



Industry Dialogue on PRIP Scheme

Why in News?

The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India, hosted an Industry Dialogue in Mumbai to promote research and innovation under the [Pharma-MedTech Sector \(PRIP\) Scheme](#).

Key Points

- **Key Discussions & Participation:**
 - The event provided a platform for industry leaders, associations, and research institutes from [Indian Council of Medical Research \(ICMR\)](#), [Council of Scientific & Industrial Research \(CSIR\)](#), and [National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research \(NIPERs\)](#).
 - Discussions focused on **strengthening industry-academia linkages, fostering collaboration**, and leveraging government initiatives to accelerate R&D and **commercialization of innovative solutions in pharmaceuticals and medical technology**.
- **Government Initiatives:**
 - **PRIP Scheme:** Detailed insights on its role in supporting research and innovation.
 - **ICMR Initiatives:**
 - PATENT MITRA – Support for patent filing.
 - MEDTECH MITRA – Assistance in the innovation journey and clinical trials.
 - INTENT – Facilitation of research and development efforts.
- **Government's Vision for Pharma-MedTech:**
 - Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals emphasized:
 - The importance of **futuristic products and affordable healthcare** solutions.
 - The transformative role of data-driven markets in shaping **Pharma-MedTech R&D**.
 - India's unique advantage in **precision and personalized medicine due to its diverse gene pool** and large population.
 - The PRIP Scheme's role in supporting cost-effective and innovative healthcare solutions for global impact.

Indian Council of Medical Research

- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the **apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research**.
- Its mandate is to conduct, coordinate and implement medical research for the benefit of the Society; translating medical innovations into products/processes and introducing them into the public health system.
- It is **funded by** the Government of India through the Department of Health Research, **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**.

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

- **About:** CSIR is the **largest research and development (R&D)** organisation in India. **CSIR has**

a **pan-India presence** and has a dynamic network of 37 national laboratories, 39 outreach centres, 3 Innovation Complexes and 5 units.

- **Established:** September 1942
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - It is funded by the **Ministry of Science and Technology** and it operates as an **autonomous body** through the **Societies Registration Act, 1860.**
- CSIR covers a wide spectrum of streams – from radio and space physics, oceanography, geophysics, chemicals, drugs, genomics, biotechnology and nanotechnology to mining, aeronautics, instrumentation, environmental engineering and information technology.
 - It provides significant **technological intervention** in many areas with regard to **societal efforts** which include the **environment, health, drinking water, food, housing, energy, and farm and non-farm sectors.**

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