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One Week, One Lab campaign

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Why is in news? Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh announces the launching of CSIR's "One Week, One Lab" countrywide campaign from 6th January, 2023

Union Minister for Science & Technology, who is also the Vice President of CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research), announced the **launching of "One Week, One Lab" countrywide campaign** from 6th January, 2023.

In this, each of the 37 premier Laboratories/Institutes of CSIR spread across the country will, one after the other in every successive week, **showcase their exclusive innovations and technological breakthroughs** to the people of India.

Addressing the 200th Governing Body Meeting of CSIR at the Science Centre in New Delhi, the minister has said, the "One Week One Lab" **theme-based campaign** is expected to **ignite the minds of young innovators, students, Start-ups, academia, and industry** to look for opportunities through deep tech ventures.

At the 200th Governing Body Meeting of CSIR, the minister also announced a **Special Call for Research Grant Proposals for Women Scientists**.

The call for research grant proposal is for women scientists including those who have taken a career break and are interested in returning to research and re-establishing their career.

Keeping in tune with the transformations happening in CSIR, the Minister of Science and Technology also released the new tagline, **"CSIR-The Innovation Engine of India"**.

The implementation of **paperless E-office** across all labs with effect 01 April 2023 and **E-performance appraisal system** for admin cadre staff for Reporting Year 2022-2023 was also approved.

The minister also said, he will take measures to evolve a mechanism for wider sharing of CSIR technological breakthroughs and innovations in schools for students and aspirants who want to pursue fundamental science and research as a strong career option.

CSIR:

CSIR was established on **26 September 1942** and was registered as a CSIR Society under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860**.

The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), known for its cutting edge R&D knowledge base in diverse S&T areas, is a contemporary R&D organization.

CSIR covers a wide spectrum of science and technology – from oceanography, geophysics, chemicals, drugs, genomics, biotechnology and nanotechnology to mining, aeronautics, instrumentation, environmental engineering and information technology.

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It provides significant technological intervention in many areas concerning societal efforts, which include environment, health, drinking water, food, housing, energy, farm and non-farm sectors. Further, CSIR's role in S&T human resource development is noteworthy.

CSIR is ranked 37th among 1587 government institutions worldwide and is the only Indian organization among the top 100 global government institutions, according to the **Scimago Institutions Ranking World Report 2021**.

CSIR holds the 7th rank in Asia and leads the country at the first position.

Vision: “Enhance quality of life of the citizens of India through innovative Science and Technology, globally competitive R&D, by developing sustainable solutions and capacity building to fulfil dream of Atmanirbhar Bharat”. This vision of CSIR is aligned to the Government of India's vision for the next 25 years ‘Amrit Kal’ when independent India becomes 100 years old.