

**Department of Biotechnology
Ministry of Science and Technology
Government of India**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER DBT-BIOTECH-KISAN
PROGRAMME**

Biotech Krishi Innovation Science Application Network (Biotech-KISAN) For the Year 2025–26

Proposals are invited from eligible Indian institutions and organizations for submission of proposals under the “Biotech-KISAN” Program of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India. The program aims to connect science to society by translating biotechnology innovations into farmer-ready solutions.

AIM OF THE PROGRAM

To empower farmers through biotechnology-based interventions, build inclusive and replication-ready models, and institutionalize resilient agricultural practices aligned with the national vision of *Beej Se Bazaar Tak*.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Who Can Apply:

- Public and private research institutions
- ICAR institutes, State Agricultural Universities

In collaboration with:

- KVKs, NGOs, FPOs, SHGs, cooperatives
- Startups and enterprises working in agri-biotech

Farmer Participation: Proposals must demonstrate direct engagement with small and marginal farmers, women, youth, and communities from Aspirational Blocks ([LIST+OF+ASPIRATIONAL+BLOCKS+ V1.0.pdf](#)).

THEMATIC PRIORITY AREAS (Select Any one or at least Two)

1. Climate-Smart Agriculture
2. Smart Farming Technologies
3. Allied Sector Diversification

COMPULSORY COMPONENTS

- Women & Youth Empowerment
- Digital Market Access
- Special Focus on Aspirational Blocks ([LIST+OF+ASPIRATIONAL+BLOCKS+ V1.0.pdf](#))
- Incentivization of Progressive Farmers (Financial Assistance, Technology Credits, Recognition Awards)
- Seed-to-Market Innovations
- Post-Harvest Infrastructure

TENURE & FUNDING SUPPORT

- **Project Duration:** Minimum 2 years, maximum 3 years
- **Total estimated Budget for support under this Call is Rs.10-15 Cr based on availability of fund.**
- **Funding Categories:**
 - Pilot Projects: up to ₹1 crore
 - Multi-Hub Replication: ₹2–3 crore
 - National Scaling: case-by-case approval

IMPORTANT DATES (Tentative)

- **Start Date for Submission:** Last week of February 2026
- **Closing Date for Submission:** First week of April 2026 (up to 05:00 PM)

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Proposals must be submitted online via DBT ePromIS portal.
- Each applicant may submit only one proposal.
- Proposals must include problem statement, biotech solution, implementation plan, expected impact, replication strategy, budget, and monitoring framework.
- Preference will be given to proposals demonstrating convergence with national schemes such as PM-Kisan, PMFBY, PKVY, e-NAM, ODOP, PMFME, NBHM, Silk Samagra, Sweet Mission etc.

HOW TO APPLY

- Visit <https://dbtepromis.nic.in>
- Register and complete the online application form
- Upload required documents including institutional profile, letters of support, and budget details
- Ensure submission before the deadline

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