

## DBT strengthens components of star college scheme

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Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is inviting applications from colleges of all the states and Union Territories of India offering undergraduate education (UG) in sciences under 'STAR COLLEGE' Scheme to brand and nurture excellence in UG Science education.

The program emphasizes holistic improvement of science education at undergraduate level with special emphasis on practical training to students.

The initiative provides support for (a) Improving knowledge and skills of teachers in basic Sciences and specialized techniques, (b) Access to specialized infrastructure to students, (c) Assurance of consumables, reagents and chemicals for students, (d) Substantial hands-on experience in designing and conducting practicals to ensure critical thinking, (e) and access to books and journals including e-journal facilities.

The aim is to improve practical training in existing science courses like Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Mathematics, Electronics, Computer Science etc.