

14 biotechnopreneurs graduate

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Ahmedabad: Fourteen biotechnopreneurs were awarded certificates on completion of 10-month weekend biotechnopreneur programme on Friday.

A first of its kind, the programme conducted by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), Ahmedabad, is conceived and supported by Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission of department of science and technology, and Foundation for MSME Clusters – the implementing agency of National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development

Board of DST, Government of India.

Addressing the participants, Ravi Saxena, additional chief secretary, science and technology, emphasized the significance of creating synergies among various stakeholders and developing information systems for the benefit of first generation entrepreneurs. “Gujarat has a strong base of business endeavours, and technology-oriented business areas, including biotech and IT, are picking up gradually,” he said.

Senior scientist with department of biotechnology, ministry of science and technology, Renu Swarup, appreci-

ated the efforts of the state to promote entrepreneurship in the biotechnology sector.

“Of the 19 participants, who attended the programme, six have set up their enterprises and six are in the advanced stage of setting up their venture,” said S B Sareen, senior faculty, EDI.

Three participants were awarded cash prize of Rs 1 lakh each for innovative projects.

The programme aimed at promoting entrepreneurs in the life science sector and its objective was to promote entrepreneurs in the areas of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and medical devices.
