



## Biotech-PRIDE

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### Why in News

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Recently, **Biotech-PRIDE (Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange)** Guidelines was released by the **Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology**.

Further, a website of **Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC)** was also launched.

### Key Points

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- **Biotech-PRIDE Guidelines:**
  - These guidelines envisage to **bridge other existing biological datasets/data centres** with the IBDC, which will be called **Bio-Grid**.
    - This Bio-Grid will be a **National Repository for biological knowledge, information and data**.
    - Also, Bio-Grid will be responsible for **enabling its exchange**, developing measures for **safety, standards and quality for datasets** and establishing detailed **modalities for accessing data**.
  - These guidelines will be implemented through **Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC)**.
  - Currently, **India ranks number 4** amongst the top 20 countries contributing biological databases.

- **Need for Bio-Grid and its Advantages:**

- With a **large population** of over 135 crore and heterogeneous character of the country, India needs its **own exclusive database for Indian research and solutions**.
- This indigenous database will have a huge **enabling mechanism for exchange and adoption of data by young scientists** and researchers for the benefit of Indian citizens.
- Sharing a wide range of large scale data advances the **understanding of the molecular and biological processes**.

This will contribute to **human health, agriculture, animal husbandry**, fundamental research and thus will extend to societal benefits.

- Advances in **DNA sequencing** with a steep drop in DNA sequencing cost have enabled government agencies to fund research towards generation of large volumes of biological data in various sectors of **Biosciences**.

- **Important Schemes and Policies Regarding Biotech:**

- **Biotech-KISAN Programme**
- **Atal Jai Anusandhan Biotech Mission - Undertaking Nationally Relevant Technology Innovation (UNaTI)**
- **DNA Technology Bill, 2019**
- **Genome India Project**

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