

NOTICE

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Sub: Consultation from stakeholders on the proposed revised syllabus for combined discipline of Life Sciences & Biotechnology (LS-BT) in the Joint CSIR-UGC-NET exam

The CSIR UGC JRF-NET exam which is being conducted in five science disciplines i.e. Chemical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences and Physical Sciences from 1983 onwards, is a nationally recognized exam in science and has set high benchmark in the country.

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), under the Ministry of Science and Technology (S&T) are partnering towards conducting a combined single national exam for JRF-NET for Life Sciences (LS) and Biotechnology (BT), which were being conducted separately by CSIR and DBT. It is proposed that in the combined exam, the syllabus of Life Sciences and Biotechnology subjects may be merged by avoiding redundancies and catering to the students of both the disciplines and aligning with contemporary scientific concepts and knowledge.

The 21st Century is being driven by S&T and India is emerging as a major global Biotechnology leader. It is critical to prepare the scientific human resources proficient in the latest advances in Science & Technology, while having strong fundamentals in the basic concepts and the merging of the life sciences and biotechnology syllabus is a transformative development in this direction.

This initiative taken by CSIR and DBT is towards synergizing their efforts and arriving at the newly combined discipline which will be known as *Life Sciences and Biotechnology (LS & BT)*, replacing the independent exams, marking an important step in unifying the examination processes for these critical research areas.

The stakeholders are requested to fill the feedback form at given link. The Link will be live from 8th May 2025 to 7th June 2025. More than one feedback by the same person will not be entertained.

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