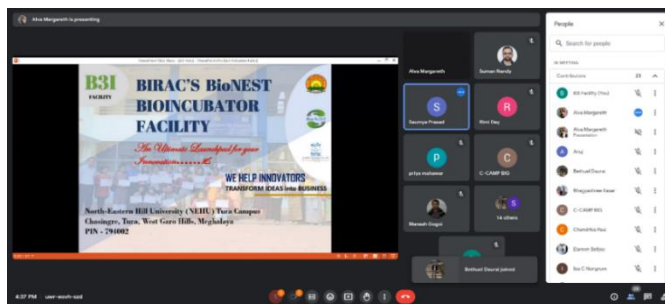


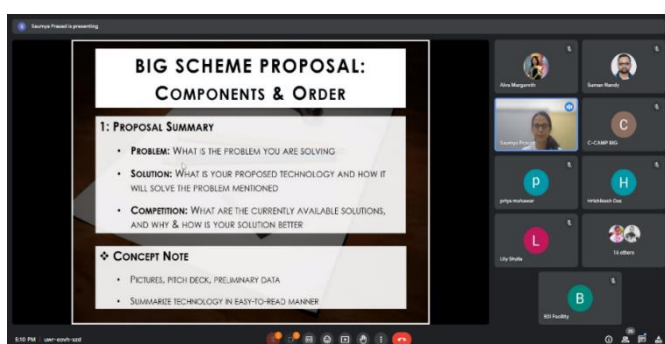
## GRANT WRITING WEBINAR SERIES

### GRANT WRITING WEBINAR FOR THE 23RD CALL ON 'BIOTECHNOLOGY IGNITION GRANT (BIG)' JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH C-CAMP, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

**July 11, 2023:** The awareness & sensitization program on 23rd Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) call for proposal was jointly organized by C-CAMP, Bengaluru, and BIRAC's BioNEST BioIncubator (B3I) Facility,



NEHU, Tura Campus, held on July 11, 2023 from 04:30 pm onwards. The session began with a brief introduction about BioNEST Facility of NEHU, its achievements, impact and its continuous effort in enabling the entrepreneurship ecosystem and innovation in Meghalaya through infrastructural, mentoring support and facilitation of funds from different agencies by Ms Alva Margareth Kharkongor, Program Manager, B3I Facility, NEHU, Tura Campus. Dr Saumya Prasad, Program Manager - Entrepreneurship, CCAMP, Bengaluru carried the session forward by first introducing about CCAMP and highlighting the role of CCAMP in the facilitation of incubatees, the development of technologies and nurturing of Innovations especially in the field of life sciences. She also elaborated on activities, services and the various funding opportunities for the innovators from CCAMP.



Dr Prasad started the BIG session with a brief about BIG grant, eligibility of applying and explaining the various sectors of application. She then navigated the gathering thoroughly through the application components of BIG, application procedure, budget

details, review process, due diligence and scopes for creating the Proof-of-Concept. She also pointed out the importance of the novelty & commercialization potential of the idea, technical feasibility and the expertise of the Team to build the prototype in securing the grant. The discussion was followed by a highly interactive, prolonged doubt-clearing session. The program was summed up with a vote of thanks by Ms Alva Margareth Kharkongor, Program Manager, B3I Facility, NEHU, Tura Campus.

## **GRANT WRITING WEBINAR FOR THE 23RD CALL ON 'BIOTECHNOLOGY IGNITION GRANT (BIG)' JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH KIIT TBI, BHUBANESWAR**

**July 27, 2023:** The "Grant Writing Sessions" for the 23rd Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG) were skillfully orchestrated through a collaboration between BIRAC's BioNEST Bio-Incubator (B3I) Facility Facility at NEHU, Meghalaya, and KIIT-TBI, Bhubaneshwar. This invaluable event occurred on July 27, 2023, commencing at 11:30 am, aimed at nurturing grant writing skills and fostering a better understanding of the BIG opportunity.

The session opened with an informative presentation by Ms. Alva Margareth Kharkongor, Program Manager of B3I Facility at NEHU, Meghalaya providing an overview of B3I Facility at NEHU, emphasizing its achievements and its continuous commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and innovation in Meghalaya. The facility's support infrastructure, mentorship, and funding facilitation from diverse agencies were underscored.

Following this, Ms. Adrija Chowdhury, Program Associate at KIIT Technology Business Incubator in Bhubaneshwar, shared insights into the successful approach to grant writing. She introduced KIIT-TBI and delved into the intricacies of the BIG grant, covering eligibility criteria, theme areas, grant support amount, and the rigorous evaluation process.

Dr. Bhaskar Das, the Manager of Bio-Innovation at KIIT-TBI, Bhubaneshwar, further elucidated the application process. He meticulously guided participants through each component, from registration to the proposal's various sections including budget details, and the review process. Dr. Das emphasized that proposals should prioritize novelty, address societal needs, and emphasize the team's strong execution capability.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A session, addressing queries related to the waiting period after a successful application and additional aspects of the BIG proposal. Dr. Suman Kr Nandy, CEO of B3I Facility at NEHU, Meghalaya, reminded the audience of the biannual BIG application window and a special BIG NER call tailored for the northeastern region. Dr. Das encouraged participants to apply for the grant, assuring them of BioNEST, NEHU & KIIT, TBI's commitment to provide the necessary support and guidance for successful grant proposal writing. This session left participants well-prepared and inspired to pursue their BIG grant applications.

KIIT-Technology Business Incubator  
**BIRAC-Biotechnology Ignition Grant**  
 27.07.2023  
 Dr. Bhaskar Das  
 Manager-Bioinnovation, KIIT TBI

Think BIG, dream BIG, believe BIG, and the results will be **BIG!**

### Award of Grants: Does not happen by Chance

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### About BIG (Biotechnology Ignition Grant)

- ❖ BIG was launched 11 years ago by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (July, 2012).
- ❖ **Aim: Promoting novel cutting edge ideas that are market driven and have societal impact.**
- ❖ The purpose of the big scheme is to Foster generation of ideas with commercialization potential, Upscale and validate of proof of concept, Encourage researchers to take technology closer to market through a start up And Stimulate enterprise formation
- ❖ **Funding Grant Upto 50 lakhs for 18 months**