



**Report on**  
**One-Day Workshop**  
**on**  
**Opportunities of Start-ups in Biotechnology**

**Organized by**  
**School of Studies in Biotechnology**  
**Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur**

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On **28 March 2024**, a one-day workshop was organized by the **School of Studies in Biotechnology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur**, and **Institution Innovation Council, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur**, on “**Opportunities of Start-ups in Biotechnology**”, which was sponsored by **Chhattisgarh Biotechnology Promotion Society, Raipur**. The purpose of the workshop is to promote and give insight into the opportunities for bio-entrepreneurship and start-ups among the youth, which contributes towards making a better economy with more sustainability in the Chhattisgarh State.

The Inaugural ceremony was started with lamp lighting and Saraswati Vandana, followed by university Kulgeet, and then Rajyageet. After that, Chief Guest **Professor Girish Chandel, Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur**, and Chief Executive Officer, **Chhattisgarh Biotechnology Promotion Society, Raipur**, and Professor **Sachchidananda Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur**, were welcomed and greeted by presenting saplings. A brief introduction of the workshop was given by **Professor Keshav Kant Sahu** and welcomed all the guests and ended his speech with the motto of “Why become a job seeker, rather than a job provider”.

Now, **Professor Sachchidananda Shukla** was invited to express his thoughts. According to him the start-up is the new beginning that has the power to change the world, if we associate education with the economy, it will flourish our nation.

According to **Professor Girish Chandel**, if there is a problem, then there is a solution in different ways. He explained the students that innovation does not always mean to create something new. Innovation often takes something that already exists, improves it changes it, and makes it better such that start-ups should be based on the livelihood-based system.

The Inauguration session was concluded with a vote of thanks by **Professor S K Jadhav**.

Now, lecture session started with the first lecture by **Professor Sanjai Saxena, Department of Biotechnology, Thapar University, Patiala**. He shared about who, how, what, why, and when we can develop any biotechnology company. He was also talked about attributes of bioentrepreneurs, and funding opportunities and gave brief information about their products in real-life application.

The next lecture was given by **Ms Menaka Bharthidasan, CEO of Sim Organics Pvt. Ltd., Mungi, Arang, Raipur**. She shared her real-life experiences and hurdles during the venture of her start-up.

After this lecture, lunch was provided to all the participants.

After lunch break, next session was started with a lecture of **Dr Bhawisha Wala, Program Lead, BIRAC Regional Entrepreneurship Centre, C-CAMP, Bengaluru**. She talked about opportunities for start-ups in biotechnology and key elements of life sciences ventures and briefed the information about C-CAMP, its start-up schemes, funding programs and who are eligible for applying in above schemes.

The last lecture was given by **Mr Sweekar Pawar, Manager, 36INC, CHiPS, Raipur**. He defined start-ups in simple words and said that start-ups are fulfilling and improving the needs of people.

After the completion of all the lectures, concluding remarks and vote of thanks was extended by **Dr Kamlesh Kumar Shukla**. He expressed his deep gratitude to all the distinguished speakers for sparing their valuable time and enlightening the students about start-ups, innovation and entrepreneurship. He thanked all the faculty members and students for their active participation in the workshop. The workshop was seeming to be a successful event.

## Glimpses of the Workshop



(Keshav Kant Sahu)