

## Govt introduces mentorship programme for young innovators

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh has launched the first-ever Mentorship Programme for Young Innovators.

Dr Jitendra Singh said this is a pan India scheme that envisages Star College in every district of the country supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

The plan envisages organising workshops, meetings per month; handhold at colleges particularly in the rural areas or lesser endowed areas and conducting outreach activities with government schools.

The Star Status Colleges will help in incorporating the vision of DBT towards strengthening UG Science Courses throughout the country by mentoring the newer colleges through hand-holding and peer learning and bringing them under the aegis of Star College Scheme, the Minister added.

Dr Singh informed that a total of 278 undergraduate colleges across the country are currently being supported under the DBT Star College Scheme.

The Minister asserted that there is a need for focusing on increasing numbers of beneficiaries in human resource-related schemes like Star College Scheme, Skill Vigyan Programme(Skill Development Programme) in Biotechnology, Biotech Industrial Training Programme and doctoral and post-doctoral and re-entry Schemes & Fellowships, and other similar schemes.