

## Pharmaceuticals & medical devices converge at Chitra Institute in Thiruvananthapuram

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### Combined Devices Block opens at Chitra Triunal Institute of Medical Science and Technology in Thiruvananthapuram



Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said that India is among the top five countries in the world manufacturing life-saving high risk medical devices but the cost of our devices is about one-third of those manufactured by the other four countries.

Addressing the faculty and students after inaugurating Combined Devices Block at Chitra Triunal Institute of Medical Science and Technology in Thiruvananthapuram, Dr Jitendra Singh said that technologies developed by the institute like the artificial heart valve, hydrocephalus shunt, oxygenator and drug eluting intra uterine device are being manufactured in three to four countries like USA, Japan, Brazil and China.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Combined Devices Block at Chitra Institute is a perfect example of convergence of pharmaceuticals and medical devices, and this must be institutionalised.

He was happy to note that the institute is in the process of setting up a medical device park, MedSpark, as a joint initiative with the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation, Government of Kerala. He said, new initiatives in the combination devices will definitely help the institute to take up a more significant role in supporting the Indian Medical Device Industry for strengthening its indigenous capability.