

RECOMMENDATIONS

NINETY FOURTH EXPERT COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION AND POPULARIZATION OF BIOTECHNOLOGY (ECPFB) ON FEBRUARY 20, 2026

(Proposals received from January 27, 2026- February 18, 2026 by DBT - CTEP Management Cell – BCIL)

A. Conference

Proposals for Financial Assistance to hold National/International Conference/ Seminar/ Symposium/ Workshop

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C1	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260050	International Conference on Interdisciplinary Approach in Life Sciences for Translation Research Jun 22, 2026 - Jun 24, 2026 At: BGS college of Engineering and Technology (BGSCET), Bengaluru	Adichunchanagiri University, Mandya registrar@acu.edu.in	Dr Shobith Rangappa 37 years Director, Adichunchanagiri Institute for Molecular Medicine drshobith@acu.ac.in	1330000	1070000	None	None		Recommended for Rs. 1,00,000/- subject to submission of (i) confirmations from majority of the speakers and (ii) submission of necessary approvals (Administrative Ministry, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs) before conducting the event
C2	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260188	National Symposium on Role of AI and Digital Technologies in Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Industry	ADINA College of Pharmacy, Sagar drsunil.adina@gmail.com	Anshuman Shukla 45 years Professor	150000	100000	None	Submitted		Recommended for Rs. 50,000/-

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		Apr 11, 2026 - Apr 11, 2026 At: Organization Address		adinapharmacy.sagar@gmail.com						
C3	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 160149	Advanced Analytical and Molecular Tools for Environmental Monitoring: A DBT-Sponsored Capacity Building Workshop” Sep 8, 2026 - Sep 10, 2026 At: Organization Address	Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar au_regr@ymail.com	Dr B. Deivasigamani 55 years Associate Professor b.deivasigamani@gmail.com	420000	240000	None	None	PC002 PC014	Not Recommended
C4	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 160136	Seminar, Conference Nano biotechnology in Personalised and Precision Medicine Apr 25, 2026 - Apr 25, 2026 At: Organization Address	Bansal College of Pharmacy, Bhopal principal.bcp@gmail.com	Rajkumari Lodhi 30 years Assistant professor rajkumaricology5521@gmail.com	135000	130000	MPCST: 50000	None	PC012	Not Recommended
C5	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260200	XIVth Annual International Conference of Indian Academy of Biomedical Sciences (IABSCON-2026)	BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus, Goa director@goa.bits-pilani.ac.in	Dr. Malabika Biswas 47 years Associate Professor mbiswas@goa.bits-pilani.ac.in	6350000	1400000	None	Submitted		Recommended for Rs. 3,50,000/- subject to submission of necessary approvals (Administrative Ministry, Ministry of External Affairs and

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		Mar 24, 2026 - Mar 26, 2026 At: Organization Address								Ministry of Home Affairs) before conducting the event
C6	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260219	National Conference on Biotechnology Innovations for Sustainable Development and Convergent Health Technologies (BISDCHT-2026) Aug 24, 2026 - Aug 25, 2026 At: Organization Address	Erode Sengunthar Engineering College, Erode esecprincipal@gmail.com	Ms Jamuna 36 years Assistant Professor jamunaesec@gmail.com	275000	225000	Erode Sengunthar Engineering College: 50000	None	PC007	Not Recommended
C7	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260156	Spirit The Annual Techno Pharma Conference Apr 3, 2026 - Apr 5, 2026 At: Organization Address itself	Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi dord@iitbhu.ac.in	Dr. Ruchi Chawla 45 years Associate Professor rchawla.phe@iitbhu.ac.in	810000	810000	ANRF: 250000	None		Recommended for Rs. 2,00,000/-
C8	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260170	10th International Soft Matter Conference, 2026 May 25, 2026 - May 29, 2026 At: BITS Pilani - K K Birla Campus, Goa	Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai dricsr@iitm.ac.in	Prof. P B Sunil Kumar 61 years Professor sunil@physics.iitm.ac.in	3300000	1600000	IIT MADRAS: 1000000 ANRF: 500000	None	PC008	Not Recommended

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C9	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260196	Symposium Bridging Neurochemistry and Neuroscience: Molecular Insights into Brain Function Apr 15, 2026 - Apr 17, 2026 At: Organization Address itself	Jamia Hamdard, Delhi ssakhtar@jami ahamdard.ac.in	Prof. Suhel Parevz 48 years Dean and Professor, Dept of Toxicology, School of Chemical and Life Sciences sparvez@jami ahamdard.ac.in	1100000	600000	ANRF: 500000	None		Recommended for Rs. 3,00,000/-
C10	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260210	National BioAI Summit 2026: Accelerating Industrial and Medical Biotechnology for Viksit Bharat Apr 20, 2026 - Apr 21, 2026 At: Organization Address	K.S.R. College of Engineering Tiruchengode, Tiruchengode principal@ksrce.ac.in	Dr. V. Sharmila 44 years Professor sharmila@ksrce.ac.in	150000	150000	None	None	PC007	Not Recommended
C11	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 259418	Seminar Biocomputing the Brain: AI-Augmented Neurodiagnostics for Cerebrovascular Emergencies Aug 20, 2026 - Aug 21, 2026 At: Organization Address	Kongu Engineering College, Erode principal@kongu.ac.in	Dr. M. Raja 39 years Assistant Professor (Sl. G) mraja4@gmail.com	130000	120000	None	Submitted	PC007 PC014	Not Recommended (‘DBT-CTEP sponsored’ should not be written in the Programme/Announcement until the proposal is formally approved by the ECPPB)

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C12	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260175	Seminar Dynamic LLM-Driven Generative AI in Healthcare: Enhancing Medical Decision Support with Ethical and Privacy-Focused Patient Data Management Aug 22, 2026 - Aug 22, 2026, At: Organization Address itself	Kongunadu College of Engineering and Technology, Trichy principalkncet@gmail.com	Mrs. A. Sangeetha 42 years Assistant Professor sangeethaa@kongunadu.ac.in	28000	20000	None	Submitted	PC007 PC012	Not Recommended
C13	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260194	Seminar Smart Contact Lens with Integrated Micro-Sensors for Continuous Intraocular Pressure (IOP) Monitoring and Early Glaucoma Progression Detection Aug 20, 2026 - Aug 20, 2026, At: Organization Address itself	Kongunadu College of Engineering and Technology, Trichy principalkncet@gmail.com	Mr. BashkaranKalianan 40 years Assistant Professor lkbashkaran@gmail.com	40000	20000	None	None	PC007	Not Recommended
C14	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 160128	Conference Next-Generation Vaccines: The Power of Artificial Intelligence Jul 31, 2026 - Aug 1, 2026 At: Organization Address itself	Lakshmi Narain College of Pharmacy, Bhopal principallncp@lnct.ac.in	Dr. Gopal Patel 38 years Professor gopal87patel@gmail.com	300000	180000	None	None	PC007	Not Recommended

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C15	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260134	Conference The augmented medicine: AI- Driven Breakthrough in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Aug 21, 2026 - Aug 21, 2026 At: Organization Address itself	Lakshmi Narain College of Pharmacy, Bhopal principallncp@lnct.ac.in	Dr. Govind Nayak 47 years Professor principallncp@lnct.ac.in	62000	62000	None	Submitted	PC007	Not Recommended
C16	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260127	Seminar Pioneering Biotechnology for a Healthier, Greener Future Aug 25, 2026 - Aug 25, 2026 At: Organization Address itself	Muthayammal Engineering College (Autonomous) , Namakkal principal@mec.edu.in	Dr. K. Saranya 34 years Assistant Professor saransanthi1415@gmail.com	50000	50000	None	Submitted	PC007 PC014	Not Recommended (‘DBT-CTEP sponsored’ should not be written in the announcement until the proposal is formally approved by the ECPPB)
C17	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 160148	Seminar Enzymatic Wearable Bioelectronics for Bioenergy Harvesting and Health Monitoring Mar 26, 2026 - Mar 27, 2026, At: Organization Address itself	Muthayammal Engineering College (Autonomous) , Namakkal principal@mec.edu.in	C. Ram Kumar 30 years Assistant Professor ramkumar.c.eee@mec.edu.in	170000	85000	None	None	PC007 PC014	Not Recommended (‘DBT’ logo should not be used in the announcement until the proposal is formally approved by the ECPPB)

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C18	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260117	“National Conference on “BioNext-X 2026: Intelligent, Circular and Sustainable Innovations in Advanced Biotechnology” Apr 20, 2026 - Apr 21, 2026 At: Organization Address itself	Muthayammal Engineering College (Autonomous) , Namakkal principal@mec.edu.in	Dr P Suresh 47 years Dean-Research dean.research@mec.edu.in	151000	151000	None	None	PC007	Not Recommended
C19	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260165	23rd Annual Conference of the Society of Pharmacovigilance (23rd SopiCON), Apr 6, 2026 - Apr 8, 2026, At: Organization Address itself	PGIMER, SECTOR 12, Chandigarh dpgi@pgimer.edu.in	Prof. Bikash Medhi 57 years Professor drbikashus@yahoo.com	1525000	825000	None	Submitted		Recommended for Rs. 2,00,000/- subject to submission of confirmations from majority of the speakers
C20	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260157	National Symposium on Avian Biology & 7th Association of Avian Biologists in India May 14, 2026 - May 16, 2026 At: Organization Address itself	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Srinagar vc@skuastkashmir.ac.in	Khursheed Ahmed 54 years Professor and Head, Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAST-Kashmir khursheed_wls@skuastkashmir.ac.in	2900000	550000	ANRF: 500000 CSIR: 150000 NABARD: 200000 DST CEST: 500000 MOEFCC: 500000 MOES: 500000	Submitted	PC012	Not Recommended

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C21	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260093	National conference on AI-Integrated Drug Design and Discovery from Natural Products and Medicinal Plants Aug 20, 2026 - Aug 20, 2026 At: Organization Address itself	St. Johns College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kurnool principal.sjcps@gmail.com	Dr. P. L. N. Ranganath 35 years Professor prathapagiri.pln@gmail.com	205000	105000	None	None	PC012	Not Recommended
C22	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260224	International Conference cum Workshop on "Orchid Diversity, Conservation and Resource Development in Changing Global Climate: Perspectives on Medicinal, Floricultural and Economic Potential" & Orchid Mar 13, 2026 - Mar 15, 2026 At: Panjab University, Chandigarh	The Orchid Society of India Chandigarh tosi1984@rediffmail.com	Professor (Dr.) Promila Pathak 62 years Secretary, The Orchid Society of India (TOSI), Department of Botany, Panjab University, Chandigarh tosi1984@gmail.com	2590000	1125000	ICAR: 500000	Submitted		Recommended for Rs. 2,00,000/- subject to submission of necessary approvals (Administrative Ministry, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs) before conducting the event

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C23	DBT/CTEP /01/20260 260222	Annual Meeting of the Indian Association for Cancer Research and International conference on Advancements in Cancer Research: Discoveries, Therapeutics and Challenges Apr 10, 2026 - Apr 13, 2026 At: Organization Address itself	University of Kashmir, Srinagar deanresearch@uok.edu.in	Dr Shaida Andrabi 57 years Associate Professor shaida.andrabi@uok.edu.in	1600000	1000000	None	Submitted		Recommended for Rs. 5,00,000/- subject to submission of necessary approvals (Administrative Ministry, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs) before conducting the event

B. Popular Lectures:

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PL1	DBT/CTEP/04/20260259904	Dr Vivek Jain drvivekjainn@gmail.com 41 years Professor & Principal	Adina Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Sagar adinapharmacy@yahoo.co.in	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Genetic Engineering Approaches for Vitamin-Enriched Crops - May 9, 2026 (Dr. Chandrama Prakash Upadhyaya – External) Stem Cell Technology in Regenerative Medicine - May 9, 2026 (Dr. Shalini Bajaj – External) CRISPR-Based Genome Editing: Transforming Modern Healthcare - May 9, 2026 (Dr. Vaishali Yadav – Internal) 	700	Submitted	70000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 60,000/- for the complete event.
PL2	DBT/CTEP/04/20260260126	Dr. Sunita Chaudhary sunitaankitchaudhary@gmail.com 42 years Professor	Indus University, Ahmedabad vc@indusuni.ac.in	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recombinant DNA Revolutionizes Genetic Engineering. - Apr 7, 2026 (Dr. Sunita Chaudhary – Internal) Biologics and biosimilar in drug delivery - Apr 7, 2026 (Dr. Praful Bhardia – External) Unraveling Genomes: DNA Sequencing Technologies and Applications in Biotechnology” - Apr 7, 2026 (Dr. Visha Rathod – External) 	500	None	58000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 50,000/- for the complete event.

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PL3	DBT/CTEP/04/20260260207	Dr. R. Nandakumar nandakumarr@ksrce.ac.in 46 years Professor	K.S.R. College of Engineering, Tiruchengode principal@ksrce.ac.in	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "AI-Powered Living Biofactories: Transforming Healthcare, Agriculture and Industrial Biotechnology" - Apr 20, 2026 (Dr. S. Arun Prakash – External) 2. "Next-Generation Bio-AI Platforms: Regenerative Medicine, Sustainable Food Systems and Industrial Innovation" - Apr 22, 2026 (Dr. V. Sharmila – Internal) 3. "Smart Bio-Intelligence Systems: From Precision Medicine to Climate-Resilient Agriculture" - Apr 21, 2026 (Dr. S. Krishnakumar – External) 	575	None	70000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 60,000/- for the complete event.
PL4	DBT/CTEP/04/20260260150	Dr. V. Karthikeyan microkarthi2006@gmail.com 49 years Professor and Head	Karpaga Vinayaga College of Engineering & Technology, Kanchipuram kvcet@live.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application of Biopharmaceuticals in therapeutics of emerging infectious diseases - Biotechnological approach - Aug 28, 2026 (Dr. V. Karthikeyan – Internal) 2. Biocontrol of Microplastics in environment - Biotechnological Approach - Aug 28, 2026 (Dr. A. Rajasekar – External) 	450	Submitted	70000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 60,000/- for the complete event.

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				3. Biotechnological approaches in design and development of next generation bioactive molecules for sustainable biopharmaceutics - Aug 28, 2026 (Dr. Joseph Selvin – External)					
PL5	DBT/CTEP/04/20260260172	Dr. Surendra Kumar Jain prof.surendrajain@gmail.com 53 years Director and Professor	Lakshmi Narain College of Pharmacy, Bhopal principallncp@lnct.ac.in	1. Microbes to Markets: Fermentation Technologies for Biofuels, Pharmaceuticals, and the Circular Bioeconomy - Apr 24, 2026 (Dr. Gopal Patel – Internal) 2. Environmental Health and Epidemiology: Linking Environment, Disease, and Population Health - Apr 10, 2026 (Dr. Yogesh Damodar Sabde – External) 3. Exploring Modern Biology and Biotechnology: Basic Concepts, Recent Advances, and Future Potential - Apr 17, 2026 (Dr. Deepti Jain – External)	500	None	82000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 60,000/- for the complete event.
PL6	DBT/CTEP/04/20260160123	Dr. E. Punarselvam punarselvam83@gmail.com 43 years Professor	Muthayammal Engineering College (Autonomous), Namakkal principal@meec.edu.in	1. Artificial Intelligence as a Catalyst for Innovation in Medical Biotechnology - Mar 25, 2026 (Dr. C. Sathiya Kumar – External)	375	None	75000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 60,000/- for the complete event.

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				<p>2. Next-Generation Medical Biotechnology Powered by Quantum Technologies - Mar 27, 2026 (Dr. C. Vigneshwaran – Internal)</p> <p>3. Transforming Medical Biotechnology with Machine Learning for Precision Healthcare - Mar 26, 2026 (Dr. E. Mohanraj – External)</p>					
PL7	DBT/CTEP/04/20260260176	Dr. Hiral Sanghavi hiral.sanghavi@spt.pdpu.ac.in 34 years Assistant Professor	Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Gandhinagar registrar@pdp.u.ac.in	<p>1. Nanodevices in human healthcare - Apr 9, 2026 (Dr. Dhiraj Bhatia – External)</p> <p>2. Bio-AI: The next big step in transforming healthcare - Apr 9, 2026 (Dr. Sachidanand Singh – Internal)</p> <p>3. Transforming the healthcare related to human Genetics disorders using current technology - Apr 9, 2026 (Dr. Harsh Sheth – External)</p>	310	None	65000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 60,000/- for the complete event.
PL8	DBT/CTEP/04/20260255567	Dr Atul Baravkar atul200678@gmail.com 48 years Principal & Professor	School of Pharmacy and Research Centre, Baramati tbandtobacco@gmail.com	1. Biotechnology-Driven Advances in Pharmacogenomics – Apr 23, 2026 (Dr. Atul Arjun Baravkar – Internal)	450	Submitted	100000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 60,000/- for the complete event.

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				<p>2. Deciphering desiccation tolerance in wild eggplant species: insights from chlorophyll fluorescence dynamics - Apr 23, 2026 (Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh – External)</p> <p>3. Current updates in biotechnology based diagnostics for infectious diseases - Apr 24, 2026 (Dr. Vijay Jagdish Upadhye – External)</p>					
PL9	DBT/CTEP/04/20260260151	Dr. Pradip Babasaheb Ghogare pradipghogare82@rediffmail.com 43 years Professor	SMBT College of Pharmacy, Nashik principal.cop@smbt.edu.in	<p>1. Plant Tissue Culture based Production of Secondary Metabolites in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants biotechnological perspective - Mar 24, 2026 (Dr. Pradip Babasaheb Ghogare – Internal)</p> <p>2. Role of Plant Biotechnology in Pharmaceutical Development - Mar 24, 2026 (Dr. Mukta Rajaram Bhamare – External)</p> <p>3. Biotechnology for Better Health and Sustainable Future - Mar 24, 2026 (Dr. Dipak Nivrutti Raut – External)</p>	470	Submitted	57000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 50,000/- for the complete event.

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PL10	DBT/CTEP/04/20260260141	Dr. R. Sathiya, Dr. A. Vasuki, Dr. V. Akila sathiyar1@srmist.edu.in 42 years Assistant Professor (Senior Grade)	SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kancheepuram registrar@srmuniv.ac.in	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging Trends in Bio-Medical Image Processing - May 16, 2026 (Dr. D. Vaishali – Internal) Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Medical Imaging - May 15, 2026 (Dr. Sapthagirivasan V – External) Challenges and Limitations in Artificial Intelligence based Imaging - May 14, 2026 (Dr. Balaji Ganesh A – External) 	330	None	40000	None	Recommended as per CTEP guidelines subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 40,000/- for the complete event.

CTEP Reasons

- PC001: Lacks scientific merit
- PC002: Not supported for any training courses/In-house activities/purely hands on workshops
- PC003: Paper Acceptance letter not found
- PC004: Senior Scientist is not supported for poster Presentation
- PC005: Approval of HoD/Lead author and supervisor not found
- PC006: Co-Author in a oral/poster presentation is not supported
- PC007: No Novelty and work proposed is of routine nature
- PC008: No hardcore biotechnology R&D component
- PC009: Received grant in last 3 years
- PC010: Not a mandate of DBT
- PC011: Lacks relevant Expertise
- PC012: Incomplete information
- PC013: Event is over
- PC014: Not Eligible
- PC015: In the present form it is not recommended. However, improvement in the R&D may be useful for future support
- PC016: Another/Similar Programme already supported
- PC017: Due to various commitments unable to participate in this event
- PC018: Inadequate/Inconclusive data in the abstract
- PC019: Not focused
- PC020: No response received
- PC021: Misleading/False information
- PC022: Any other reason suggested by the Committee