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A National Biodesign Alliance has been established by the Department of Biotechnology in association with various partners such as the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi, IIT-Madras, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, Regional Centre for Bio-Technology (RCB), Faridabad, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Delhi, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore and Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore. This alliance aims to help the institutes to coordinate with each other on the Biodesign programs in the country.

A memorandum of association has been signed amongst the partners for twinning engineering and medical schools to promote innovation through a multi-disciplinary approach. The partner institutions are sharing ideas, facilities and resources and contributing to the training programs for research fellows, interns and young innovators. Currently, various research programs with focus on the development of affordable technologies in the areas of implants, devices, and in-vitro diagnostics have been undertaken.