



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY (DBT)
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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**Award of research funded projects (RFP) for
Joint R&D activity (Twinning Programme) to scientists
working in the North East**

Under the Special Programme for the North East, proposals are invited in the field of Basic and Applied Biotechnology from Indian scientists, working on a regular basis, in Universities/Academic/Medical/Research Institutions in any of the North Eastern States (Arunachal Pradesh; Assam; Manipur; Meghalaya; Mizoram; Nagaland; Sikkim and Tripura), in collaboration with scientists from other National Institutions from any part of the country including from Institutions in the North East, in any of the broad areas of (a) Health sciences, (b) Agricultural sciences, (c) Veterinary sciences, (d) Pharmaceutical sciences, (e) Biomedical engineering, (f) Bioinformatics, (g) Food and nutrition, (h) Health care including alternative medicine, (i) Nanotechnology and (j) Environmental biotechnology.

The joint R&D programmes may involve partners from recognized private institutions as well as NGOs. Industry as partners in the consortium projects are welcome. The goal of this programme is to help establish and strengthen R&D activity in the North East through joint ventures (Twinning programmes). However, the Centre of Gravity of the research activity should remain in the North East.

Please ensure that you write at the top of the application '**Twinning programme for the NE**' and mention the broad subject area at the appropriate place. The proposals will be evaluated by the committee of experts. The investigators of the short-listed projects would be required to make a presentation before the committee. The approved projects would be initially funded for a period of 3 years which may be extended based on the performance review. In addition to the usual staff and contingency, adequate budgetary provision should be made for visits of PIs and the staff from NER to the Collaborating Institute and vice versa.

The Information in the application should be clearly given in two parts. One, pertaining to the Parent Institution in the NER and the other regarding the Collaborating Institution.

The detailed proposals as per the DBT format (<http://www.dbtindia.gov.in/twinning>) signed by the collaborating PIs and duly endorsed by the respective Heads of the institutions should reach to **Dr B. L. Jaikhani**, Senior Consultant, North Eastern Region-Biotechnology Program Management Cell (NER-BPMC), A-254, Bhisham Pitama Marg, Defence Colony, New Delhi 110 024 by **9 August 2010**. Five hard copies and one soft copy through e-mail are also required to be sent to nerbpmc@dbt.nic.in. **Dr T. Madhan Mohan**, Adviser, DBT may be contacted for any clarification at madhan@dbt.nic.in.