



Department of Biotechnology  
Ministry of Science and Technology  
Government of India



## Cabinet approved Program of the Department of Biotechnology

# NATIONAL BIOPHARMA MISSION

Industry-Academia Collaborative Mission for Accelerating Discovery  
Research to Early Development For Biopharmaceuticals

“**Innovate in India (i3) Empowering biotech entrepreneurs  
& accelerating inclusive innovation**”

Implemented by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council  
Funded by GoI (50% cost sharing through World Bank loan)



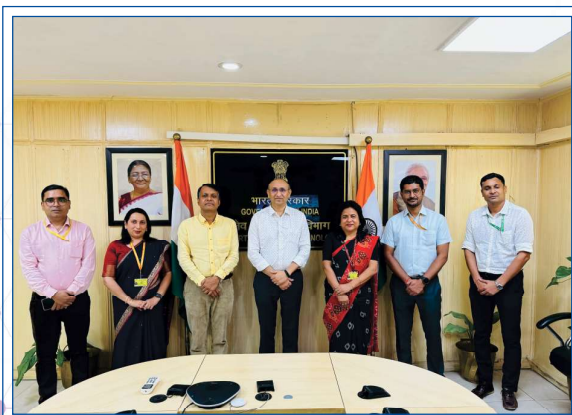


**April 2018: Loan agreement between  
Department of Economic Affairs and World Bank**



**Mission Implementation**

**Department of Biotechnology**



**NBM Team**



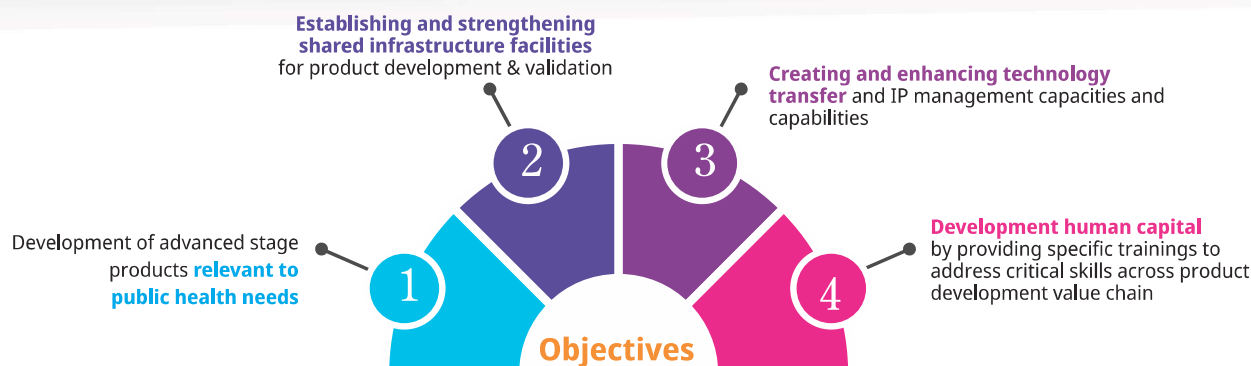
# Conceptualization of National Biopharma Mission – Unique Model for Long-term Sustainable Growth of India's Biopharmaceutical Industry

## Mission

The National Biopharma Mission (NBM) is a government-industry-academia collaboration dedicated to 'Accelerating Discovery Research to Early-stage Development for Biopharmaceuticals'

## Vision

To enable and nurture an ecosystem for preparing India's technological and product development capabilities in biopharmaceuticals to a level that will be globally competitive over the next decade and transform the health standards of India's population



## Components of National Biopharma Mission

A two-pronged approach to enable Accelerated Product Development

### Products Development

- Vaccines
- Biotherapeutics
- Devices & Diagnostics

### Ecosystem Strengthening

- Shared Facilities
- Scientific Research Consortia
- Clinical Trial Networks
- Skill Development
- Technology Transfer Offices





## Success Stories

### ZyCoV-D Covid Vaccine

**World's First and India's indigenously developed DNA Vaccine (Early Emergency Use authorization (EUA) received in age groups 12 years and above**



### Corbevax™ COVID Vaccine

**Emergency Use authorization (EUA) received in age groups 05 years and above - India's first heterologous booster vaccine for Covid**

- Biological E's Corbevax, was launched in market at a price of Rs 800 (excluding GST) a dose for the private market, and at Rs 145 per dose.
- NBM supported early phase trial of this vaccine



### Pneutger 15 Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) - India's first 15-valent Pneumococcal Vaccine – By Tergene and Aurobindo Pharma

- PCV providing protection against 15 pneumococcal serotypes compared to currently available **10, 13 and 14 valent vaccines**
- Will be priced at ~40% lower than that of other Pneumococcal vaccines
- Have potential to prevent millions of severe illnesses and save lives among children **under 5 years age** in India



Manufacturing license received from CDSCO

### Chikungunya (CHIK) virus vaccine, BBV87

#### Bharat Biotech International Limited



- Vero cell derived
- purified inactivated CHIKV antigen
- Inactivated with beta-propiolactone (BPL)
- Formulated with aluminium hydroxide
- NBM has supported funding and program management support for Phase II clinical trial of BBV87 in India.
- Phase II completed in India. Vaccine has been found to be safe and immunogenic in individuals aged 12-65 years in India, Latin America, and Thailand.

### Freeze-dried Live-attenuated Tetravalent Dengue vaccine Indian Immunological Pvt. Ltd.

The Phase I trial report is being compiled and is expected to be submitted to the Indian regulatory agency by Q3 2024, after which, upon receiving necessary approvals from DCGI, Indian Immunological intends to proceed to Phase II clinical trial.

### Liraglutide Biosimilar

- Levim Biotech LLP has developed the biosimilar of Liraglutide injection after completing Phase-1 PK and Phase-3 efficacy & safety studies
- **Successful grant of US and European patent for process innovation**
- Co-development of indigenous pen device **translated into a highly cost-effective - marketed at a price of INR 1855 per PEN, Rs 100 for a standard daily dose of 1.2 mg compared to INR 5374 per PEN of Innovator Victoza.**



Story featured in ET Health World 'Lirafit's impact could alleviate the diabetes burden in India in terms of cost'

<https://health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/industry/lirafits-impact-could-alleviate-the-diabetes-burden-in-india-in-terms-of-cost-quality-of-life/109878159>





**Single-use bioreactor technology** : "CellBRx®" is the first-of-its-kind bioreactor device with complete automation which makes it a most reliable platform for vaccine manufacturing. CellBRx® SUBs are developed upon the concept of Dynamic bed reactor technology, - **Nutritional & gaseous homogeneity across the cell carrier bed resulting into ultra high-density cell culture.**



**The 50L bioreactor was validated at Serum and Biological E site with CHO and Vero cell lines.**

<https://youtu.be/QBLtRp8ygOM>  
<https://www.omnibrx.com/>

Under NBM grant, domestic and PCT have been filed. 70+ total staff have been employed.  
 Sold > 20 units and generating revenue

**currently there is no Indigenous culture media for CHO cells, commercial production costs 2000-3000 INR/ Liter. A single 1 kL batch needs 30 Lacs INR media**

**Himedia Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. Launched** indigenous chemically defined Serum free medium with feed supplements



Lab Icons Laboratory Information Management Systems LIMS and Electronic Laboratory Notebooks ELN help streamline data management, enhance workflow efficiency, and improve collaboration for startups and MSMEs in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and academic sectors.

<https://labiconics.com/>

Sold 30 units; >30 staff employed and generating revenue



**Voxelgrids Innovations Pvt. Ltd.**

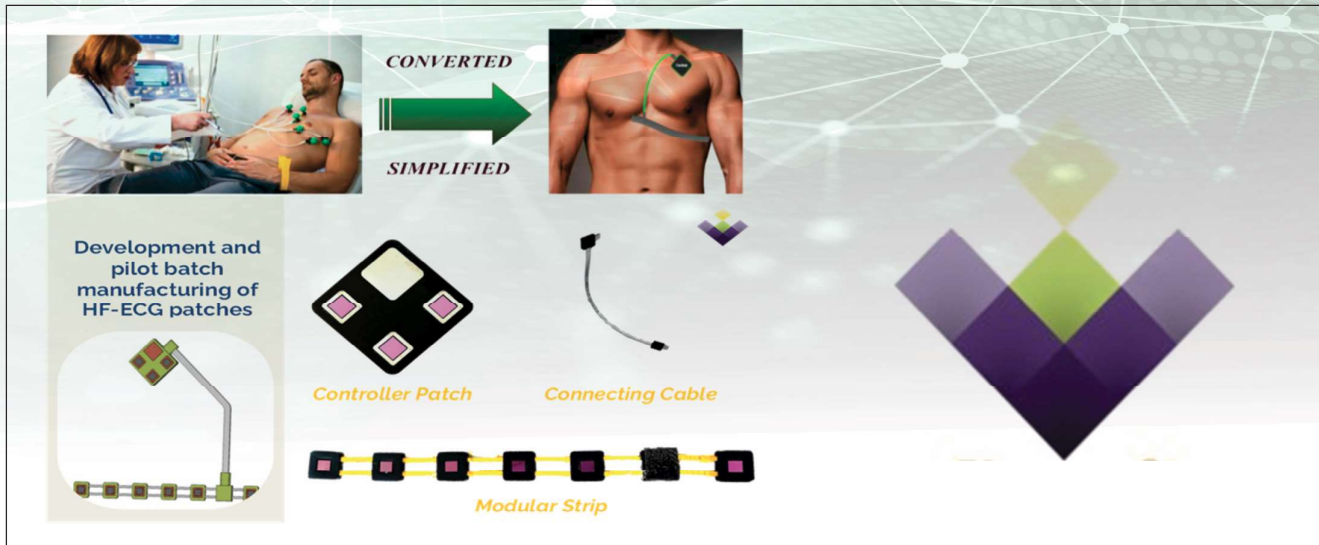
- **India's first affordable MRI scanner in stationary and mobile configurations.**
- Enhanced imaging capabilities - 1.5 Tesla superconducting magnet as well as a gradient amplifier, both built in India.
- Priced 40% lower cost in comparison to other MRI scanners.





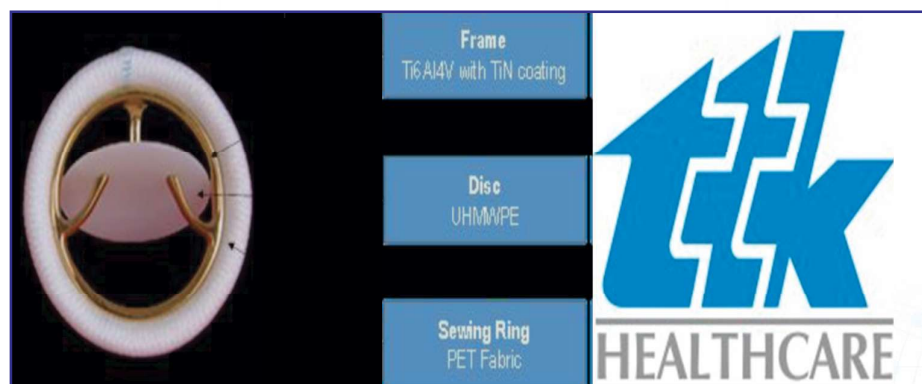
## High Frequency ECG device Developed by Carditek Medical Device Pvt Ltd.

- Carditek's Indigenized Real Time multifunctional ECG device, ranges even into ultra high frequency ECG
- Pilot scale clinical trials have been successfully completed and clinical validation is ongoing



**TTK Healthcare has introduced the TC2 artificial valves represents a significant advancement in cardiac health technology. It has improved thrombo-resistance and reduced bare metal exposure to the bloodstream by Titanium nitride (TiN) coating on frame surface.**

- CDSO Test Manufacturing License received
- The technology now entering in multi-centric clinical trial.



## Covid Diagnostics in Market



MTM and NAE kits –  
Huwel Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd.



RT-PCR Kits – Huwel  
Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd.



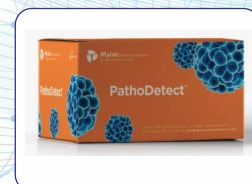
RT-PCR Kit – Yaathum  
Biotech Pvt Ltd.



Antigen detection LFA –  
Ubio Systems Pvt. Ltd



IgG/IgM detection LFA –  
Ubio Systems Pvt. Ltd.



Patho Detect RT-PCR Kit MyLab  
Discovery Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

## Facilities Creating Impact

### ANALYTICAL TESTING AND MANUFACTURING FACILITIES – BIOTHERAPEUTICS



CAPS Syngene, Bangalore GLP



CBA, Venture Centre, Pune



CSIR IICT, Hyderabad



cGMP Manufacturing Shilpa Biologicals Pvt Ltd, Karnataka



cGMP CAR-T  
Manufacturing Centre  
and Tata Medical Centre,  
Kolkata

### GCLP Laboratories for Immunogenicity testing

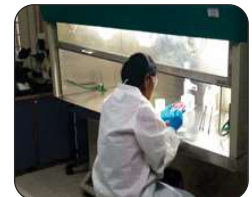
#### 1. Viral Clinical Immunogenicity Lab

- National Immunogenicity and Biologics Evaluation Centre (NIBEC) IRSHA, Pune
- Assay validation - as per ICH Guidelines
- International Quality standards
- 10 BSL2 and 01 BSL3 facility



#### 2. Bacterial Clinical Immunogenicity Lab

- Central Research Laboratory attached to Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Bangalore
- Support immunogenicity assessment Pneumococcal vaccines by other manufacturers particularly for WHO-PQ
- Technology transfer of MOPA and ELISA assays from WHO collaborating centers

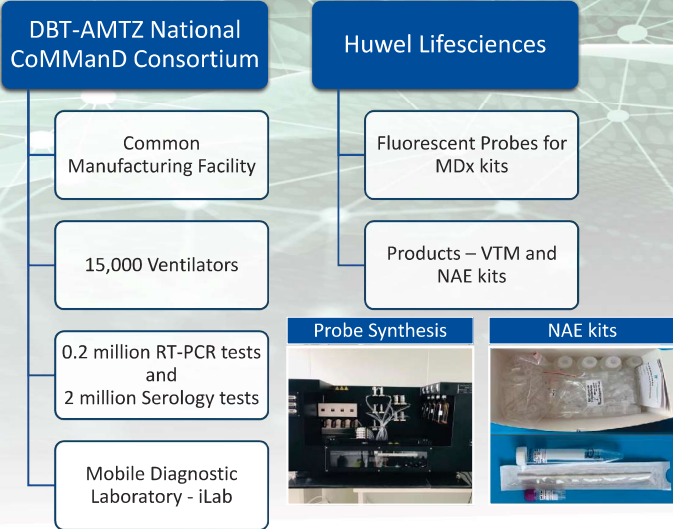


### MedTech Facilities – Testing and Prototyping





## Medical Device Manufacturing Facilities

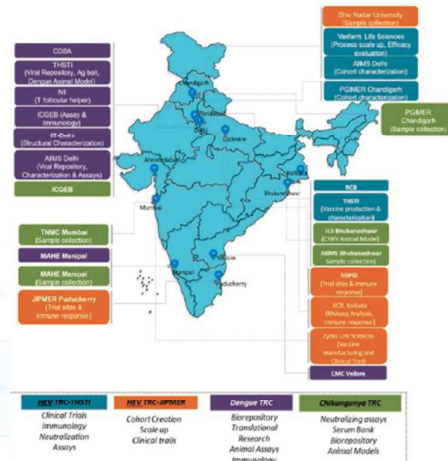


## Shared Facilities IMPACT

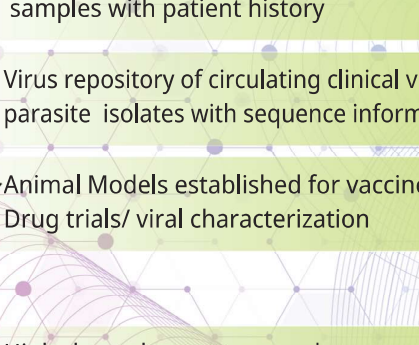




- **>300 users of Facilities**
- **Differential service cost for academia, start-ups, SMEs**
- Decrease in out licensing of tests and faster turn-around times
- First cGMP facility of CAR-T in Indian hospital
- 4 more ISO 13485 certified medical device facilities in various regions of the country
- 05 GLP and GCLP facilities
- **150** personnel employed
- Employment generation in rural, semi-urban areas, like Dharwad, Aurangabad, Mangalore

**Translational Research Consortium Supporting vaccine Development**

Ensure the translational ecosystem to stimulate, standardize and provide support for advancing development and evaluation of vaccines and monoclonal antibodies



## Outcomes from Dengue and Chikungunya Consortia

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-  Biorepository of characterized serum samples with patient history
  -  Virus repository of circulating clinical viral/parasite isolates with sequence information
  -  Animal Models established for vaccine or Drug trials/ viral characterization
  -  High-throughput assays and reagents with standardized SOPs

Future scientific research and better understanding immune responses

Leverage for understanding virus evolution and further virologic research

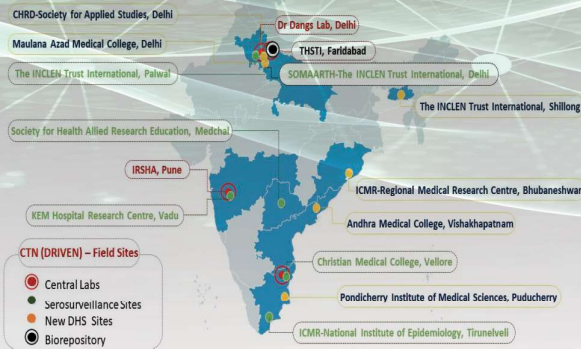
## Animal development capabilities leveraged for other flaviviruses

Fee-for services for animal testing available to researchers

## Transfer of assays to GCLP labs for clinical assessment of Dengue and Chikungunya Vaccines

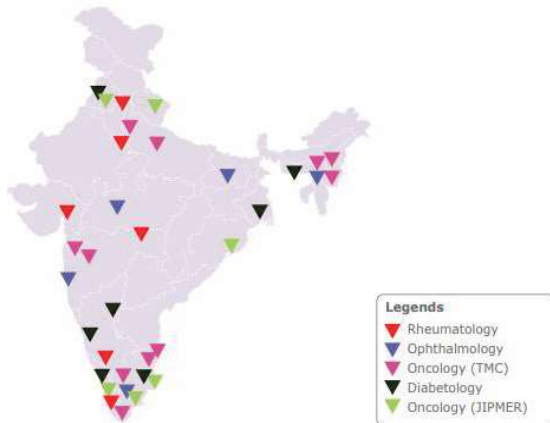


## DBT's Resource of Indian Vaccine Epidemiology Network (DRIVEN)



- 11 GCP compliant sites
- Population data including health parameters, household characteristics and other environmental factors mapped
- Urban, Semi urban, Rural and Tribal population
- Access to more than 900,000 healthy population
- E-Data Management: Paperless data collection methodology-SOMAARTH
- Quality Management Systems
- COVID, Dengue & Chikungunya seroepidemiology
- Acute Febrile Illness study across 10 sites in India including North East ongoing

## National Biopharma Mission supported Network of Hospitals in the areas of Oncology, Ophthalmology, Rheumatology and Diabetology



- Public and private hospital sites covering different regions of the country
- 21 Patient Registries across networks to enable development of protocols for clinical trials
- Teams trained in GCP & Bioethics

**Ready sites with pan India patient registry for conducting clinical trials of biologics, drugs and devices**

## IMPACT OF CLINICAL TRIAL NETWORKS

**Disease Epidemiology Data (Dengue, COVID, Chikungunya)**

**21 Multicentric Disease Registries >90,000 patient data**

**14 new Clinical Trial Units established**

**GCP, GCLP, GDP Trained Manpower**

**Access to >800 k healthy population for vaccine studies**

**E-Data Management Platforms**

**GIS Mapped DHS Sites across the country**

**Access to Urban, Semi-urban, Rural and Tribal Populations**

**10 publications from the networks**

## First National level largest effort of converging Technology Transfer Institutions

The National Biopharma Mission (NBM) established 7 Regional Technology Transfer Offices (RTTOs) to facilitate research translation and public-private partnerships

- Creation of 7 TTOs across the country
- Creation of IP awareness
- Strengthen the Bio-cluster ecosystem
- Facilitate technology transfer activities

**These RTTOs territories encompassing over 1310 academic, research institutions, and incubators.** Tailored to each territory's unique ecosystem, they address specific needs based on economic development stages and regional advantages.



## Nationwide TTO

### RTTOs Impact

~20 Spin-outs created from Academia

~60+ Technologies licensed /Term sheets negotiated

~29 professionals recognized as RTPPs

~150+ IP & Tech Transfer sensitization program

~190+ Linkages with Academic Institutes/ universities established



Figure MoU between TIMed and HuT Labs  
Amrit Vishwa Vidyapeetam



TTO FITT Innovation-Technology Transfer Officer (i-TTO) FITT facilitated transfer of three frugal and socially impactful technologies successfully on September 14, 2023 to M/s Rudray Industries, a Nashik based start-up



License Agreement transactions facilitated by KIT-TBITTO Technology Synthesis of toluidine blue o & a kit for mucosal application (Quick-Blue) Application, early detection of oral potentially malignant & malignant disorder

BCIL: Technology, A novel process for the production of the anti diabetic sugar, D-allulose by using a D-allulose 3-epimerase of Bacillus sp-Origin-technology was transferred to M/s Kothari Sugar and chemical Ltd (KSCL) on April 04, 2024





## Skill Development

Training Areas

GXP (GCP, GCLP):  
22

Regulatory Compliance for  
Accelerating Innovations:  
06

Technology Transfer and  
Commercialization Trainings:  
03

Trainings under Product Development  
09

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09

Bioethics webinars:  
04

Environment and safety webinars:  
06

Sero-surveillance trainings:  
01

Establishment of Demographic,  
Development and Environment  
Surveillance Site  
01

Acute Febrile Illness Study protocol  
01

## Key Highlights

- **Total trainings conducted 43**
- Trainings on 'Good Clinical Practice' (**GCP**), 'Good Clinical Lab Practice' (**GCLP**) and '**Bioethics**' were held in collaboration with CDSA
- As on date, about **~7000 participants** have been trained under different trainings and workshops under the National Biopharma Mission including **3039 female participants**.
- A series of webinars conducted for **promoting Clinical Research Ethics capacity in India**
- A series of **webinars** on 'Environment, Health and Safety' to sensitize and create awareness about environment management and sustainability