

## Government unveils MedTech Mitra platform to empower innovators and advance healthcare solutions

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**MedTech Mitra is a platform for budding entrepreneurs and innovators in India: Prof. S.P Singh Bhagel**

“MedTech Mitra is a platform that will help the young talents of the country by holding their hands and giving them final shape to their research, knowledge, logic etc. and help them in getting regulatory approval.” This was stated by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers as he virtually launched 'MedTech Mitra': A Strategic Initiative to Empower MedTech Innovators and Advance Healthcare Solutions, in the presence of Prof. S.P. Singh Bhagel, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare who virtually joined and Dr V.K Paul, Member Health, Niti Aayog.

The event was attended by Dr Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, DHR and Director General, ICMR; Dr Suchita Markan Sc-E, Mission In-charge, Medical Device and Diagnostics Mission Secretariat (MDMS), ICMR; Dr Taruna Madan Sc-G, Head (Development Research), ICMR; Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi Drugs Controller General of India, CDSCO; Manisha Saxena Sr DDG(A), ICMR and senior government officials.

Highlighting the challenges facing the innovators in bringing innovations to light, Dr V.K Paul underscored the role of MedTech Mitra in handholding the innovators for clinical evaluations and regulatory compliance, emphasising that “MedTech Mitra will empower emerging startups and ensure ease of innovation, ease of doing research and development, ease of rendering service in building an Atmanirbhar Bharat.” He further added, “in harboring collaboration amongst all stakeholders, it will effectively break silos, catalysing growth and independence in this sector.”