

Activity Report: One-Day Seminar on "Idea to Startup: Innovation, Entrepreneurship and SSIP Opportunities in Biosciences, Biotechnology & Agriculture"

Name of the Department: Department of Biotechnology & SSIP Cell

Title of the Activity: One-Day Seminar on *"Idea to Startup: Innovation, Entrepreneurship and SSIP Opportunities in Biosciences, Biotechnology & Agriculture"*

Date of Activity: 05 August 2026

Time: 11:30 AM

Venue: Virtual Classroom

Expert Speaker: Dr. Ramnarayan Kachhwaha, JCI India Foundation

Number of Participants: 212

Objectives

- To create awareness about entrepreneurship and startup opportunities in biotechnology, biosciences, and agriculture.
- To familiarize students with the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP) and its benefits.
- To encourage students to convert innovative ideas into viable startup ventures.
- To provide guidance on innovation, design thinking, funding opportunities, incubation support, mentorship, and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

Report

The **Department of Biotechnology**, in association with the **SSIP Cell**, organized a **One-Day Seminar** on **"Idea to Startup: Innovation, Entrepreneurship and SSIP Opportunities in Biosciences, Biotechnology & Agriculture"** on **01 August 2026** in the **Virtual Classroom**.

The seminar was delivered by **Dr. Ramnarayan Kachhwaha, JCI India Foundation**, who shared valuable insights into the startup ecosystem and innovation-driven entrepreneurship. The session focused on transforming innovative ideas into successful startups through systematic planning and the effective utilization of SSIP support.

Dr. Kachhwaha explained the importance of **design thinking**, innovation, startup opportunities in biosciences and agriculture, funding schemes, incubation facilities, mentorship programs, and **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**. He also highlighted inspiring success stories of student entrepreneurs and motivated participants to pursue entrepreneurship as a career option alongside higher education and research.

The interactive session enabled students to clarify their doubts regarding startup registration, funding mechanisms, patent filing, and government support available under the SSIP initiative. The seminar received an overwhelming response, with **212 students, research scholars, and faculty members** participating actively.

E-certificates were provided to all registered participants. The programme successfully enhanced participants' understanding of innovation and entrepreneurship, motivating them to develop sustainable and impactful startup ideas.

Learning Outcomes

- Participants gained comprehensive knowledge of the SSIP framework and startup ecosystem.
- Students understood the process of converting innovative ideas into commercially viable startups.
- Awareness regarding funding opportunities, incubation support, mentorship, and IPR was significantly enhanced.
- The seminar inspired students to pursue innovation, entrepreneurship, and research-based ventures in biotechnology and allied sciences.

Beneficiaries

- UG Students
- PG Students
- Research Scholars
- Faculty Members
- Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Total Beneficiaries: 196 Participants

Outcome

The seminar successfully achieved its objectives by fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among students and introducing them to the opportunities available through the Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP). Participants expressed keen interest in developing innovative projects and startup ideas in the fields of biotechnology, biosciences, and agriculture, making the programme highly informative and impactful.





