

## EDI to train entrepreneurs in biotechnology

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Biotechnology sector has emerged as an effective answer to global challenges in the fields of agriculture, health, environment and energy. With the growth of biotechnology sector in last few years, business opportunities in the field too have tremendously increased. To throw light on business opportunities in the field of biotechnology, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) will conduct a 'Biotechnopreneur' programme.

Programme director of Biotechnopreneur, Bipin Shah said, "Biotechnology is a knowledge intensive field. Setting up basic infrastructure such as a technology lab demands huge investment during the initial phase of business. Besides, finding skilled manpower is also a challenge for biotechnopreneurs. Unlike the IT field, it is not possible to set up business in six months in this field. For biotechnopreneurs, success is not quick and easy."

Till now, total 28 participants have received training under this programme out of which 14 participants have set up their start-ups in the field of biotechnology.

During the 10 months course initiated by Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM), EDII will sharpen entrepreneurial abilities of students so that they can set up successful biotech start-ups. The participants will also be provided necessary infrastructure facilities for the first 36 months.