aduvo Diagnostics Pvt Ltd</p> <p>Geethanjali Radhakrishnan is a Bioengineer, who worked in Research and then as a software developer. Hailing from the hills where access to healthcare is at least 100 kms away, she felt that her Bioengineering background would be better utilized to develop healthcare solutions for low resource settings. She founded Aduvo Diagnostics in 2015, with a vision to bring high end diagnostics more accessible to healthcare settings in India. She is a IGNITE 2017 fellow, at Judge Business School Cambridge. Aduvo has developed a patented multispectral imaging technique combined with AI engine to aid in reagent less rapid diagnosis that can be applied in range of diseases starting from infections to cancer.</p>



	<p>Dr. Sonali Tandon Senior Manager, Investment Group at BIRAC</p> <p>Dr. Sonali is senior manager, Investment Group, BIRAC. She has completed her PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru Center for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bangalore. Previously she was associated with Reamatrix India Pvt Ltd (a diagnostic Company) where she was working as Project Manager. She is currently managing the BIPP Scheme at BIRAC.</p>
	<p>Dr. Premnath V Director, Venture Center Head, NCL Innovations</p> <p>Premnath V is currently the Head, National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) Innovations - the group within NCL charged with the responsibility of championing the cause of technology innovation within NCL. Dr Premnath is also the Founding Director of the Venture Center - a technology business incubator on NCL campus. Dr Premnath is also a Scientist, Polymer Science & Engineering Division at NCL with an interest in technology development for biomedical products. He holds a B.Tech. from the Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay and a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. He has also been a Chevening Technology Enterprise Fellow with the Centre for Scientific Enterprises, London Business School and Cambridge University, UK. He brings with him considerable experience in technology development and commercialization (two successfully commercialized families of products), working with start-up companies (in Cambridge-UK and India) and engaging with large corporations on research and consulting projects as project leader. More information at: www.premnath.org</p>

About the Organizers	
	<p>BIRAC Regional Bioinnovation Centre (BRBC) is the third regional centre of BIRAC and is located in Venture Center. BRBC aims to fill up key innovation ecosystem gaps for bio-based industry sectors and thus significantly impact the translation of high quality innovative ideas into viable and sustainable business enterprises. Some key BRBC initiatives are Venture Mentoring Service; Venture Base Camps; Regulatory Information and Facilitation Centre; Bio Incubation Practice School</p> <p>More on: http://www.brbc.venturecenter.co.in/</p>

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	<p>Venture Center is India's largest inventive enterprises and scientific business incubator. Venture Center is a technology business incubator hosted by CSIR- NCL and supported by the Department of Science & Technology's National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (DST-NSTEDB) and BIRAC.</p> <p>For more information, visit www.venturecenter.co.in</p>