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6th Edition of GBP'S TALENT SEARCH CONTEST

The final round of 6th edition of GBP's Talent Search Contest on Innovative Research Ideas leading to Entrepreneurial venture in Biotechnology and Allied areas was held on10.2.2022 at conference hall TIC, GBP. The distinguished jury for the event consisted of Mr. K. Karthikeyen, CEO NEATEHUB, Jorhat Assam: Mr. Arijit Sarmah, Sr. Manager, Regional Incubation at CIIECO, IIMA: Mr. Abhijit Pegu, Officer (Corporate Planning), NRL: Mr. Nitin A Singh, Financial Service, ARIAS Society. A total of nine contestants presented their submissions before the jury who attended the program online.

Rank	Name of the Contestant	Title of the Project proposal/Research Idea
1st	Ms. Smita Das, IIT Guwahati	Lab-on-Paper for the Selective Detection of Methanol and Formaldehyde
2nd	Ms. Sabina Farmin Saikia, Eco Web Pvt. Ltd. A.T. Road, Jorhat	Preparation of biodegradable packaging materials and products as an alternative solution to single use plastic and other petroleum based packaging like Styrofoam and polystyrene materials.
3rd	Ms.Khaleda Begum, Gauhati University	Development and commercialization of low-cost biological inoculum for Agarwood resin induction
4th	Mr.Sanjib Meitei, Nobisha Residency, Bagharbari, Guwahati	Development of novel workflows and services for identification of metabolites of health and agricultural importance using mass spectrometry data
5th	Ms. Hemashree Bordoloi, Assam Don Bosco University	Fine Heart: A Non Invasive Device to detect the Heart Condition

As winners of the talent search contest awardees may avail the ready to use modular lab facilities of GBP free of cost for a few months as per the TSC guidelines. GBP is offering co-working space to all the nine selected participants of GBP's 6th TSC contest for 3 months. The participants can join TIC, GBP and work from the co-working space on their projects. All the winners may also avail free mentorship and guidance from experts of GBP as well as associated partners of GBP during this period to strengthen the project. Also the first three awardees get direct entry to the second level of screening for NRL ideation grant, made possible by the ongoing partnership of NRL with GBP. GBP also will facilitate application for NRL ideation grant as well as OIL start-up grant by all the nine selected participants as in-house incubatees of GBP.





MOU with NIPS, MIRZA

An MOU was signed between Central Drug Research Centre, NETES Institute of Pharmaceutical Science, Mirza and Guwahati Biotech Park, Govt. of Assam on 5th March 2022 at the DC Office, Amingaon, North Guwahati. Dr.Bhargab Jyoti Sahariah, Principal,NETES Institute of Pharmaceutical Science from NEMCARE Group of Institutions and Shri Kailash Karthik N, IAS, Chief Executive Officer and First Appellate Authority from Guwahati Biotech Park, Govt. of Assam inked the MoU.





MOU with Oil India Limited (OIL)

OIL has executed MOU with GBP dated 1st February 2022. The focus of the MOU is on Joint R&D initiatives as well as Bio-entrepreneu--rship development in the North-east India. As part of the MOU between GBP and OIL; M/S Rhomu Technologies Pvt Limited has taken up modular laboratory space which will be used dedicatedly by OIL funded incubatees as a Co-working Lab from 30.03.2022.

Visit by Mr. Leon Husson, Country Coordinator India and Coordinator of Centre of Excellence, PUM Initiatives

Mr. Leon Husson, Country Coordinator India and Coordinator of Centre of Excellence, PUM Initiatives visited Guwahati Biotech Park, on the 22nd March 2022, on the invitation of ICCo, implementing partner of Assam Agribusiness Growth Lab. Mr. Husson was accompanied by Mr. Alay Barah, Director of ICCo. During his visit, Mr. Husson interected with the incubatees and staff of GDP.



Adamas University visit to GBP

A team from Adamas University comprising, Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology, Adamas University, Dr. Raja Chakraborty, Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacy and Mr. Atanu Mitra - DGM, Career Development Cell, Adamas University visited GBP on 08.02.2022 to explore the possibility of internship program for their students at GDP.

Visit by Shri Ashish Bhutani, IAS and Shri Vinod Seshan, IAS

Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Department of Agriculture & APC, Assam along with Shri Vinod Seshan, IAS, Secretary in the Agriculture Department, Govt. of Assam visited the premises of GDP. During their visit they interacted with Shri Kailash Karthik N, CEO, GBP and other officials of GBP. The possibility of setting up a state of the art honey testing laboratory at GBP was discussed during the meeting.



Visit by Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, CEO KIITTBI

Dr. Mrutyunjay Suar, CEO KIITTBI visited GBP on 29-01-2022 and interacted with the employees and incubates of GBP. Dr. Suar shared a plethora of information about the various schemes of the Govt. of India that GBP may explore as well as shard insights into how KIITBI has become a premier Biotech incubator in the country.





Joint webinar by GBP VNIT on BIG BIRAC scheme

GBP in association with Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), Nagpurorganized a webinar on BIG BIRAC scheme on 13/01/2022. The event saw active participation from various entrepreneurs and other interested people.



INTERNSHIP

Ms. Shivangi Sanganeria, B.Sc Biotechnology, D.Y. Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune underwent an one month internship in the field of Herbal extraction under the guidance of Dr. Bula Choudhury, Senior Scientist, GBP along with other officials of GBP.



Exposure Visits

Exposure visit from St. Xavier's School Krishnai

31 secondary level students, of St. Xavier's School Krishnai visited the facilities of GBP on 25th Feb 2022 where they were given an overview of the facilities and modular laboratories of GBP



Exposure visit from Tihu College

44 students and faculty members of Botany Department, Tihu College, Nalbari visited GBP on 22nd March 2022 where they were given an overview of the facilities and modular laboratories of GBP.



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