

## Agilent inaugurates third Centre of Excellence (CoE) in India

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<u>Agilent Technologies Inc.</u> has announced the opening of a new facility in Mumbai, India, dedicated to developing integrated, end-to-end workflow solutions for supporting diversified end markets---including pharma, biopharma, and food testing.

The Agilent CoE in Mumbai is a state-of-the-art laboratory established with the purpose of meeting the increasing demand for next generation lean laboratories, delivering higher productivity, more efficiency, and providing higher-quality data. This new CoE will also enable a strong, local touch point for Agilent customers in the region to interact with well-qualified subject matter experts, representing Agilent's entire portfolio range.

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Agilent continues to strengthen its portfolio through R&D investments and M&As, incorporating new capabilities and highly differentiated products. The western region of India has strong potential and is an area of focus for Agilent. This CoE investment is strategically intended to build a conducive environment where R&D expertise can be applied and developed. Furthermore, the scientific community will have the opportunity for collaboration to potentially achieve extraordinary scientific outcomes. The new laboratory will also support a platform for customer training on new applications, as well as solutions development.

"This new CoE at Mumbai is creatively-designed with the latest technology offerings, integrated software, and related services to ensure we can deliver trusted answers to our customers," said Bharat Bhardwaj, country manager for Agilent India.

The Agilent CoE at Mumbai is the third CoE lab in India, adding to two already established in Manesar and Bangalore

respectively.

"Agilent India's core strength lies in its 'Applications Solutions Organization' which includes more than 35 technical experts across India, and a dedicated team based out of Mumbai, for catering to our customers requirements in the western region of India," added Bhardwaj.

The Mumbai CoE will enable Agilent to collaborate with customers, as well as academic, regulatory bodies, and industry partners, to create holistic, yet highly-specialized workflows—from sample preparation, to smart and fast results reporting. The aim of this CoE is to optimize laboratory processes and introduce transformative ways to advance analytical research and boosting productivity. The smart lab is equipped with digital technology to enable virtual sessions and interactions.